

During the last year the Survey issued revised topographic maps of Baltimore, Allegany and Anne Arundel counties and has prepared manuscripts for the soil maps of Frederick and Somerset counties.

The work of the Survey is essentially that of a bureau of information. Each year it distributes about four thousand volumes and pamphlets, about five thousand maps, and makes several thousand manuscript reports on special matters dealing with the physical features and mineral deposits of the State. To supply up-to-date information it is necessary to continue and revise earlier surveys of different areas and mineral products of the State.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY.

Advisory Board of Forestry, 1411 Fidelity Building.

Ex-Officio Members:

President J. H. U., Frank J. Goodnow.....Baltimore
Edward B. Mathews, State Geologist.....Baltimore

Appointed by the Governor (terms expire 1927):

Robert Garrett.....Baltimore
Norman James.....Catonsville
George L. Wood.....Baltimore

State Forester:

F. W. Besley.....Baltimore

The Governor appoints three members, two of whom shall be interested in the advancement of forestry and one a practical lumberman, who, with the President of Johns Hopkins University and the State Geologist shall constitute the Board.

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 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.

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, and of patrol in conjunction with the U. S.