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“so I
told him
no more
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**MORE CAREFUL
WITH FIRE”**

Following is a brief quotation from an address given by Dr. R. C. Wallace before the Empire Club of Canada at Toronto, March 25th last. Dr. Wallace is Chancellor of Queen's University and Chairman of Subcommittee of the Dominion Government's Advisory Committee on Post-war Rehabilitation dealing with natural resources. This is the "Wallace Committee" of which you have heard much in recent months and of which you are likely to hear much more in days to come. Dr. Wallace said:

"It is a commonplace that Canada is well endowed by nature. It has been an aid to speakers for several generations in this country to descant on our inexhaustible natural wealth. We hear less of that kind of optimism to-day, for we are learning that our wealth is not only not inexhaustible but is in point of fact being rapidly used up. Not that we are near the end of the use of any of our resources; but that there are some aspects of our material wealth which should not diminish, even with constant use. They are diminishing, in some respects seriously. We should realize the consequences.

"The situation has come more sharply to my knowledge in recent months, in a consideration of the ways in which our own resources may be used to assist in the period of readjustment that will take place when the war is over. For that purpose it has been necessary to appraise these resources, and to see what part they may play, in providing employment and in adding to our national revenue. It has become clear that a large part of our administrative machinery, and a considerable portion of our labour forces, must be used in seeing to it that the methods of development to be adopted should be such as to protect and preserve, as well as to utilize, our mines, our forests, our water resources, our wild life, and our soil."

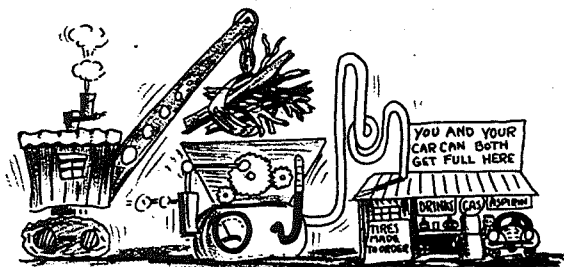
Dr. Wallace voices convictions which, if acted on, and they almost certainly will be acted on, will lay a heavy responsibility on the Forest Service. We haven't many idle hours these days. Nevertheless, we cannot lose sight for long of the necessity of having ready for use at short notice detailed plans for forest improvements and forest management designed to attain the objective of orderly and conservative use of the forest resource.

We suggest that wood, far from being an outmoded material headed for the post-war scrap heap, is just now on the threshold of a development and importance beyond our wildest dreams. This is an interesting theme but hardly one that we can develop within the limits of a page of the newsletter. Perhaps another quotation will serve to indicate something of what we mean. This one is from "The New Age of Wood," Fortune Magazine, October 1942, which you would enjoy reading in full.

"Among the substances slated to rebuild and repower the world--among such acclaimed potentialities as light metals and petroleum fractions--put down that unglamorous old standby, wood. One of the world's most pervasive raw materials (practically all paper is made of wood), it stands to become vastly more pervasive in the future. The possibility exists that great cargo planes will soon be fabricated of compressed paper with the strength of mild steel and half the weight of aluminum. The probability exists that the whole field of synthetic materials may be dominated and expanded still further by plastics made of wood. More than any other raw material, wood disregards the boundaries separating substances by their functions.

"A Bright young F.P.L. chemist named Elwin E. Harris, working with Dr. Earl Sherrard, head of the Chemistry Department, has succeeded in hydrogenating lignin and wood, perhaps for the first time anywhere. Forcing hydrogen into wood or lignin in a high-pressure bomb, he has produced a substance very much like the result of hydrogenating coal; a heavy, dark, viscous mixture looking and smelling like crude oil. From this it was easy to distill off countless fractions, ranging all the way from alcohols, glycols, glycerine, to cyclic alcohols and phenols for making plastics. Such fractions are being analyzed not only for war purposes, but to put a finger on that chemical will-o'-the-wisp, lignin.

