FIREMEN HAD SEVERAL

case was there any damage.

there was a regular fire on Wilson could be controlled, but the brigade Avenue when damage around \$1500.00 were able to confine the fire to the one was done to a house and its contents. structure, though some slight damage Who in Canada," based on the idea The house is owned by Mr. Wm. Mur- was done to Mrs. McChesney's house that municipal work is the most im- FORESTRY ESSENTIAL FOR phy, and occupied by Mr. Gauthier. next door to the scene of the fire. The alarm was sent in at 8.30 from The house owned by Mr. Murphy was Box 52, but the fire had good head- practically destroyed so far as the other form of government. It is felt way before it was discovered. Mr. interior was concerned and the furni- that the publication of a complete Gauthier was at work and Mrs. Gau- ture in the place is a total loss. With list of those in municipal service in thier was out at the time of the fire. the start the fire had before discovathe various centres of Canada wil The cause of the blaze is not known. ery, it was only the good work of the The firemen made a speedy run in an- firemen that prevented a more serious swer to the call and did good world fire. in fighting the fire. It was necessary | Saturday afternoon the brigade had to lay 1100 feet of hose to connect another run, this time to Mr. J. W. with the nearest hydrant, and the Fogg's office. This proved to be a advantage of the combination hose chimney fire, with no damage result- efforts. Thus, a greater measure of and chemical truck and pumper were ing and no particular danger.

Jagain made evident. With the equip-RUNS DURING THE WEEK. ment purposed to be purchased last summer, the firemen would no doubt During the past week the Fire Bri- have been able to battle with th gade has had a number of calls. On flames more effectively and the a-Thursday there were two alarms, both mount of loss would have been concfires. One was at Mr. Stevens', Tam- gade did very good work with the earack street, and the other at Mr. quipment to hand. At first appear-Mitchell's, 8 Birch street. In neither ance it looked as if not only the burning building but the houses adjoining On Saturday morning, however, would be destroyed before the blaze

MAYORS OF NORTH LAND IN MUNICIPAL "WHO'S WHO" however, turning out to be chimney siderably reduced. Howver, the bri- Photos and Sketches of Dr. J. A. Mc-

Innis, Mr. John Vanier, Mr. Wesley McKnight and Others in "Municipal Review of Canada."

The Municipal Review of Canada is publishing a "Municipal Who's air line. portant public service as it touches the individual more closely than any achieve many good purposes. It wil make a handy reference volume. will help the various Mayors and Councillors in different towns and cities to get acquainted with each other and with each other's work and co-operation and understanding of municipal problems may be attained.

Chapter One of the Municipal issue of The Municipal Review of Canada. It is devoted to the Mayors of some of the principal municipalities throughout Canada. Additional chapters will follow, including chapters on clerks, secretaries, treasurers. city engineers, city managers, police and fire-chiefs, etc. The complete review will be published in book form in August, 1924.

Chapter One gives some interesting information that throws Tommy Church and Mayor McInnis in the shade. Mayor Rice, of Canso, N. S., for instance, according to Chapter One, has no less than 13 elections by acclamation to his credit, while Mayor Sutherland of Kelowna, B.C., has 16 acclamations. Another British Columbia Mayor, Mayor Parks, of Armstrong, has another record, -he has been Mayor for seven years and has attended every meeting in that time and always been on time.

In Chapter One, the Mayors of the North Land come in for due attention. Good half-tone pictures are published of Dr. J. A. McInnis, Mayor of Timmins, (Mr. John Vanier, of Iroquois Falls, and Mayor Wesley McKnight of New Liskeard. The text accompanying the photographs is as follows:-

"Mayor John A. McInnis, M.D., Physician and Surgeon.—Born at Mariposa Township, Victoria County Ont., 1879, son of Archibald Melnnis and Elizabeth Campbell. Municipal experience includes three years as Chairman of Fire and Light Committee, and five years as Mayor. During the last five years he has been elected by acclamation in each case. Mayor McInnis has been an interested observer of the growth and development of his town which has a population of almost ten thousand. He was President of the Board of Trade in 1917 and actively identified with th Northern Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, and in this connection urg ed upon the Government the necessity of improving roads and highways railway facilities, and more attention to settlers and mining and forestry interests. He is considered father of the up-to-date fire brigade and largely responsible for the present sewerage

installation throughout the town." The above is O.K., with the minor exceptions that the town is larger than suggested, and Dr. McInnis is now starting his sixth year as Mayor of the Town. Dr. McInnis has been elected by acclamation as Mayor on four different occasions and he also has won in two contests for the hon-

