

if possible, further efforts in this direction in the prairie regions where the results from tree planting are bound to be of inestimable value to the whole country.

6. RESOLVED, that especially in view of the proposed construction of a new transcontinental railway and the projection of other lines passing largely through coniferous forests, the attention of the Governments of the Dominion and the provinces, and also of the railway companies, be called to the serious danger of loss of valuable timber consequent upon the construction and operation of lines so located, if all possible precautions to prevent the starting of fires are not taken; and that it be urged that the question be given full and careful consideration.

That to the end sought, the railway companies constructing such roads should be required to furnish an efficient equipment and control to prevent fires.

That at such seasons as may be necessary it be required that an effective patrol be established along the afforested line of railway, whether under construction or in actual operation.

And further, that the officers both of the governments and the railways, be required to use all possible diligence to prevent the starting or spread of fires through defective equipment or through the carelessness of the operations or negligence of the employees under their control.

7. WHEREAS, it has been the common method in lumbering over a large portion of the timber area of Canada to fell trees by the use of the axe:

And whereas, it has been found that trees sawn close to the ground can be felled more cheaply than those cut down with the axe, resulting in a gain of from six to ten per cent in the scale of the logs and diminishing the risk of fire caused by chips in felling:

And whereas, the felling of logs after the season of snow has resulted in a large loss to the forests of Canada:

Therefore resolved that this Convention recommend to those who are in control of the public lands of Canada the advisability of making such regulations as will carry out the principles of this resolution.

8. RESOLVED, that this Convention is of opinion that the retention of rough areas under wood and the replanting of areas unsuited for agriculture would be encouraged if some action in the direction of relieving the same from taxation could be put into effect by the local governments and the municipalities.

9. RESOLVED, that the Government be, and is hereby requested to place forest tree seeds imported for afforestation purposes on the free list.