Correspondent Tells of Fire Ranging in North Country

Over two months is gone since I wrote. At that spring was just showing signs of coming to the North land. The snow laid deep all over the land and se feared big floods, but day after day BO fain came and the sunshine was height and warm and the snow just English away with no flood whatever. It continued dry overhead which made the frost a long time coming out Not a bit of rain fell all through April, and only a few showers in early May, but the weather was ideal when the land finally became fit for crop sowing, and gardening. We, like all farmers look forward keenly to this time, and for a few weeks our whole thought and effort is dependent on land preparation and sowing and we got a nice lot in the ground in good shape.

For the past three seasons, during four or five months in the summer, my duty has taken me away from home. so I am separated by force of circumstances to live alone a great deal of the time except for a while during the Holiday season when I have company for a few weeks. I little thought something over 20 years ago while on a visit for a few days to the Canadian National Exhibition, and had the opportunity of seeing a great display of Porestry Fire Fighting equipment, also a large display of wood craft with Indians in charge; also a display by the Clow't guides from Algonoum Park, that cometime in the future I invest would be actively engaged with the very articles that were then a source of entertainment. But such is the case. The Ontario Porsetry Branch of the Dept. of Lands and Porests is a tremandous undertaking and provides employment for some thousands of our population and covers a great number of corupations. There are the nurseries where seeds for trees are planted and cared for, then the plots where the seedlings are transplanted to grow on before distribution. Then the wide open spaces where trees are introduced by planting to curb soil errosion, and provide future wood and timber areas. Then the Porest Rangers that have charge of all the water ways, portages, erection of protective signs for the prevention of fires; the building and maintenance of cabins in outlying places for patrol-men to take shelter; the maning of look-out towers which are placed on the highest and most stragetic locationspossible to find after engineers have taken levels. Then the ground crews made up of Chief and Deputy Chief in each location in every district who have charge of the issuance of travel and fire permits, the care and maintenance of all the equipment necessary to fight bush fires successfuly and economically, and a few regular men besides these who are just sessonal employees—but given some preference by means of seniorily from year to year as they return to work. From these seasonal employees, men who adapt themselves to the work and show ability, an opportunity is given them to become scalers helpers first, for a season or two, to acquaint them with the different species of pine, white, red or jack, the same of apruce, birch, balsam, poplar, cedar, tamarac, cak hemlock, or any other woods that require measurements from the bush where lumbering operations are carried on. Then examinations are conducted for proficiency and ability and if successful the candidate is given a permit and license to act as a scaler during the winter, and is automatically a Porest Ranger if he so desires in the summer and as promotions take place is raised to a Deputy first and then a

My part on the staff of the Elk Lake Headquarters of which Matachewan forms a part, the others being Englebart and Gowgands, is Tower Observer at Belle Island Tower. So named because os a wa Taland in the centre of the Lake which teparates the Team from the main land and has to be gone around to reach the camp and trail leading to the tower. The camp is right on the Lake shore viewing Belle Island to the East and the tower is about ! and a half miles inland by trail. Half is over fairly level ground but the balance means climbing bout 1200 feet in about a quarter of a mile, with the tower another 100 feet perched on top. One man in one of our towers remarked one day that he thought he was about as close to Heaven as he'd ever get and I asked if being high up was his conception of Heaven. He said. "Why yes". Well, I replied, "It isn't Mine". But no more was discussed.

Chief

Each tower is provided where pos-

The Constructive Platform of the PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

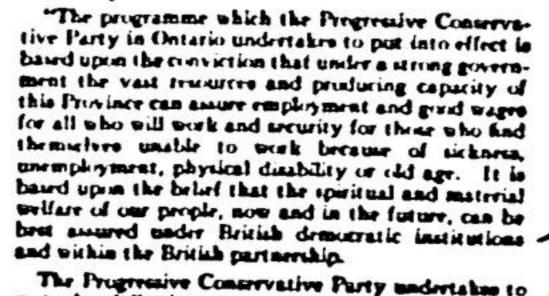
Approved in General Meeting at Toronto, July 3, 1943

ON July 3rd, an all day organization meeting of Progressive Conservative Party candidates and officials from all over the Province, held at the Royal York Hotel, listened with rising enthusiasm to a highly constructive and impiring address from the Provincial Leader, Geurge Drew.

Mr. Derw presented a series of pledges to the people of the Province-rach one of which was manimously applieded. The pledges, twenty-two in number, constitute the platform upon which the Progressive Conservative Party enters the general exction.