"But it gives you an idea. Imagine that some day you can dump a few tons of treetops, branches, sawdust, slabs, and other waste into the hopper of a great plant. Now imagine that you can walk to the other end of the plant and turn on a spigot marked 'lignogene' and get a high-octane fuel for your car; another marked 'vitamins' and get a package of concentrated vitamins from wood yeast; another marked 'fridgolene' and get a fine antifreeze agent; another marked 'Aquavit Americana' and get a potable drink (Swedish aquavit is made of alcohol from sulfite waste liquors); imagine this, and you will be guilty of oversimplification and exaggeration, but you will not violate basic facts."



Looks as if the next generation might still find some use for a few trees.

Owing to the necessity for vault space at headquarters in Victoria, every spare moment is devoted to file-stripping. Management Division is busy with thousands of obsolete mark and timber sale files. To date some four thousand mark files have been dealt with and timber sale files upwards of two thousand one hundred have been stripped to bare essentials. It is interesting to trace the development of policy and procedure in our timber sale administration, and many are the kinks and turns made to reach our standards of to-day. With the writer, too, old memories are awakened in culling over correspondence dating back some twenty-eight years and passing through over his signature from District Offices. Many familiar names of former Forest Officers occur, several of whom have passed to the Great Beyond and others now engaged in outside activities.

In this connection, it may be of general interest to set out the procedure followed in Timber Sale XI, the file of which has been retained intact for its historical value. Kamloops District holds the honour of administering the first three sales made, XI, X2 and X3. Vancouver District followed with Timber Sale X4.

In January, 1912,* A. McConnell, General Merchant of Chase, B. C. wrote the Honourable the Minister of Lands, W. R. Ross, relative to securing cutting rights over certain Crown lands on Adams Lake just north of the Old Dominion Railway Belt line. The following is a brief chronological review of the sale.

- May 30, 1912 - The applicant followed up his application through the Minister.
- June 1, 1912 - The Minister acknowledged the letter saying proper organization of the Forest Branch precluded earlier attention to the matter.
- June 4, 1912 - Chief of Forest Management, John Lafon, requested further particulars from the applicant.
- June 7, 1912 - The applicant submitted a description of three blocks of timber with a sketch showing location.
- June 10, 1912 - Chief of Forest Management promised attention and further advice.
- July 31, 1912 - The Surveyor-General, in response to a request from Mr. Lafon, prepared a blue print of Reference Map 11A showing Adams Lake north of the Railway Belt.
- July 31, 1912 - H. S. Irwin, Forest Assistant, who was in charge of a reconnaissance party working in the Kamloops District, was instructed in detail as to cruising methods to be employed and requested to submit report and map of the McConnell application.



