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The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 20th November, 1922, from the Minister of the Interior, stating that as a result of the work of the Reconstruction Committee in Great Britain, it was decided in 1920 to call an Empire Forestry Conference for the purpose of bringing together officials responsible for forest administration in various parts of the Empire. Experience during the war had clearly demonstrated that there was not sufficient information available regarding forest resources and some parts of the Empire were in rather a vulnerable situation as regards timber supply.

This Conference took place in London in July, 1920, the Dominion Government being represented by an officer of the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior. Canada was also represented by six other representatives of various organizations and governments. Reports of these representatives, together with the official reports of the Conference, show clearly that it was most successful, and that much good can be accomplished by such means.

It was decided by the Conference to be highly desirable that meetings of this character should take place at least once in every three years, in order that the component parts of the Empire might have an opportunity to come closer in touch, one with the other, for the purpose of discussing progress in forestry, and for the exchange of ideas regarding policy and methods.

The Honourable
The Minister of the Interior.

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