

An abbreviated District Foresters' Conference, the first since 1929, was held October 23rd - 25th in Vancouver, coincident with the sessions of the Pacific Logging Congress there. Attendance was strictly limited to the District Foresters and officers in charge of Divisions at Victoria. Conference meetings were held during the mornings. Afternoons and evenings were left free to attend sessions of the Logging Congress.

The programme for discussion covered:

Reclassification of Ranger Salaries
Superannuation ages
Management Policies
Forest Reserves in the Forestry Programme
Publicity
Young Men's Forestry Training Plan
Protection policy

Salaries

A large part of the Forest Branch personnel will be particularly interested in this subject but discussion was of a confidential nature and cannot be fully reported. Nor do we want to raise any false hopes. Forest Branch salaries are tied up with the whole Civil Service salary problem and neither Conference nor News Letter has any official standing in the matter. At the same time, the very fact that this subject was included in the agenda indicates that the Service is not unmindful of the fact that some of our Ranger salaries are not--well, not munificent.

Superannuation Ages

Superannuation age, owing to the nature of our work, is, or will be, a greater problem in the Forest Branch than it is in most Government departments.

The Forest Branch is 24 years old this year. Many of us started in the early days between the ages of 25 and 35, full of vim, vigour, and vitality. Now we are no longer 25 to 35 and maybe not so full of ginger, and as years go by we will continue to slow up--a melancholy prospect in some ways but a fact we have to face. This is a problem we are just beginning to walk into. To what average age can a staff efficiently continue to highball through the bush and over the hills after timber sales and fires? Unanimous! We don't know either.

Management Policies

Various factors in connection with management work were discussed, particularly in the light of reduction in staff and increasing work.

Due to the number of resales and new sales being granted an increasing number of unclosed contracts is accumulating each year and District Foresters were asked to endeavour to have as many of them cleaned up as possible. To this end contracts should be surrendered when operations are finally closed, with signed notation by the operator to the effect that the sale is completed.

Operators should be better informed of conditions of contract. Provincial Forest sales not as carefully thought over as they should be. No Christmas tree permits to be issued on reverted lands with the exception of potential agricultural lands. Minimum stumpage should be set where value of timber is marginal.

We regret that we are unable to give more than the bare headings of the questions raised in this discussion. If you find some phase of management work of particular interest to you mentioned above, take it up with the District Forester on his next visit. He will be able to elaborate on the discussion at the meeting.

Forest Reserves

The discussion on Reserves revolved about the problem of sustained yield management.

Publicity

Ways, means, and importance were discussed at some length. Our recent departure in the movie line seemed to meet with general approval, and various suggestions were made for carrying on publicity and educational work in the future. There was some difference of opinion regarding methods but full agreement regarding the importance of this work.

Young Men's Forestry Training Plan

The general opinion was that this plan had proved highly successful this

year. The principal criticisms offered had to do with commissary and supervision. Suggestions for remedies next year were offered and work and organization plans for a more ambitious scheme next year were discussed.

Protection Policy

Might better have been headed Protection Possibilities. The Fund now totals about \$400,000 a year against about \$680,000 for the few years up to 1932. With an annual deficit on an income of \$680,000 how are we to keep within an income of \$400,000 as we must do? A few suggestions of far-reaching possibilities were put forward which will be given further consideration. Nothing definite developed other than the necessity for wise economy in all forest protection activities.

Outside the official programme reported above the question of uniforms was raised and received some warm support amongst other divided opinion.

J. C. Ingram Rogers (Nelson) suggests that there must be many interesting books on forestry subjects in the Forest Branch Library at Victoria, and that in the winter months books drawn from the Library be made available on loan to Rangers and others of the District staffs who may be interested.

The Forest Branch Library is a reference library. It consists of books, bulletins, reports and references. The books are of the text book reference variety exclusively. They are very useful if you want to identify a tree or a grass, confirm your opinion about some statistical problem, find out what pH is, or bone up on any subject, but otherwise they are pretty dry reading. The bulletins and reports come to us from experiment stations, laboratories and forest services all over the world, and on every conceivable subject of possible interest to Foresters. All these are indexed and cross-indexed for easy reference. In addition there are many references by title, author, and subject to publications not actually in our library. These last are the "references" referred to above. There are about 2,000 items on our own shelves and in excess of 10,000 references. We are not competing with any of the world-famous libraries yet but the index is too big to publish for our limited use.

All these are available on loan to any Forest Branch officer and more use should be made of the library than has been done in the past. Failing a list of the titles, if you want to know how to build a house, how to choose a piece of furniture, how to grow a tree, or what have you, let us know and we will send you such dope as proves to be available on the subject.

At Victoria the day-to-day additions to the library are listed as they come in and this list is circulated periodically for the information of the staff. Hereafter a selection from the current list will be one of the regular features of the News Letter.

Some years ago a campaign was conducted with a view to rationalizing fire names. Rangers were transposing history and name. The idea was to shorten them. The campaign was so successful that the names bid fair to disappear altogether and it seems that, like Alice, we should take a nibble from the other side of the mushroom--enough at any rate to arrest the shrinking process. A few names culled from the current year's list--Jo, Po, Yo, Ost--will illustrate a part of what we mean. The other part is the sacrifice of the value of the descriptive feature in fire names which usually can be retained within reasonable limits.

The Oregon State Board of Forestry has a little monthly publication they call the Forest Log which comes regularly to the Forest Branch Library. One feature of the Log is a department called the "Duffel Bag" edited by "Hazel Hoe", from which we always manage to get a chuckle. Some of the heavy stuff may get by with scant attention but we never fail to give the Duffel Bag the once-over. We offer Hazel our compliments and quote a few of her recent items below:

There was a young lady named Ginter
Who married a man in the winter.
The man's name was Wood
And now,--as they should
The Woods have a cute little splinter.

Fire Sign

Chaperone your cigarettes!
They shouldn't go out alone.

Many people get a kick out of
going certain things but they
never get it in the right place.

Mary has a bathing suit
'Tis pretty, there's no doubt
But every time she gets inside
The most of her stays out.

If we only knew,
Half of the time,
What peepul were sayin'
Most o' the time,
We might feel chesty
Some o' the time
But mean as the devil
Rest o' the time.

It takes 52 muscles to scowl and
only 14 to smile. Why not smile
and give the rest of your face a
vacation?

Gotta match?
Sure.
Gimme a cigarette.
Want me to light it for ya?
If ya don't mind.
How ya fixed fer spittin'?

Mulholland says the tip about keeping paint brushes in oil is O.K. but he just washes them out with warm water and soap immediately after painting and then hangs them up to dry. He contends this procedure avoids running into a lot of open cans of oil around the place and getting the stuff down the front of his tuxedo.

Most of us paint in overalls and they don't look right unless there is a little oil splashed over them, and the oil will not splash anyway, and didn't Mulholland ever see a single can big enough to hold all his brushes, and we agree they will dry out,-- and how, and--awh what's the use, we don't believe Mulholland knows anything about painting anyway.

THE HOME LIFE OF A FISH

I had twelve bottles of whiskey in my cellar and my wife told me to empty the contents of each and every bottle down the sink. So I said I would, and proceeded with the unpleasant task.

I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink, with the exception of one glass which I drank. I extracted the cork from the second bottle and did likewise, with the exception of one glass which I drank. I then withdrew the cork from the third bottle and emptied the good old booze down the sink, except a glass which I devoured. I pulled the cork from the fourth sink and poured the bottle down the glass, which I drank.

I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink out of it and then threw the rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork down the bottle. I pulled the next cork from my throat and poured the sink down the bottle and drank the glass. Then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled the drink and drank the cork.

When I had everything emptied I steadied the house with one hand and counted the bottles and corks and glass with the other, which were twenty-nine. To be sure, I counted them again when they came by and I had seventy-four, and as the house came by I counted them again and finally I had all the houses and bottles and corks and glasses counted except one house and one bottle, which I drank.