- Aug. 1, 1912 - Mr. Irwin further instructed by the Acting Chief Forester, H. R. MacMillan, to establish boundary lines on the ground to enable the Surveyor-General to map the areas.
- Aug. 1, 1912 - The applicant was advised that Mr. H. S. Irwin would call on him on his way to Adams Lake.
- Aug. 2, 1912 - The Honourable the Minister notified that Mr. Irwin had been instructed to make the field examination.
- Aug. 15, 1912 - Mr. Irwin acknowledged receipt of instructions.
- Aug. 30, 1912 - Acting Chief Forester acknowledged Mr. Irwin's letter and asked to be informed of date when he was expected to finish the cruise of the sales.
- Aug. 30, 1912 - Mr. Irwin reported the work would be finished about September 12, 1912.
- Sept. 11, 1912 - Mr. Irwin asked to return to Victoria and report.
- Oct. 18, 1912 - Applicant asked to be advised as to progress made.
- Oct. 21, 1912 - Applicant advised three months' advertisement required by the "Forest Act."
- Oct. 21, 1912 - Chief of Management recommended to Chief Forester terms of sale. 1,466 acres in three blocks; 2,583,000 feet; 7,900 railway ties and 450 cedar poles; upset prices of 50¢ per M., 3¢ per tie and 1/2¢ per lineal foot; two-year special timber licence; usual rentals and royalties payable in addition.
- Nov. 14, 1912 - Particulars prepared for Timber Sale X1:
1,720,800 f.b.m.
4,485 railway ties.
340 cedar poles.
Upset price \$1,000 by way of bonus.
Cost of cruising - \$97.00.
Annual rental - \$174.30.
- Nov. 25, 1912 - Sale advertised.
- Nov. 29, 1912 - General reserve upon Crown timber lands, made December 24, 1907, cancelled by Order-in-Council insofar as Timber Sale X1 was concerned.
- Nov. 29, 1912 - Particulars sent interested parties.
- Jan. 15, 1913 - A. McConnell requested information as to conduct of sale. Sent him copy of "Forest Act."
- Feb. 26, 1913 - Tender forms and envelopes mailed out. Tenders called for March 3, 1913.
- Feb. 27, 1913 - Tender submitted by A. McConnell.
- Mar. 4, 1913 - Tender accepted.
- Mar. 5, 1913 - District Forester, P. Z. Caverhill, Kamloops, advised of sale.
- Mar. 12, 1913 - Balance required to complete the sale submitted.
- Mar. 17, 1913* - Contract issued.
- June 30, 1914 - Letter report from District Forester P. Z. Caverhill of operation conducted by Chas. Todd under contract with A. McConnell selling to Adams River Lumber Co., Chase. Private log mark of the Adams River Lumber Co. being used.
- July 6, 1914 - First formal logging inspection report submitted on Form 92, by Ranger George Keyes.
- July 8, 1914 - Second year's rental and Forest Protection Tax paid and timber sale mark applied for, Form #50.
- Sept. 4, 1914 - Protest made by licensee as to overcruise.
- Oct. 5, 1914 - District Forester reported sawlogs overcruised; other products underestimated.
- Mar. 19, 1915 - Refund made to licensee by reason of overcruise and one year's extension, without rental, granted under Order-in-Council due to war conditions.
- May 27, 1915 - District Forester, Kamloops, H. B. Murray, submitted inspection report from Ranger Keyes.
- Sept. 22, 1915 - District Forester, Kamloops, E. B. Prowd, reported no operation since June 15, 1915.
- Mar. 2, 1916 - Further extension requested.
- May 9, 1916 - District Forester, Kamloops, C. R. Mills, submitted application for new sale in lieu of a second year's extension proffered subject to annual rental.
- May 17, 1916 - Timber Sale X1 deleted from maps after surrender of original contract and Timber Sale X643 proceeded with for balance of standing timber.
- Sept. 8, 1917 - Timber Sale X643 closed out with refund of deposit to licensee, A. McConnell. Stumpage rate was 50¢ per M. for fir and cedar sawlogs.

* Compare dates.

E. B. Prowd.

The volume of timber sales going through every week indicates we are making almost daily records in the sale of Crown timber. One of the biggest sales on record was recently made for 53 million feet on the Little Toba River, the estimated value of the sale being \$208,000.00; also a sale near Powell Lake, estimated value \$378,682.00.

B. C. wood products are right up in front when it comes to pulling their oar in the war effort. Everyone has heard of the Queen Charlotte spruce going into the Mosquito Bombers; our birch now too is taking an important part in aeroplane construction and 3.4 million feet was produced for this purpose during 1942. This year's output is expected to be considerably higher, much of it coming from the banks of the Upper Fraser River in the Fort George District.

Last, but not least, cordwood is playing its part too, at the mercury mines at Pinchi Lake where thousands of cords are used monthly in the distillation of the mercury ore. Incidentally, this is the biggest mercury mine in the British Empire.

In 1940, it was felt that we could hardly justify the time and expense involved in Ranger Meetings, and it was decided accordingly that these conferences were "out" for the duration.

In 1943, we are equally satisfied that the war itself has finally made Ranger Meetings more necessary than ever and accordingly meetings have been held this spring in every district in the Province.

Enthusiastic reports have been received from all quarters but few details. The Prince Rupert meeting went on record as favouring uniforms. Problems involved in personnel replacements and difficulties experienced in providing potables for the traditional banquet appear to have been about equally nerve-wracking.

