OWNERS ORGANIZATION

By R. G. FLANDERS

The Wolf and Oconto River Logger's Association is a corporation made up of logging superintendents and the principals of companies or individual operators who have their operations in the vicinity of the Wolf, Oconto and Peshtigo rivers in Marinette, Florence, Forest, Langlade, Oconto and Shawano Counties. It is formed primarily for the purpose of enabling the operators and managing superintendents to work in a co-operative and neighborly manner, bringing together foremen and logging superintendents, so as to do away with jealousies and suspicions. This has been accomplished to a very marked degree by reason of the fact that all members have truthfully told their faults and refrained from exaggerating or deceiving, so that there has arisen a feeling of confidence in one another and a purpose to help where opportunity arises and because we have not been actuated by any selfish motives we have been able to carry on for a number of years accomplishing much good.

One line of endeavor has been to accomplish a practical fire prevention program and through the efforts of the Association and its members, there has been kept before the public the need for a change of laws and a program of education that would bring such proposition nearer to a satisfactory accomplishment. Our plan of organization was accepted by the majority of the members of the Association who met here today. We have not been able, up to this time, to put our plan into operation because this plan, or any other, is only workable in districts that are organized by the Conservation Commission functioning under the arrangement that the fire wardens hired and paid for by our Association are deputized with the full authority of fire rangers. In the report, reference is made to Protection district No. 9, which embraces a large part of the territory where operations are conducted by members of this Association, and this District No. 9, up to the present time, has not been organized. But with the assurance that it will be organized immediately this spring, our Association will proceed with our plan.

This plan provides that District Supervisors for each district as assigned by the Fire Prevention Committee shall elect a Chairman and Secretary and shall meet at least once a month, reporting to the Fire Prevention Committee regularly. They shall have the
authority to hire a fire warden for their district for a period of

time not to exceed eight calendar months in each year; and to fur-
nish equipment necessary to prevent and control fires and to direct
the educational program. The budget limits the expenditure by
District Supervisors in any one district to an amount not in excess
of $150.00 for expense other than Fire Warden salary in any cal-
endar month. Additional expenditure required for labor to con-
trol fires, or for expense incurred, or for equipment and material
required must be authorized by the Fire Prevention Committee.
The salary to be paid Fire Wardens, deputized by the Commission
as Forest Rangers, shall not exceed $150.00 per month, this com-
pensation to cover use of a suitable car or truck provided and
maintained in usable condition by warden and gas and oil to be
arranged on a milage basis.

The proportion of expense by districts will be based on the
number of government descriptions of timbered and cutover lands
owned by the members in such district. No government descrip-
tion having less than ten acres will be reported and government
descriptions of sixty-five or more acres will be reported as two
descriptions. Eight government descriptions (as above described)
of cut-over land are equivalent and equal to one description of
timbered land. A description shall be considered as timbered land
where it is timbered with 75 M.Ft. or more of log timber, or with
other stumpage having a valuation of $300.00 or more regardless
of location. Each member will on January 1 of each year and at
other times when required, report to the District Supervisors his
entire number of government descriptions timbered and cutover
separate in each district, scheduling by section, town and range to
avoid duplication and errors. The report of January 1 of each
year will constitute the status for assessment purpose.

FEDERAL AID

By Crosby A. Hoar

The Federal government has been cooperating financially with
the State of Wisconsin in the prevention and suppression of forest
fires since 1911.

Federal cooperation is governed by Sec. 2 of the Clarke-Mc-
Nary Law. This is the same act which provides Federal coopera-