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THERE are many questions to be asked and answered before a proper alliance develops between the wood-using industries and the government controllers of the licensed timber lands, but no one can say that Forest Conservation is solved until both parties reach a working agreement competent to safeguard the rights of our Canadian population one hundred years hence. The kernel of the conservation problem is not to be found in the Doyle Rule versus the Quebec Rule or any other such incidental but in the making of immediate preparation to maintain the nation's forest wealth unimpaired.

One fact cannot be laid aside: the great grandsons of Canadians who read these lines have a majority share in the public-owned forest resources as they exist in 1923. Cobalt and Porcupine are non-reproducible assets. We mine them and it is quite proper that we should do so. But the Forest is a reproducible asset and because it is so, the principles of the metal miner must not apply. A Forest that grows on state-owned land is a Trust Fund. The moment the Canadian people develop a sense of "future rights" in the nation's forest resources, a great step will have been taken to put forest management on a sound basis.

One Way to Serve Canada

The Canadian Forestry Association has no identity or power of usefulness except what its members give to it. All that is asked of the individual member at this season is that he promptly pay his annual fee of two dollars. Few of our good friends suspect that the repeating of a single account takes eleven cents away from funds badly needed for educational work. Get out your membership bill today and tack on your cheque. The minute it takes you to do that will result in added hours of constructive work by the Canadian Forestry Association.

The Canadian Forestry Association is an educational league of 12,000 Canadian citizens, four thousand of whom live in the prairie provinces. The members are not an appendage, but constitute the body and brain through which the Association does its educational work. Each member is also a subscriber to the Illustrated Canadian Forestry Magazine, but more important than that he is a personal shareholder and exerts a personal control over the widespread educational enterprises in forest fire prevention and tree planting, from which Canada derives a mighty benefit.

The Association has no administrative relation to the work of fire ranging or tree distribution or tree planting, which are the duties of Governments or limit-holders organizations. The Canadian Forestry Association is solely educative. Its work is spade work. Its duty is not to "fight" forest fires but to prevent such fires from ever being started. Its zone of action is not planting a few thousand trees but in persuading a few thousand men each year to plant a few million trees.

The Association is a chain of 12,000 links. Its work is wholly for the good of Canada. It is citizen's work. It cannot be shoved off on the back of "Let-the-government-do-it."

Efforts Commended

THE Manitoba Horticultural and Forestry Association, an important and useful educational body, held their Annual Convention at Winnipeg on January 30-31 and February 1st. The following resolution was passed:—

"Resolved, that this Association commend the efforts put forth by the Canadian Forestry Association in keeping before the Federal Government and the public in general, the importance of preserving our valuable forests and of the reforestation of land suited for tree culture only. We heartily recommend the "Canadian Forestry Magazine", as a source of most valuable information about forests and their preservation. We humbly request through the Forestry Association, the Federal Government to take a deeper interest in preserving and improving this important natural resource."

A NOTIFICATION

Members of the Canadian Forestry Association are hereby notified that Mr. D. Algar Bailey who was temporarily employed in connection with the Young Canadians Forest League, the junior branch of the Canadian Forestry Association, is no longer connected with the Canadian Forestry Association or any of its enterprises.