At Nelson, they were particularly fortunate in having at the meeting five U. S. Forest Service Officers from bordering National Forests across the Line--R. W. Billings, in charge of Timber Management, and A. E. Spaulding, in charge of Fire Control, on the Kaniku Forest, both of Sandpoint, Idaho; and G. M. De Jarnette, Supervisor, L. L. Houghland, Assistant Supervisor, and Carl Walker, in charge of Protection, on the Colville Forest, from Colville, Washington. They were most unfortunate in an effort to perpetuate their memory in the more or less permanent form of photographs. After infinite pains in getting the lighting just right with improvised reflectors, and disturbing the meeting eighteen times to pose and photograph individually eighteen Rangers, district dignitaries and visitors, the "photographers" discovered they hadn't yet in fact taken a single picture, and, what was more, couldn't get a film into the camera to take a picture. The project was given up in disgust and that explains why we are unable to print a lot of pictures of the Nelson meeting

Pictures or no pictures, all the Ranger Meetings appear to have been an unqualified success.



AC2 Gordon "Bus"
Levy.
Victoria.

Unquestionably, Bill Tait maintains one of the worst cluttered desks west of President Roosevelt's. The other day, in his absence and, in all justice to Bill, without his consent, the girls cleaned it up. The results were so stupefying, and likely to be of such brief duration that they felt impelled to make the accompanying photographic record before Bill returned. The desk isn't anything to write home about. We print the picture and recite the story solely for the purpose of giving the girls documentary evidence of the fact that once it was clean and orderly. We sympathize with them for we doubt very much that it will "take" on Bill.



"Bill's Sanctum."

the present planting programme after the cessation of hostilities and this third nursery, together with Green Timbers and Campbell River, will provide an annual output of twenty million trees.

The coming field season finds the Economics Division travelling under a very slow bell. No surveys, either air or field, due to a complete absence of personnel--our last party chief, George Silburn, being a Supervisor in A.S.W. and not even a compassman in sight, to say nothing of cruisers. Doug Macdougall will continue with his lookout photos, if he can catch up with a supply of film. John Collins again works on the forest cover atlas, going from one district headquarters to another "Aleck" Alexander, if he can find a crew will endeavour to keep the yield study remeasurements up-to-date. Silvicultural studies have been reduced to a minimum and Eric Garman will do the necessary leg work. MacBean is wet nursing an experiment in utilization--the Comox Logging at Ladysmith and the Powell River Co. are going to try re-logging for pulp. It is a co-operative project between Industry and the Government and should prove of great interest as it will answer questions we have all had in our minds for years. At least as much sound wood is left on the ground as the logger takes out. If one-half of this can be profitably salvaged our visible forest resources step up 50% overnight. The present experimental recovery will be on a sufficiently large scale to give a lot of the answers. Ted Whiting, Dave Carey and Mickey Trew carry on with reforestation mapping, examination of survival plots, and selecting of planting sites. Hugh Hodgins, Harold McWilliams (whom we are pleased to welcome back after his recent indisposition) and George Silburn have their hands full with the A.S.W. programme. Dick Spilsbury is finishing up the field work for the E. and N. soil survey and George Allen is embarking on a preliminary study of hemlock silviculture--incidentally, Mr. and Mrs. Allen recently became parents, by adoption, to a two weeks old baby girl. The rest of the gang are busy with current business, grinding out the last of the reports on hand, and in that regard some of our readers will be interested to know that the Okanagan report in its unfinished state is beginning to haunt the Chief of Economics, and last but not least are the plans we furnish the various rehabilitation studies.



Gnr. R. G. Bullen,
(Langford.)

Stranger than fiction! Certified true copies from official correspondence:

"As the Postmaster is also the Bartender here and there happens to be a run on beer today, I was unable to get a money order to enclose with this account."

"We are faced with a disagreeable necessity, at this time, of "renigging on our contract" in this timber game and while we may loose the contract we will at least save the rubber. Also, since there will be no post-mortem it will probably save a lot of gas.

"On looking up the records we find it is the only Timber Sale which we have not been able to complete in a great number of years but under present conditions this long distance haul would be too hard on rubber and gas. We had expected to develop it with a portable mill but the manpower situations puts us out on that too.

"On our next contract, while it may entail using a certain amount of gas, we hope to retain the rubber and at the same time recover the ante from the jack-pot."

"I hope you do not mind my sending you a cheque to cover the balance of 1943 Range a/ct before presentation, but there are so many fundamental debts untill I pay them when I have the means at my disposal they become a worry increasing as the means diminish untill night cometh and no man can pay."