It was that programme which the Leader announced to the public is his radio address has Thursday sight. Mr. Does said:

The Progressive Conservative Party undertaken to put the following programme into effect in the Province of Ontario.



Twenty-two Point Programme

1. We will make the British heatenthing and strengthen the British partnership by every course welles the resemblement power of the Commence of Chicago

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6. Legislation will be introduced assuring the weekers and employers of this Printince the fairest and must aframed laws governtag later relations, following an inquiry to of at least 15 members to be known as the Ontano Labor Relations Committer, upus which there will be equal representation of labor, employers, and the general public, manufacture of the entert the right to proper and constructor inclusion regarding collective bargaining, this committee will be saked to examine the laws draking with fer Ostario as act which will establish that

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B. An Chitario Housing Commission will be created to plan a great house a prigram throughout the whole Printer to the purpose of creating employment in the farted of readjustment and at the same time bring to an end the unsatista tray bearing conditions in many parts of Datario.

SCHOOL TAXES TO BE CUT 8. There will be a reversing reviews of our while exitent id trul estate talation me that the country and improvement of bomes and farm land, which are the very foundation of our emery, will not be discursed by Parmire Lakation. As an includ step in that direction the Printingal Coverament will assume at least 10 per cent of the actored fates now a harged against real estate. It is, bowever, to be clearly understand that this thange will not affect the authority of the

18. Our educational system will be completely restand so that every child in this Province will have an opportunity to be educated to the full extent of their mental rapacity, so matter where they live or what

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presented to our success then the mulitary

14. Have will be made for land reclamation throughout the Province so that all areas which can be frought into production will be fully developed. These plane will be disited immediately, but the estual development of most of the areas will be deferred as that they can be placed under prierans' organizations in the person of restructment. This will open wate oppositunities for immediate employment when the war is over and will alwesfee to veterant and there families the chaine to with to organized groups in areas where their ero-Buston security can be assured.

18. Taxation will be reduced and efficiency of Conversment serreneed by the elimination of all Provincial departments and services which duplicate theme of the Literature Convernment and are not necessity for the purpose of preserving fundamental con-

16. An efficient and permanent civil service system will immediately be put into effect which will protect civil arrvants from political dismissal or interference, thus im reasing administrative efficiency by giving to all civil servante a greater sense of security and pride in their work.

17. All implication will be topocial which desired entered the right to detect the process and property belong the regard.

OLD AGE PERMISSION 14. There will be as immediate immediate matern chimmen est ut en meners to basping onto the increased real of bridge There will be an immediate repeal of the shapes of the same of the company of the born a bridge of their own, which they have constituted by their corners (bridge) they will be graned the very bosted allow seres seles they are comind to receive to femore the can purply who have played their part so well to making the grass Province what is to today must not be fored to murigage their bornes before they ran receive their peaks president

10. Adequate supplies at resconable prices of fuel, mile and coher bear mercuring will be amured by offer tive weamention and administrative control Representatives of labor, weteran organizations and the confruide dealing will be appropried to all

\$0. Men and money who have arred in the armed fraces well be assured private in the public service and protection in their emply ment.

21. During the out these who are in millary strike will be given legal presentes against the minumer communities of their service In all came where the atalety of there in military errows and their detencents to meet their financial ubligations have been materially reduced by such service, effective legal protection will be given against ansure of property for atteurs of tases forfeiture of instalment contracts can ellation of bie insurance prince up to \$10 talk, judgments or other feral pringerlings for debts incurred brices entering military service, and other embarrause financial chi-gations. These protimone, bowerer, will be subject to the express condition that these ship to pay will not be primitted to evade their obligations by this device, and that just protection will be assured to creditive under simple and effective procedure before the court. The dore not provide for camellation of obligations, but merely determent with

justice to all concerned. SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN

22. A rehabilitation and social security committee will be appointed immediately with instructions to draft plans which will saury social security for all our people, and also provide for the rehabilitation and employment of the members of our armed forces and munition workers after the wer.

