

which are taking place, and the publicity which will no doubt be given them by the press, will help along the cause. And if we can at last get the Government of the Province to awaken to the importance of our forest resources (except when collecting fees and taxes) we may all feel as though we had made two blades of grass, where only one grew before."

Mr. Jones then dealt at considerable length with the Fire question and submitted a draft resolution on the subject.

Mr. Aubrey White, Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests for Ontario, stated that:

"In the appointment of fire rangers in Ontario they had been careful to eliminate the chances of political profit. They wanted the men who understood the conditions best, and for this reason he proposed to leave the appointment of the fire wardens to the lumbermen, the Government to pay half and the lumbermen to pay their half. After starting in this manner with 10 fire wardens the number had grown to between 700 and 800 scattered throughout the province, and this year they would spend \$90,000 in fire protection and the lumbermen would spend between \$70,000 and \$80,000. There was some danger of fires starting in Ontario, and when the railway was built to Parry Sound they made an arrangement with Mr. Booth to appoint fire wardens, and it worked so well that they did not have a single fire.

"They had now put upon their statute books a law that when a railway company was constructing a line of railway through a timbered country, they could appoint as many guardians as they pleased, the Government paying half and the railway company paying half, and the cost of extinction of fires was met in the same way.

"There was of course, a trouble between settlers and lumbermen as to the location of land, so that when a man applied for land they sent an inspector and on his report they gave or withheld the grant. He agreed with President Roosevelt that for the settler who wanted to make a home on the land he had the greatest respect, but for those who wished to denude it of its timber and then leave it they would make it as hard as possible, and this was a policy he would recommend to the people of British Columbia."

Mr. W. H. Rowley, Manager of the E. B. Eddy Coy., of Hull, P.Q., spoke strongly in favor of educating the children in schools to properly value a tree. The question of the preservation of the forest wealth for the people of Canada, was, he considered, a matter that this convention should take up, and in connection therewith moved the following resolution:—