

see a tree around them. Now, I am glad to say that around most of the farms in Manitoba and many in Saskatchewan and Alberta, you can see groves of trees. The city of Winnipeg has done marvels in the way of tree planting. The streets of Winnipeg to-day are a credit to that city, and would be a credit to even an older city than it is. But there is a great deal to be done in the east, and in that respect my own province of Quebec is perhaps the greatest sinner. My own countryman, the French-Canadian, is the man with the axe. There is no better man in that respect than he. He goes into the forest, and there is no man who can equal him in forest work, but in the meantime, he has not been as careful as he should have been in preserving the trees in his midst. I should like to impress upon every Canadian farmer the necessity of covering with trees every rocky hill and the bank of every running stream. It is very easily done. He has only to scatter the seeds on the ground, fence it and nature will do the rest. These are some of the questions which I hope will be taken into consideration by yourselves. I do not intend to limit the number of questions which shall be taken into consideration, but these are some to which, with others, I invite the serious attention of this convention. I have much pleasure in calling upon Mr. R. L. Borden, the leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons.