

conservation of the forests of the Dominion is a subject as much of imperial as of colonial interest, and it seems to me that the establishment of a thoroughly equipped forest school in Canada, the cost or part of the cost of which might be jointly borne by the Dominion and the Imperial Governments, would not only produce a number of well-trained foresters, under whose care the timber supply of the Dominion would be efficiently fostered, but would afford admirable means for training British foresters for service in distant parts of the empire. To acquire such technical training it would not then be necessary to repair to a foreign country, the instruction would be given in what is still the greatest forest region in the world, the school could be reached in less than a fortnight from any part of the United Kingdom, and cheap ocean fares and inexpensive living in the Canadian forest school would add to the attractiveness of such an institution.

Canada is so near to us that for some years past she has been represented at the Annual Meetings of the Royal Agricultural Society, where the Canadian exhibit is always a pleasing and instructive feature. The Dominion exhibit, under the care of Mr. John Dyke, of Liverpool, and Mr. Thomas Grahame, of Glasgow, comprises produce from all parts of Canada, and no doubt some readers will remember the monster Canadian cheese at Kilburn. The other exhibit, that of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is under the superintendence of Mr. Alexander Begg, and is concerned more particularly with the produce of the prairie. These exhibits are always worth inspection; but a far better way of becoming acquainted with the Dominion is to pay it a visit, a journey to Canada in the summer having now become an easy, pleasurable, and instructive trip, the ocean passage from Liverpool to Quebec not occupying more than eight or nine days. During the last two summers a considerable number of agriculturists, most of them combining business with pleasure, have visited the Dominion, and by means such as these the resources of Canada are bound to become better known and understood among us, and it is well that this should be so. It is perhaps worth mentioning here that on my return voyage in the Allan mail steamer, "Parisian," an impromptu meeting was convened in the saloon one afternoon, under the chairmanship of Lord George Hamilton, M.P., to discuss the question, "Is Canada a suitable field for emigration?" and the expression of opinion, which included that of General Sir J. H. Lefroy, R.A., F.R.S., whose knowledge of the Dominion extends back for nearly half a century, was almost unanimously in the affirmative.

I desire here to acknowledge my obligations and to express my