

est in forestry in America, this country is, in my opinion, more indebted than to any other single factor."

Letters of like tenor were received from Hon. E. H. Bronson, of Ottawa, Thos. Southworth, Esq., (Director of Forestry), J. B. McWilliams, of Peterboro, Hon. J. R. Stratton, Hon. Clifford Sifton, Sir Henri Joli de Lotbiniere, and others.

Four things are plain in these letters:

1. The writers recognize that an important initial step was being taken towards forestry education.
2. That the subject was one of the greatest importance.
3. That the right man had been chosen to introduce it to the gathering in Kingston, and
4. That the writers were in hearty sympathy with the idea of establishing a School of Forestry in Kingston.

During the years 1900 and 1901, the subject of government aid to Ontario Universities was under discussion, and the claims of Queen's were vigorously pressed by Principal Grant. The negotiations with the government were conducted by him under constant consultation with the Hon. Wm. Harty, Chairman of the Mining School Board. They urged the establishment of a School of Forestry in connection with the School of Mining at Kingston. This was part of the scheme for extending the School of Mining into a School of Practical Science. The Government, recognizing the benefit to the lumber and other industries of the Province, sure to follow the work of a forestry school, agreed to help, and suggested that provision should be made for the School of Forestry in the new buildings for which they had decided to vote the money. The Government soon after assented to an amendment to the act of incorporation providing definitely for the teaching of forestry. The Ontario Legislature was thus in April, 1901, advised of the intention of the School of Mining to add forestry to its subjects. Indeed, the act (chap. 44, &c.) which was entitled "An Act to Amend the Act respecting the School of Mining and Agriculture at Kingston" and which was assented to on the 15th of April, 1901, contained the following explicit declaration:—

"The said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to establish and maintain classes for the training and education of students in electrical science, optics, *forestry*, and all branches of biological, geological and physical science."

A definite promise of a grant to aid in establishing a School of Forestry at Kingston was given by the Premier, who authorized the Hon. Mr. Harty to communicate the fact to Principal Grant. This Mr. Harty did in a letter dated March 8th, 1901, in which the grant is promised as soon as the building in which forestry was to be pro-