

The expense for protection and other care under the contract has thus far devolved mainly upon the Company. The Conservation Commission has furnished one warden for a part of the year. In the year 1913, the expense to the Company, Mr. Hardtner informs me, has been \$2,345 distributed as follows:

J. T. Hinton, Assistant Forester,	\$600
W. H. Thompson, State Warden*	300
T. W. Beck	80
John Boyd	25
Other expenses, fire patrol.	250
Improvement thinnings (1,000 acres cleared of oak scrub)	250
Taxes**	<u>840</u>
	\$2,345

In addition, Mr. Hardtner has given a large amount of his time in supervising the management of the tract. In the absence of a definite statement of the Commission, the expense to the State in 1913 was perhaps about \$300 and in any event not likely greater than \$400.

Recommendations

The location of the tract in the great pine belt of central northern Louisiana and the strong personal interest

*Part payment of wages by State Commission.

** 28,000 acres @ $2\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per acre = \$700.