

bond is void.—Finley Beacon.

Many people have wondered where the heavy curtain of smoke that hung over this section of the state a few days last week, came from. The smoke was so dense at times as to remind people of the smoke from the terrible forest fires in northern Minnesota and Montana a few years ago, that hung over this section like a fog. This time the smoke is from Canada and forest rangers report from northern Minnesota that their work is greatly handicapped by the smoke from Canadian forest and brush fires. These fires have caused dense clouds of smoke to hang over the Minnesota forests, thus obscuring the view of the rangers who are stationed in the watch towers. These towers are from thirty-five to seventy-five feet high and are among the chief weapons of the rangers in fighting fires.

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