

thoughtful investigation than this to-day in Canada. I wish you all success with the meeting."

From Hon. E. J. Davis, Minister of Crown Lands: "I need not say that I am very much interested in the work of forestry, and we are doing a deal in the Province in that direction, and trust the future will enable us to increase our usefulness in this respect."

From E. W. Rathbun, Esq., Deseronto: "I hope many will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear Prof. Fernow. I have never met one whose enthusiasm in forestry is founded on such an experience. . . . I wish we could have him give a lecture in every county in Ontario. I am sure you are making no mistake in identifying the School of Science with this important branch."

From Thos. W. Gibson, Esq., Director of the Bureau of Mines: "I should be glad if it were possible for me to be in attendance, as the subject is one of great if not vital importance to the agriculture, arts and industries of the Province of Ontario and of Canada as a whole. . . . You have my cordial good wishes for the success of the movement in which you are engaged."

The following extract is from the letter of Dr. Robert Bell, Director of the Geological Survey, who for many years had studied Canadian forests and forest trees, and who has made many valuable contributions to the literature of the subject. He writes: "I hope the idea of establishing a college of forestry in Kingston will be realized, as it would do an immense good. . . . It would be greatly to the credit of those who are the first to put it in a definite shape and make some kind of a beginning."

W. C. Caldwell, Esq., M.P.P., writes: "I had hoped to be able to attend but have a badly sprained ankle—I would have liked so much to have heard Prof. Fernow's experience and to have gotten a general idea on what lines the preservation of our forests are expected to be carried out. One thing we all know, that we cannot begin too soon to put a stop to the extravagant waste that is going on at present."

Wm. Little, Esq., of Westmount, who has been a lifelong advocate of more conservative methods of lumbering, writes as follows: "Few things would give me as much pleasure as to be with you to extend to Prof. Fernow my heartiest congratulations and acknowledgments for the intelligent work he has for so many years performed in the service. . . . Indeed, I know of none to whom America is so much indebted for the fact that the great question is now beginning to be regarded with the importance it merits. To his scientific and practical knowledge of the subject and his able and persistent labours to enlighten the public and to arouse an intelligent inter-