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Fire Spotting From Mt. St. Leonard

To the Editor.

Sir,--At this season of the year our thoughts and fears naturally turn to the bush fire danger, and it is great tying to know that the look-out men 'on 'the top- of Mt. St. Leonard have already spotted fires miles away from the look-out points, and by prompt report to headquarters fire fighters have arrived at the source of the fires and successfully stamped them out.

The most remarkable cases were at one distant place. Burning off of stumps was actually in progress and the arrival of the fire fighters completely surprised the man who was so innocently at work clearing his land. No doubt a rude awakening cants when he found that the fire fighters set to work and extinguished the fires. Another conflagration was spotted miles away on the mountains above Marysville, and the arrival of the fire fighters was the first intimation of the possible fire danger.

Many other fires have been dealt with, and I feel that we should appreciate the good work being carried out by the men employed on such important and perilous jobs.

We must remember we are at war and this service is invaluable, and it would be a wonderful asset if a permanent look-out tower could be erected on the top of hit. St. Leonard, with a large metal dial Indicating the numerous points that can be seen in all directions. I had one trip up to the top, with the shire president and a few other councillors, but we struck a bleak day-and didn't we shiver and gasp for breath when doing the last quarter mile to the top, with the grade at one in five!

Those who have done the trip on a fine, clear day are thrilled, and they tell me it beats the Blue Mountains, Echo Point and the Three Sisters.

So why go so far from home to see good things?

Yours, etc., WV. J. DAWBORN.