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By George W. James Little Compiler Statemen

Boundaries Culate As Ostario provincial starties is so be beld as August the faurth. A daty now falls upon the weekly press. That is to make known to readers and resident value that that and excelly important—u form Great farm people of Cletarie want to been mental ag shoul their Gio had the parties some to seek that

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George Drew to first and foremost

a Canadian, yet deep and strong and true for the British evenection. He to 40 years of age. His grandfather was a member of Canada's first parliament after Confederation Corres was an officer in the Guetab Hattery at 20 years of age, saluted at wor's outbreak in 1914 was severely wounded in 1716, panel many mo. 'be in military hospitale. Cocame by w entered public life to his native city. Guelph, as an alderman and at 20 became mayor of that city. His administrative astaniance pages only and per continued through to his present posttion as member of the Provinces Parliament and leader of the beyond that Holding to possible knowledge, George Drew has travelled throughout Canada, has established world contacts and personally toured the British Islee tion afferting Canada and the future. Cutstanding is the fact that while sublic man in Canada bas enquires so deeply into this vital question.
Public officials and Canadian
farmers should be deeply indebted for the writings and speeches of George Deer, since his return from Britals, touching the present and future of Canadian agriculture. He as acquired both the "grass turts world view on Canada's control, yet most neglected intelling comething of this man whom his course has shaped standily toward statemanning.



then location is determined with a off and on. sighting bross. pivoted on that tower's be reported if the amoke is plainly for record purposes. We also keep wind visable at once but the moose family

routes in motor boats and canoes. sible with a telephone to their branch in the 13th of May, the whole country ledge. headquarters, also a receiving, trans- was in an ideal condition for terrible

The A. battery is kept charged by 2 townships about 12 miles before be- Then the blossoms and now the fruit is said. Both were wet and thought they means of a gas driven combined mo- ing controlled. Two or 3 minor fires in formed in preparation for ripening, had enough for a few days. There are tor and generator and hooked direct to the Englishart section and 2 fires near and both blueberries and raspberries no trout streams in this whole district, different towers are 30 to 40 one out right near the town when I no strawberries or cranberries just trout and base are plentiful. I'm not miles apart and wave lengths are so had to report the second one about 12 around here but the weather has been able to get far enough away for the corresped that we only have access to miles up the river on Matachewan favorable for all varieties, so they will bass and lake trout but pickerel are towers in our own district and only Lake. That one took two big gangs and give their crops too. Forestry business or conversation is all our equipment, pumps, hose, tools The flies are making themselves a sport catching and landing them. The permitted, even weather reports are such as shovels, grub hoes, etc. Five plague and nuisance now for a while, pity is more people can't have some of barred. Each observer is also an air- days to control and before being and just this last, few days are driving this abundant source of god food to plane detection lookout and has forms stopped had burned over 2100 acres the big game to the lakes and marshes suppliment the meat supply these days, and guides for chearvance, and report, and all started by careless campem where they get a few hours case wal- because I know fish is terribly scarce Our peincipal duties while in the tower over the 34th of May week-end. But lowing in water. I have seen all va- and always expensive.

location, on a circular map marked in June have been wet with over 5 inches bull moose and a monstrous black bear degrees. The bron is also marked in of rain so far caught in official water which was trying to separate the moose miles so a fairly accurate location can catcher and measured in 100th inches calf from its mother. All four were visable and given from 2 or 3 points so direction and velocity and visability as were still victors the last I saw of them a cross section reading is possible. In records. There is such a variety of and all going strong. this way ground crews can reach the equipment, duties, territory, and other Pish have been exceptionally plenti-Either by road in trucks or by water space won't permit the description. To son I have no way of knowing. But

binoculars, out the fire and its rained ever since of times already and one day had a sufficient length so must conclude. particularly good view in a march close Seventeen of the 27 days so far in to the tower, of a fight between a big

location with the least possible delay, subjects that might be of interest, but ful here this year, for just what reathese with sufficient interest, a trip can go out anytime regardless of the The early part of the season as I to this North Country and a visit to right time of the moon and get more mentioned was very dry and as no some locaton of this kind is the easiest than I can use. I have seen others with growth had commenced when I came and best way to get accurate know- extra good catches just in a few hours. Two lads came here one wet day with When I came first this spring not a 18 big pickerel weighing 3 to 8 lbs. each mitting 512 Radio set, powered with a fires. We had or 5 quite big fires in leaf of any kind had started, so it was and a big Northern Pike weighing 14 6V, storage A battery, 3,45v. Bs. and our district. One on the Gowganda a marvelous sight to watch nature un- lbs. and had caught them all just cast-234 V. C. battery, with a geno. Motor Road near Wigwam Lake. One near fold each day, and drape the whole ing off the shore in a little lake just to provide volume for transmitting. Kensbeck which burned a strip across landscape in its many shades of green. above me here in about two hours they Matachewan. Our men had just got promise to be a good crop. There are but the larger fish, pike, pickerel, lake just as good any way only not quite the

the detection, first with the naked the rain came then and helped to damp rieties, moose, deer and bear a number | Now I feel this letter has reached |

Cordially yours.

BRIDGE STREET STATION

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