

porations and individuals as to the advantages and necessity of protecting from fire and other enemies the timber lands of the State. While the power of the Forest Department rests with the Regents of the University, acting through the Advisory Board, the detail work is in the hands and under the management of the State Forester, who is secretary of the Board, and all correspondence and inquiries should be addressed to him at 1411 Fidelity Building, Baltimore.

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The State Forester has studied the timber interests of each of the twenty-three counties in detail and the statistics and information collected are published for free distribution, accompanied by a valuable timber map to all who may apply. He will co-operate with counties, towns, corporations and individuals, in preparing plans for the protection, management and replacement of trees, woodlots and timber tracts under an agreement that the party obtaining such assistance pay at least the field expenses of the men employed. An important work of the Forester is to use means to prevent and to extinguish forest fires which are liable to destroy annually thousands of dollars worth of young timber. For this purpose there is a well established system of lookout stations. About 550 men are distributed throughout the State, who are constantly upon the watch to discover and extinguish fires; giving particular attention during the danger seasons in spring and fall. The laws against setting out fires are very strict. The State and county divide the expense of extinguishing fires.

The Department also administers seven State forests, comprising about 20,000 acres in seven different counties. The main purpose of these forests is for timber growing and watershed protection, but they also serve as a recreation ground for the people of the State, being visited every year by thousands for camping and other forms of recreation. The Legislature of 1929 appropriated \$50,000 for the purchase of additional State forests.

The Roadside Tree Law directs the Department of Forestry to care for those trees growing within the right-of-way of any public highway in the State, and no tree can be cut or trimmed by a corporation or individual without a permit from the Forestry Department, after application to the State Forester. The same Act makes it illegal to post commercial advertising signs within the right-of-way of highways, and citizens are empowered and Forest Wardens directed to remove them.

A State forest nursery, established in 1914, furnishes trees at cost for planting and for planting along roadsides.

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The State Weather Service continues its work of compilation of local statistics regarding climatic conditions and in the dissemination of information regarding the climatology of Maryland under the Regents of