Note: When we find ourselves on the paying end we hope we'll be as conscientious as this writer. If he gets on the collecting end, he'll find out how mad it makes us to have someone settle an account without dunning."

Howard Elsey reports in from North Africa and, judging by his letter, he should have had a hand in the recent heavy air activity in Tunisia; John LeMare is in the Middle East as a member of a fighter squadron and forwards the information that he was married to an English girl before leaving England--these English girls must have something as Slim had quite a reputation as a lady-killer at home here; Bill Hall when last heard from was "tripping to Tripoli," but undoubtedly has tripped a lot further since writing; Gerry Andrews and Axel Kinnear hold forth in England in a busy way; Alf Bamford recently joined the gang in England; Eric Bennett is still in Wales; Mickey Pogue is now stationed with John Stokes at the Observers' Training School in Edmonton; Dick Nixon and Al Dixon, the "ixon" twins, are at the officers' advanced training school at Chilliwack; Ian MacQueen is busily engaged in ballistic problems in Ottawa.



AC2 I. T. Cameron,
(Kamloops.)

And speaking of pictures, we owe our front page cartoon to Margo Shepherd, student at Victoria High School. If by chance we ever go looking for a young lady to add to our protection staff, we think Margo should rate high. Judging from her poster, we think we might search a lot farther and fare a lot worse.

Spring planting finally got under way on March 1st and, thanks to a smooth working A.S.W. organization, everything went like clockwork. Most of the job was finished by April 3rd but one job hung fire until the 12th. Six million one hundred thousand trees were planted on 7,000 acres. Negotiations were recently completed for purchase of a new nursery site. The land is immediately northeast of the boundary of the Municipality of Duncan. The Branch takes possession at the end of the year and as opportunity presents the 22 acres will be developed. Plans are to double



AC2 Jack Payne,
(Nelson.)



LAC G. M. Riste,
(Agassiz.)

Within the past year the active administration boundaries of the Fort George District have extended north to the Yukon. Assistant Rangers Cy French (Aleza Lake), Charlie McGuire (Fernie) and I. B. Johnson (Blue River) have been moved in to strengthen the "Peace River" staff. Jim Macalister, Acting Ranger at Fort St. John, will take over the revived Ranger District at Aleza Lake.

We were sorry to have to say good-bye on June 5th to Tom Clarke on his resignation from the Branch to embark on a business venture. Tom came to us from the University of Toronto in 1921 and has since then been employed in responsible positions at Victoria and every District except Fort George. Recently he was transferred from Vancouver to the Victoria office. Tom is personally known to most of the staff, everyone of whom will wish him success in his new undertaking.

Friends and associates in the Branch throughout the Province presented Tom with a beautiful pair of matched travelling bags, as a parting gift.....

Following Tom Clarke's move to Victoria, J. G. MacDonald is Assistant Forester in charge of Operation at Vancouver and J. A. Pedley has been transferred to the Vancouver office as Acting Fire Inspector. C. F. Holmes has taken over as Acting Supervisor at Nanaimo. The Langford and Victoria Ranger Districts are both being handled by Ranger Jack McNeill.

Vancouver District reports:

Miss Eleanor Yurick was married January 7th to Mr. James MacCaffery of the British Purchasing Commission, and is now living in Montreal.

Miss Olga Smith was married February 1st to LAC. Fred Milner, R.C.A.F., and left in March to make her home in Calgary where her husband is stationed.

Acting Ranger Jack Ker (Alert Bay) made a flying trip to Vancouver just before the fire season to marry Miss Marguerite Witton, formerly of Zeballos.

Our very Best wishes are extended to each of the happy couples.

Ranger and Mrs. Bob Glassford (Qualicum) announce the arrival of a new daughter.

If signals from Radio Station CJD were wobbly on April 28th, it can be attributed to the arrival of a daughter to Operator and Mrs. Jack Hay. Jack says the new Miss Hay shows a nice sense of timing as she arrived promptly on payday!

Misses Joan Goodhew, Eva Heagle, Frances Rea, and Susan Dobson are among the new members of the office staff welcomed here in the last few months. Also Miss Marjory Holloway who has been transferred from the Income Tax Division to replace Mrs. Doug Sims (nee Audrey Campbell), who left early in the year.