"Iroquois Falls.-Mayor John Vanier, Mechanic-Born at Eganville, Ont. Municipal experience includes McKnight, Clothing and Shoe Store. election to the Council in 1919, elect- Born in Madoc Township, Ontario, ed Mayor for the year 1920 by a majority of 125, and elected by acela- Knight. Married, two children. mation 1921 and 1922. In politics, Municipal experience includes mem-Labour-Independent; and in religion, ber of the Council 1911 and 1912; a Roman Catholic. Married, four children. Mayor Vanier has taken 1917 and 1921. Elected to the May-

SANDY FALLS RADIO STATION IN TOUCH WITH CALIFORNIA

The Radio Station at Sandy Falls, near Timmins, is now in touch with the Pacific Coast. On Dec. 21st., the Sandy Falls Station, (3G.G.) connected up with Station 6 B.C.L., at Pacific Grove, Monterey Bay, California, and the usual radio traffic was hand-

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THE SUCCESS OF FARMING.

(From Canadian Forest and Outdoors) Why has the Mallow River Settlement (the name is, of course, disguised) forfeited practically its whole population until at the present time only three shacks, with a few shiftless remnants of the once rugged Irish settlers, keep a sign of human activity

in a silent wilderness? Social service experts lay the ugly transformation at every door but the right one. They say it is the social factor. Restless young people mus be near the bright lights, the friendly Who s Who appears in the December trains and the feature films. Then the government is blamed for lack of good auto roads and steel bridges.

Why Dividends Dwindle The wital truth is that the folks ? moved away because they could not make a living. In the majority of cases where farms must be won from the forest, no immigrant can prosper more than one generation unless the surrounding forests are maintained both as a source of supplementary income and the protection of the fertility of his land. Settlements even on excellent soil have failed to prosper where the neighboring forests have been wiped out. In many instances, settlements on no better soil than that of Mallow River have prospered because the forest remained to make up the deficiency.

In the case of the town of XY, it has gone to pieces for a very similar, reason. No one can attribute to its decline the 'social factor.' It fell because its sources of maintenance fell. That source was the timber in a dozen river valleys. By its wastage the population wasted. The day of forest exhaustion signalled the exhaustion of jobs.

Forest and Settlement

We regard settlement as a matter of good soil, whereas good soil is but one element in successful settlement. We persuade ourselves that when the forest is killed, farms spring to life. The common experience, for which we have paid dearly, is that the farm and the forest are inseparable partners, and that to an astounding degree the bankruptcy of the forest means an insolvent community of

The settlement of farm lands in any of the forested provinces is intimately governed by the public hand ling of neighboring forests. Until very recently, this relation played small part in governmental policies or in the thinking of the educated voter.

The whole matter rests on a baianced treatment of forest and farm for if this is brought about then the social factors such as good roads, churches, schools, bright lights and Mary Pickford will fall naturally and easily into line.

an active interest in promoting the movement for better roads in Northern Ontario, as well as in Board of Trade work. He contested the seat for the District of Cochrane in the local legislature on strictly North ern Ontario Development Policy 1923 He is particularly interested in the development of Iroquois Falls, its streets and parks, educational institutions and the maintaining of an excellent civic spirit."

"New Liskeard.-Mayor Wesley son of Robert and Mary Ann Mc ; President of Board of Trade, 1910, oralty 1923 by acclamation. In polities, a Conservative; in religion, a Presbyterian. Mayor McKnight has taken an active interest in fire protection, and ten thousand dollars is be ing spent on an auxiliary pumping plant which will give unlimited water for fire purposes. The beautifying of his Town is also of great import- 2 ance and over 400 trees were planted by the Town and double this number by the citizens. Also President of the Associated Boards of Trade of

Temiskaming 1917 and 1918." The Mayors of North Bay, Sudbury Sturgeon Falls and some other North Land towns also receive attention in this Chapter One.

The Commission appointed by the Dominion Government to enquire into the pulpwood situation will renew its sessions after the New Year. The Commission will sit at North Bay on Jan. 21st and 22nd, and at Cochrane on Jan. 24th, 25th and 26th.

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