

effort, the ends for which we are individually striving, as we have now. Everywhere ideas are in a state of flux, and the extent to which they crystallize out in forms that will promote the welfare of the country as a whole will depend upon the justice of the cause, the weight of public opinion behind it, and the prescience of our governments. A great responsibility rests upon those of us who are endeavouring to form and guide public opinion, and, at the same time, are called upon to advise on the conservation of this and other resources, but we can discharge our obligations with a greater degree of success if we work together with the same ends in view, and, instead of limiting our vision by regarding our problems as local, make our cause a national one.

DISCUSSION

DR. HEWITT: May I suggest that this paper is really not meant for discussion; it is intended as a general introduction to the work of the conference. Our programme has been purposely made brief, as we felt that the objects of the conference would be better attained if we had plenty of time for discussion of the subjects with which they deal rather than a large programme which would leave practically no time for discussion. You will see, therefore, that we have endeavoured to select subjects that seemed to us to need discussion by such a conference as this and, possibly, action by resolution.

On the other hand, delegates to the conference may wish to discuss subjects that are not on the programme. We had that also in view, and we welcome the discussion of any further questions which delegates to the conference desire to bring up during the course of the meeting.

DR. A. R. BAKER (Chairman, Provincial Game Conservation Board, Vancouver): Dr. Hewitt remarked that game wardens, instead of being sellers of game licenses should be game conservers. British Columbia has taken a forward step in the conservation of game by appointing a Game Conservation Board, whose sole duty it is to see that the game of that vast country is conserved as far as possible. It has always been the object of governments to derive as much revenue as possible from the sale of licenses and from the exportation of the skins of our fur-bearing animals. For many years I worked to get the British Columbia Government to bring about a system whereby we would have an opportunity of conserving our game and our fur-bearing animals.