

there is no hesitation in urging all who can do so to attend and take part. Aside from the convention itself there will be the opportunity of seeing Winnipeg and the Central West under the best conditions.

Make up your mind to come and notify the Secretary of this fact.

OBITUARY.

The Canadian Forestry Journal has this month to chronicle the sad news of the death of two of its oldest members—Dr. G. U. Hay of St. John, N.B., and Mr. Maurice Quinn of Saginaw, Mich.

Dr. Hay.

Dr. Hay was known for many years as one of the educational leaders of Eastern Canada. His home was at St. John, N. B., where he had been successively teacher, Superintendent of Education for the Province, and Editor of the Educational Review. Never a very robust man he had not only lived out the appointed three score years and ten but had also accomplished more than most men of robust physique. He was a member of many learned societies and was specially devoted to the study of nature. Many years ago he became convinced of the need of forest conservation and was one of the earliest members of the Canadian Forestry Association. He continued closely identified with its work up to the time of his death. Dr. Hay was particularly active in the work of arranging for the forestry convention in Fredericton in 1910, and the success of that convention was due in no small measure to the assistance which he gave the Secretary and the program committee. In the pages of the Educational Review he devoted a great deal of space to judiciously bringing before the teachers of the Maritime Provinces the need of forest conservation and the incalculable loss which the country would sustain in every way should its forests disappear. His death leaves a sad gap in the ranks of the foremost leaders in Eastern Canada.

Mr. Maurice Quinn.

Of an entirely different type was Mr. Maurice Quinn of Saginaw who died suddenly on May 23 when on a visit to New York. Mr. Quinn was born in the Province of Quebec and lumbered in that province and in Ontario before moving to Michigan. Here he had a most successful career as a lumberman, and later acquired limits in the big timber at Alburni, B. C. Strong and sturdy, Mr. Quinn was the embodiment of the active, shrewd, kindly race of men who have developed the lumber business under conditions of difficulty in regard to transportation and markets. He was not

a theorist as that term is usually understood, but the rugged native eloquence with which he warned those who attended the British Columbia convention of the danger that lay before British Columbia unless she handled her forests better than had Michigan, showed how deeply the practical teachings of conservation had sunk into his mind. He told of how men had laughed at him when he talked of conservation when he went to Michigan thirty years ago, and how he had lived to see one great river, from which billions of feet of timber had been cut, become entirely denuded so that today not a log floats upon it. In his practical way Mr. Quinn was a strong worker for conservation, and his loss will be keenly felt by supporters of the cause.

WOOD PRODUCTS LABORATORY.

Important Step Taken by the Government of Canada.

The Dominion Government has decided to institute a new department in connection with the Forestry Branch which will undertake the work of investigating the possibilities of conserving our forests by reducing waste in manufacture, by prolonging the life of forest products used in construction, and developing uses for products now wasted for the lack of knowledge as to how they may be employed.

To take charge of this work Hon. W. J. Roche, Minister of Interior, has selected Mr. A. G. McIntyre, at present editor of the Pulp and Paper Magazine and acting secretary of the Pulp and Paper Association. Mr. McIntyre is a graduate of Acadia University, and he also graduated from McGill University in chemical engineering. He was chemical engineer of the Jonquiere Pulp Company where he had charge of the water power, water discharge measurements, etc., and he put in a bleaching system of his own design saving in the value of the paper. He was also engineer in charge of construction for Price Bros. at Kenogami, Quebec, and did the investigation for the new sulphite mill. His special qualifications for the work should assure the successful carrying out of the project. The work will be carried on at present in co-operation with McGill University.

The various classes of investigation to be carried out will be as follows: Wood tests, timber physics, wood preservation, wood distillation and wood pulp. This is an advanced step on the part of the department of the interior. The Forestry Branch is one in which Dr. Roche has been particularly interested and this new step is along the lines of modern scientific forestry work in Germany and other European countries.—Ottawa Citizen.