

The terms of those first appointed are until the first Monday in May, 1924, and thereafter for two years from the first Monday in May. Ch. 29, 1922.

The Department of Forestry was created and organized to protect and develop the valuable timber and tree products of the State, and to carry on a campaign of education and to instruct counties, towns, corporations and individuals as to the advantages and necessity of protecting from fire and other enemies of the timber lands of the State. While the power of the Forestry 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 encourage methods of preventing and extinguishing forest fires which annually destroy thousands of dollars worth of young timber. For this purpose a forest protection system has been established. The state is divided into three districts, each in charge of a District Forester, assisted by seven part-time District Forest Wardens and 650 Forest Wardens. There is also a system of 24 lookout towers for detecting forest fires and 20 forest guards to respond promptly to fire calls.

The laws against setting out fires are very strict. The State and County divide the expense of extinguishing fires.

The Department also administers eight state forests and three state parks, comprising about 50,000 acres in nine different counties. The main purpose of the forests is for timber growing and watershed protection, but they also serve along with the state parks as a recreation ground for the people of the State, being visited every year by thousands for camping and other forms of recreation.

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 has been made to the State Forester. The Forestry Department cooperates with the State Roads Commission in tree planting along state highways.

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

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