New appointments to the Official Scaling Staff include W. C. Deans, W. H. Manson and P. E. Jacques.

On reference to the past two issues of the Newsletter, it appears that we have omitted reporting the birth of a son (last September) to Flt. Lieut. and Mrs. Stan Hephner. Stan is now stationed with the R.C.A.F. at Davidson, Saskatchewan, where he is in charge of the ground school.

The Diesel Engineer

You've heard the Song of the Engineer, and heard his praises rung;
The man with the soul that knows no fear, whose gauntlet at Fate is flung.
He's sometimes one of the Brotherhood who throttle the Iron Horse;
Or stands at his turbines, sweating blood, while his ship steers a charted course;
Or he may be out on the last frontier with transit and rod and chair;
Yes, each of his lot is an Engineer and each has his share of fame.
But I sing my song to the least of them all, one not a high-brow or peer--
To the fellow with nerve and cast-iron gall--The Diesel Engineer.
He's generally greasy from deck to keel, he swears like a mule-skin'nin' Greek--
He looks like the dirty end of the deal, and he smells like a gas-house leak.
But thousands there be who follow the sea, you'll find them on every pier,
Who owe their hides and a lot besides to the Diesel Engineer.

When the lightning flashes like Titan's sword, and the sea comes up in chunks
When your dingy and fenders go by the board, and you lash yourself in your bunk--
He's down below, with the hatches jammed, in the midst of a miniature hell;
(There may be a hotter place for the damned, but it won't have any such smell.)

He's breathing a mixture of burning grease, of bilge-water, gurry and oil,
Which no one else on the seven seas can breathe--or ever will.
The exhaust-valves leak and the air is gone and her crank-shaft's badly sprung,
But he keeps that ancient cantankerous freak coughing on every lung.
Through howling gale and pounding sea sounds the steady "clank, clank" of cheer
And you thank whatever gods there be that you've shipped with an Engineer.

When you're out in the middle of Johnstone Straits in a screaming Sou.E.gale,
And a valve stem snaps or a pump shaft breaks, and you haven't a stitch of sail
When you're driving down on a rocky coast and your anchors refuse to grip,
When the breakers howl like a mad-man's ghost as they gleefully wait for your ship;
When your face is wan and your nerve is gone and you know the meaning of Fear
Just creep to the hatch for a moment and watch your greasy Engineer.
He bites a slug from his greasy plug, and he grins through the grease and grime;
Then he sweats and he swears as he makes repairs, but--he gets them made on time.

He is never praised for a deed well done, tho' he gets full share of the blame;
But he'll grin (if you ask him) and say that it's fun--that it's all a part of the game.

So I sing to the least yet the best of them all, to the brunette sheep of the clan,
With a brass-bound nerve and cast-iron gall, one hundred per cent he-man.
He keeps up the fight be it day or night and he knows not the meaning of fear--
But you know from his eye you can safely tie to your Diesel Engineer.

Ira Stoddart.
(Launch "Tamarack.")

Kenny McCannel, as we should have told you months ago of course, is President of Rotary in Nelson this year. But then Kenny didn't tell us, so how could we? It took a visit to Nelson to uncover the fact.

We have stacks of letters from men in the Services, from Canada-wide, England, Scotland and Africa, all very much appreciated. Sorry we can't print a lot of excerpts this time.

From Prince George:

"In our last annual requisition, we put in an order for one pontoon-equipped transport plane, but it looks as though the mailman is not going to bring us our wish. So Operation Office please take note that our next annual requisition won't contain a request for a plane, but it will contain a request for a flock of helicopters. They look like the answer to an Operation Officer's prayer."

About Publicity

Our ads will begin to appear in the newspapers about June 17th, and continue until the end of August. We will welcome suggestions which might be used in preparing next year's copy.....

In addition to the paid advertising, feature stories will appear in several newspapers, Telephone Talks, the official house organ of the B. C. Telephone Company, and in the various periodicals published by the B. C. Electric.....In addition to this valuable space, the B. C. Electric is arranging to carry forest fire prevention slogans on their Sunday radio concert hour, which should be worth a great deal to forest protection officers, as it reaches a large listening public.....

