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CANADA'S FOREST WEALTH

Mr. R. A. McInnis Divides Forest Problem into Two Parts-Fire Protection and a Definite Plan of Conservation.

Forest and Outdoors," the official organ of the Canadian Forestry As- it should be attained." . sociation there is an interesting article relative to Mr. R. A. McInnis, GOOD HEADWAY MADE WITH manager of the Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Iroquois Falls, who was one of the principal speakers at the anmins last week. The article is pub- private wire last week:lished, with a half-tone picture of Mr. | "In an interview with A. F. Brig-McInnis, under the heading, "Inter- ham, General Manager of the Hollinesting People-A Department Devot- ger Consolidated Gold Mines, the ed to Biographica Sketches of Men Correspondent of the Globe received

those whose daily business is connect- any prediction, but intimated that the ed directly with forestry and forest- development would be completed bery problems, who are intensely inter- fore the end of this year. It is eviested in forest conservation. In fact dent that the Hollinger plans are it is to this class that the forester materializing with entire precision. must ultimately look to have his work Underground development, Mill enso placed before the public to ac- largement, power plant construction. quire sufficient momentum to have the plans for the future—and all phases subject taken hold of in a practical of the big enterprise are moving way by the Federal and Provincial from one stage to another with a de-Governments. Unfortunately for gree of thoroughness never surpassed Canada the conservation of our forest in the Mining Industry of the Dowealth has been looked upon by our minion." legislators as a luxury of which we can afford very little, instead of as an investment which will give greater Thursday last for a visit to her parreturns than any other known way. of spending money.

the Abitibi Power and Paper Company, Limited, at Iroquois Falls, is one of the best friends the forests of Northern Ontario have. He had not been long connected with the pulp and paper industry in the North before he became deeply impressed with the necessity of fire protection and forest conservation. He soon realized that the protection of the forests was of direct interest not only to the pulp and paper companies but in as great or even greater degree to executives of other large enterprises throughout the country. Many of these big executives have not wakened up to the fact that there is no question of greater vital interest to them or their companies than that of the preservation of Canada's forests. Mr. McInnis is strongly of the opinion that it is to this class, the business men and company executives of all Ontario, that the forester must look to develop the principles and facts of forestry into a practical scheme which will be sound financially and provide for a continuous supply of wood in the future.

"Mr. McInnis divides the problem into two parts and until the first has been definitely attended to he thinks there is little use doing much about the second. These two points arefirst, fire protection, second, a definite plan of conservation. Unless the fires which devastate millions of acres yearly can be prevented, what use is there spending money on reforestation or other conservation methods; while fire takes twenty times the toll of the woodsman's axe what value is it to potter about the slash regula-

"The first big problem is fire prevention. Mr. McInnis feels that already considerable strides have been made towards the solution of the fire prevention problem and that it is almost time to consider the second part, that is, ensuring a good crop of wood year by year. Mr. McInnis is emphatic on the point that this question has been dealt with too much in generalities. A definite plan must be drawn up by the foresters which will ensure the use of our present forests while providing for a continuous supply in the future. This may necessitate action along the lines of enforced siash disposal, replanting of burned over areas, the encouragement of natural reproduction, and other methods of encouraging forest growth. But whatever methods are decided on by the foresters, an absolutely definite plan must be put forward, a plan which will be financially sound and which will guarantee in future a reasonable supply of wood. This plan must be sufficiently definite that it will convince the executives of the businesses of all Ontario, other-, wise it would be impossible to get the support required to put the plan into effect. Capital hesitates to invest in the replanting programme, even if it promises a good return at the end of a few decades. Dividends are too far away. The risks are too great for private capital to be interested. It ing goods. is essentially a matter for the Government. That means that the plan of forest conservation must be based on correct business principles and its need so impressed on the people of the country that they will authorize the

Government to make the necessary

"Holding these views Mr. McInnis has been very active in pointing out the situation both privately and pub-Ontario and Quebec and through the E. L. Urquhart Boards of Trade and other organizations to the people generally. Mr. McInnis never misses an opportunity of impressing on all business men of In the current issue of "Canadian Ontario what a vital interest they have in forest conservation and how

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Who Have Made Their Influence Felt assurance that good progress is being Along the Lines of Forest Conserva- made in power plant construction on the Abitibi River and the erection of The article in full is as follows:- | the transmission line to Porcupine. "There are many men outside of Mr. Brigham preferred not to venture

Mrs. A. J. Courtemanche left on ents at Sturgeon Falls, Ont., after which she will spend a few days in "Mr. R. A. McInnis, Manager of Montreal, Que., before returning to her home in Timmins.



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