

have been distributed to farmers. The beauty and comfort added to the homes of the West by this policy will be a lasting monument to Mr. Stewart's wisdom and foresight.

In the division of forest administration the most pressing need was protection from fire. No special officers were designated for this purpose nor any concerted effort made to deal with this danger. Mr. Stewart's first efforts were directed to establishing a preventive service and this has been done so far successfully that it has received the highest commendation from lumbermen and others interested in forest preservation. The direct results have been to save large quantities of timber for the public use and to the public revenues at a comparatively small cost.

The separation of the non-agricultural from the agricultural lands and the erection of the former into forest reserves to be administered with a view to a permanent timber supply and the preservation of the sources of streams was a policy strongly advocated by the Superintendent of Forestry, and he was successful in inducing Parliament at its last session to pass an act establishing a number of forest reserves in the West aggregating 3,406,080 acres. These reserves are being examined thoroughly with a view to their proper and scientific management.

While dealing directly with Forest administration on Dominion Lands Mr. Stewart did not forget the claim upon his office to bring the Forestry question to the attention of the people of the whole Dominion. This he has done by means of lectures, and writings and especially through the medium of the Canadian Forestry Association which he initiated and which has become a strong force in moulding public opinion. Mr. Stewart now holds the position of President of the Forestry Association.

Mr. Stewart has good reason to look back with pride and pleasure on the movement which he has initiated and organized and can feel the satisfaction of having accomplished a work which actually and potentially, is of the greatest moment to the welfare of the Dominion. Mr. Stewart will carry with him the best wishes of all those who have been associated with him in the Forestry movement and they feel assured that his interest, though less direct, will be none the less strong in the work which he has so well inaugurated and that his help will be given as cheerfully as always in all that may be done to advance the forest interests of the Dominion.