Author Unknown.

Reminiscences

During the fire season 1922, C.S. Cowan, at that time Forester in charge of Operation, making a tour of inspection of a fire in the vicinity of one of the coal mines near Nanaimo, had occasion to put some miners to work falling a rather large snag. The miners were evidently foreign to a falling saw and were not any too happy at their new-found job but willing to do their best. Passing the spot some time later Cowan found them engaged in a strenuous tug-of-war, two men on one end of the saw, three on the other end, while the "Boss" was instructing,-- "Your turn to pull the blighter now, Bill."

Sam Marling spent his holidays on the coast late in September.

Lex Johnson (Surveys) is the latest parent in Forest Branch circles. We welcome Trevor Harry Annandale, 7 lbs., arrived September 14th, C. O. D.

Eric Garman (Research) was married on October 17th to Mary Graham, at Whonock (Fraser Valley). At any rate he got leave and left Victoria for that express purpose.

For his vacation this year Tom Simmons of Operation Office took a "busman's" holiday and visited and travelled with some of the Vancouver Supervisors and Rangers. He reports a most enjoyable and interesting trip and says he learned more of the field man's work and problems in a two week trip than he would do sitting in Operation Office for years.

He wishes to extend, through this medium, his very sincere thanks to all those who treated him so hospitably and who went out of their way to make his trip so pleasant and enjoyable.

Progress in the use of aerial photographs for forest mapping is being made by the Forest Surveys Division. G. S. Andrews, who holds a Pack Fellowship and recently spent a year in Germany and Great Britain studying aerial survey developments, has been working on Vancouver Island with the object of improving aerial photography and making better use of the aerial surveys that have already been made. He has catalogued the whole 80,000 aerial photographs that have been taken in B. C.

The Forest Surveys Division reports two river accidents. Harold McWilliams and his compassman were wrecked while crossing the Incommappleux River on a raft. They lost all their equipment and were lucky to escape with their lives. Clark McBride and his compassman lost some of their equipment while ascending Wakeman River on the coast forest survey.

The usual experiences with bears have been enjoyed by our forest surveyors. In the Arrow Lake Forest two men were treed for more than two hours by an angry mother with cubs.

A broken radius rod, overturned and wrecked F.D. Mulholland's car recently. He considers himself lucky to have escaped with a broken rib and a few cuts. He says don't carry a loose axe in the front of your car, because if you are turned upside down it is sure to find the roof just before your head does.

E. E. (Mike) Gregg was a visitor in Victoria in October. His holiday terminated in the District Foresters' Conference and Logging Congress at Vancouver, October 23rd - 25th.

We understand that John Jardine (Prince George) proposes taking a holiday in Scotland this winter.

Webster (Ocean Falls) has recently been absent on sick leave. Glad to report he is recovering and back on the job.

C. D. Orchard has recently been appointed Honorary Secretary for B. C. of the Empire Forestry Association, succeeding F. D. Mulholland, who had represented the Association here for a number of years. Orchard says the job is a bargain--he never before managed to get so much trouble for the small sum of \$2.50 a year. The Association is devoted to the interests of Forestry in the British Empire. Professional membership is \$2.50 a year, which includes subscription to the Association's publication, the Empire Forestry Journal. It is well worthy of support of the Forest Branch, and form of application for membership can be secured from the local secretary.

Incidentally, we have our own Canadian Society of Forest Engineers, which, with a full-time secretary in the person of Ellwood Wilson, has taken on a new lease of life this year. The Society can do much for Forestry in Canada if it gets the support and co-operation of the forestry profession it deserves. Forest Branch personnel qualified for membership, if they are not already members, should join the Society without delay. On second thought, we think you should join both the Society and the Association, but the Society first and both at once! You know what we mean even if we don't express it very clearly.

Applications for membership in the Canadian Society of Forest Engineers should be forwarded to E. B. Prowd, Victoria, or G. P. Melrose, Kamloops; members of the District Executive.

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