

parts of the Dominion now annually go down to the Land of Evangeline to take their recreation period in the beautiful country by the sea. Fuller details of programme, railway rates, etc., will be given in the next issue of *The Canadian Forestry Journal*, and all members who can possibly do so should make a point of taking in the convention, helping on the good work of forest conservation, and seeing the Maritime Provinces at the best season of the year.

THE PUBLIC AWAKENING.

When the *Canadian Forestry Journal* was started in 1905 there was practically no news about forest conservation. The editors wrote articles and secured articles from others on the subject, but there was scarcely anything to record in the way of action in regard to forests. Today there is hardly a week when there is not a meeting of some organization directly or indirectly connected with the subject. The meetings of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association and the St. Maurice Valley Forest Protective Association are noted in this issue. People are approaching forest protection from a dozen different points. The fact that at least fifty per cent. of Canada's area is absolute forest land, unsuited for ordinary forms of agriculture, is becoming known, and all classes of the community are beginning to awake to the need for developing this great source of revenue and power and fertility and health to the highest point. It is a time for the friends of forest conservation to rejoice and to put in their best strokes to further the cause.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Most of this issue is taken up with the report of the annual business meeting. The interview with the Prime Minister and the Minister of the Interior was an important event,

and the whole meeting contains much important information. The Directors' Report summarizes the work of the year, and the revision of the Constitution was necessary in order that the association may cope with its growing work.

LONG ESTABLISHED LUMBER FIRM.

The announcement, in the *Canada Lumberman* of November 1st, of the incorporation of the firm of W. & J. Sharples, Quebec, P.Q., referred to provisions which were made by Mr. Wm. Power to continue the firm under its old name. Readers of the *Canada Lumberman* will recall that Mr. Power's two partners, Hon. John Sharples and Mr. R. Harcourt Smith passed away during the present year, leaving Mr. Power the sole surviving member of this old established firm. The firm was established in 1816 and Mr. Power has been connected with it for over a half a century.—*Canada Lumberman*.

POLITICAL PATRONAGE.

Instances of the nefarious operation of the patronage system could be cited and the cases multiplied. Executive officers get less than the subordinates. In one case an executive officer desires to report one of his staff who has gone off his head, but cannot do his duty for fear of "the heelers coming on his neck." A cashier getting \$500 below the usual pay for such officers cannot get recognition without a heeler's recommendation, which he cannot do without losing his dignity or sacrificing his honesty.—*Ottawa Civilian*.

NEW DOMINION FOREST NURSERY.

A recent news note from Saskatoon says: Splendid progress has been made this season on the new Dominion Forestry Farm, a few miles to the north of this city. The area of the farm is 320 acres, 160 acres of which are now ready for seeding. The necessary buildings are well advanced, while a large amount of planting has already been accomplished. The land is laid out very artistically, and ere very long will be one of the beauty spots of the district, in addition to providing a source of supply for all manner of suitable trees and shrubs which are in such demand.—*Nor West Farmer*.