

lished we hope to be able to extend our operations to a greater degree so as to produce wider and quicker results. That is the position in the West in regard to forestry. Here it is to some extent—to some extent may I say?—a question of argument, an academic question; there it is a question of the highest, the greatest and the deepest importance and everybody in the country understands it. Therefore, any result which may come from the deliberations of this Convention which will lead in any way towards increasing our knowledge of the means to preserve existing forests or create new, especially means which may be applied to the western country, will be more than welcomed by the Government, by the Department of the Interior, and by the Forestry Branch of that Department.

Mr. E. E. Joly de Lotbiniere, President of the Canadian Forestry Association gave a sketch of the history of the Association and its objects. Starting in 1900 the Association has now a membership of one thousand and has brought the forestry question to a prominent place in the estimation of the public.

Mr. GIFFORD PINCHOT, chief of the Forest Service of the United States, was called upon and addressed the Convention as follows:—Before saying a word about the forestry on both sides of the line, I have the great honour and pleasure of bringing to His Excellency the Governor General and to you, Mr. Chairman, a personal message from the President of the United States (loud applause). I am to express to His Excellency the warmest personal regard of the President, and to you and to the members of this Convention his heartiest good wishes and good will and his confident and to me most welcome expectation of good to result to Canada from the work of this Convention. And I am to say to you that the President's own belief in the fundamental, vital and immediate importance of forestry grows stronger year by year (loud applause). For myself I may say that, so far as I know there has never been, at any time, or in any place, a warmer or more effective supporter of forestry than the President (applause). It is a very great satisfaction to me to know that he is threatened with a rival in Canada in your own person. (Laughter and applause.) I am the bearer also of a message from Hon. James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture for the United States, and my honored chief, who has asked me to express to you his appreciation of the wisdom which called this Convention, and to express his good wishes for the permanent success of this work, and to tell you of the pleasure he has had in sending a representative to be present at your deliberations. (Applause.)

You have called this Convention in recognition of the vital importance of forestry to Canada. Forestry is more closely, and I think it fair to say, more tremendously involved in the