Blotters are now ready for distribution to the schools and will reach the districts about the same time as this newsletter, to be passed out at once, or at the start of the Fall term.....

Gnr. "Bill"
Grainger,
(Victoria.)

Publicity is not a one-man job. It is impossible to reach up and pull a good publicity story out of the air, you must have something to write about. If you have a good story, or an incident that you think has the "makin's," send it in.

A couple of months ago a member of the Branch undertook to tell us what was the matter with our publicity set-up. "We are," he said, "woefully short of publicity. We never tell the public what a good job we're doing, they don't know anything about us, or our work, or how hard we toil, or the midnight oil we burn.....etc. etc."

Now the publicity that interests the British Columbia Forest Service is not the type that glorifies one job, or one branch of the Service, or the Service itself, for that matter. We are interested in publicity that will help us do our jobs better, that will assist in forest fire control, or build better public understanding of why we do certain things, and why certain other things must not be done. We strive to build up a reputation for professional honesty and competence, so that when the Forest Service makes a statement it is accepted without question.....so that if we say slash should be burned, then it should be burned.....so that if we favour reforestation on a large scale, the public accepts our opinion, confident that we speak from a sure knowledge, backed by careful research. That is what we want publicity to do for us.....

Incidentally, while the gentleman mentioned was loud and definite in his condemnation, he has never to the writer's knowledge contributed a single idea towards more and better publicity, nay, he hasn't even managed a single line for the Newsletter.....

New Enlistments

Syd Watson, Forest Accounts, R.C.A.F.
R. G. Bullen, Lookoutman at Langford (1942), Army.
C. S. Stubbs, Asst. Rgr. Thurston Bay, Army.
Cliff Wagner, 1942 Patrolman at Haney, R.C.A.F.
Andrew Dixon, Patrolman at Hope, 1939-42, Veterans' Guard.
Eric Nelson, Patrolman at Downie Creek, Army.
I. T. Cameron, Asst. Forester, Kamloops, R.C.A.F.
J. H. Ellis, Dispatcher, Kamloops, Navy.

A. K. McKirdy, Patrolman, Valemount, Army.
W. L. Downey, Patrolman, Birch Island, Army.
Vince Reed, Dispatcher, Salmon Arm.
N. Tait McPhedran, Dispatcher, Campbell River, Army.
E. R. Offin, Dispatcher, Cranbrook, Navy.
A. J. Nash advises from England that Geoff Marples, former lookout on Swansea Mtn. is with R.C.A.F. in India.

Promotions

J. H. Wilcox, Cpl.
A. J. Nash has received his commission in the R.C.A.F., Pilot Officer.
Emery Scott, Sgt. (R.C.A.F.)
Gilbert Crommett, L/Bdr.
W. E. Walker, Flying Officer (In our last "Newsletter" reported interned in Spanish Morocco, now released and back in England.)

H. E. Elsey, Flying Officer.
Garth Colbeck, 2nd Lieut.
R. R. Flynn, Pilot Officer.
Kay Robinson has received her commission in the "Wrens," Probationary Third Officer.

Arrivals Overseas

Rudy Damstrom (K-41473, #6 Coy., C.F.C.)
K. A. McKenzie (K-66547, 3rd Can. Army Reinf. Unit.)
A. B. (Andy) Anderson (Lieut. R.C.E., 1st Cdn. Engr. Reinf. Unit.)
J. A. Leighton (R-146475, R.C.A.F., Sgt.)
A. H. Bamford (Lieut., R.C.E., 1st Cdn. Engr. Reinf. Unit.)
W. D. (Bill) Grainger (K-65283, "G" Bty. #2 C.A.R.U.)

This trim little lady is a new blimp, built from Forest Branch drawings and fast nearing completion at the Fraser River station. She is 34 feet long, with a 9 foot beam and 3 foot draught.....The entire superstructure is plywood.....Another identical craft will be launched immediately this one leaves the ways..... So far, she has no name.....

A late flash informs us that Jim MacDonald's son has been awarded the D.S.C.....Details are lacking as we go to press.