



Hon. W. R. Ross, Minister of Lands for B.C.

With the chairman on the platform were Sir Richard McBride, Hon. J. K. Flemming, Hon. Jules Allard, Alderman Herbert Cuthbert, representing His Worship the Mayor, unavoidably absent on civic business in Ontario, Mr. J. J. Shallcross, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr. John Hendry, President of the Canadian Forestry Association. Mr. Flumerfelt, to use his own expressive phrase, 'touched the button' and the proceedings began.

Sir Richard McBride warmly welcomed the convention to British Columbia and spoke of the honor done the Province by the gathering in it of such a distinguished body of men. He recapitulated the circumstances

which led to the formation of the British Columbia Forest Service under the Hon. W. R. Ross; he reminded the audience that British Columbia had now the most modern legislation on forest matters on the continent, the result of careful enquiry by a Royal Commission on Forestry and an equally careful consideration given by the Government to this report. In organizing the Forest Service the greatest care had been taken, with the result that he believed they had a body of trained foresters not to be equalled on this continent. The results were shown in the wisdom of selection, and nothing would be left undone to make the Forest Service thoroughly efficient in every part of its work. He