

of the president of the Company and of the State, in general, in forest conservation are points favoring the cooperation of the Forest Service with the Conservation Commission in lines of investigative work. If no backward steps shall be taken, the tract should be brought up to a high standard of excellence during the next 10 years, when, in the judgment of the writer, the forest will prove to be very instructive and in the eyes of the public regarded as a demonstration of the advantages and results of practical forestry methods. It certainly possesses the necessary qualifications to make such a future possible.

Fire Protection

This obviously stands first on the list. With the unusually prolific seedling reproduction of the fall of 1913, fire protection should be vigorously maintained at every possible point for at least 4 or 5 years. Since the majority of all fires are caused by the local railroads, it is very important that strips 100 feet wide on either side of the track be cleared by the burning of all combustible material (Provision of Sec. 7, Act 261 of the 1910 Legislature.) The local fire patrol should of course be most effective at this point but strengthened generally throughout the whole tract.