

James' street, Montreal. Judging from the numbers present, none of whom, as far as I could judge, were attracted by mere curiosity, the association has started on its course with a fair prospect of being a popular institution. And not only was the 'assistance' numerous, but, as is so desirable in these cases, the audience was composed of very varied materials. There were medical men, lumbermen, agriculturists, as well as purely scientific men; and all seemed to be deeply interested in listening to the different plans proposed by the promoters of the scheme for forwarding the objects of the institution.

The honourable Mr Joly, who was, naturally, called to the chair, remarked that as long ago as 1690 A. D., attention was drawn to the horrible waste of timber that was going on in this country. A law seems to have been in existence up to a recent period, that each farmer should keep clear of wood a space of thirty feet from his neighbour's crop, for the admission, it was presumed, of light and air in aid of the better maturing of such. But the late Mr Kierokowski moved, in the House of Assembly, at Quebec, that this law should be abrogated, because, if it were enforced, the end would be that there would hardly any timber left on the farms. In order to protect the forests, the interference of government was indispensable, and, he was happy to say, the duty was felt to be imperative by all the members of both houses in the provincial parliament.

Ten years ago, Mr Levesque endeavoured to create an association for planting forest trees in barren places, and for re-wooding tracts of country which had been despoiled of their original wealth of timber. Every member of this body was bound to plant a certain number of forest-trees, and to report upon their growth, condition, &c., from time to time, that the progress of improvement might be made known to the public.

Mr Joly, then, went on to say that, as in the United States, a day should be appointed for a general fête. *Arbour day*, it is called there. Whether this day should be in the autumn or in the spring, he left for after decision. On this festival, it might fairly be hoped that bands of children, released from their studies for the day, would assist their seniors in the genial task; and as years went on, the story of their jocund work would fall pleasantly on the ears of their progeny, inciting them to renewed efforts in the great and patriotic enterprise thus inaugurated; until all the inhabitants of the province would be led by custom and habit to regard the denizens of our forest lands with feelings of respect and love.

Mr Lynch, Commissioner of Crown Lands, observed: That this was no party question, of which there were, already, far too many. He was empowered by government to say that the movement in contemplation had its heartiest support; and he, individually, would spare no effort to promote the success of so worthy, so beneficial a scheme.

Mr Lyman thought there were two parties concerned: the government and the people. The duty of the former was to act, and the latter should so fortify their hands, that, encouraged by their sympathy and support, the work might go bravely on without those harassing delays which party opposition so often has caused to the best laid plans.

After Dr Sterry Hunt had mentioned his protest, as long ago as 1857, against the destruction of trees for the purpose of converting them into potash, Mr Barnard, Director of Agriculture for the province, said: that it was highly advisable that every member of the association should plant a certain number of trees, or sow a fair quantity of seed if that should prove the more suitable method of procedure. But his task would be only begun, then: he, if he be minded to fulfil his whole duty, must never rest satisfied until he

had induced his neighbours to follow his footsteps in the same path; and all who were present should, on their return home, endeavour, by counsel and explanation, to spread abroad an accurate conception of the aims of the association. As for the day for general planting, he thought the spring would be preferable to the autumn; and he particularly dwelt on the wisdom of allowing the children, always under the guidance of their instructors, to share in the fête, for then, probably, our eyes would soon cease to be annoyed and our taste reproached, by the intolerable nakedness of our staring school buildings. A provincial association should be at once formed for this purpose, which, in time, could be united to one embracing the whole of the Dominion of Canada.

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#### PROVINCE OF QUEBEC FORESTRY ASSOCIATION.

Another meeting to further the promotion of a Forestry Association for this province was held on Saturday, September 30th, under the presidency of the Hon. Mr Joly. There was a good attendance, among those present being Messrs. J. K. Ward, J. A. U. Beaudry, Barnard, Adams, H. Lyman, Perrault, Drs Alloway, Howard, Hart, and others. Mr Stewart Fane acted as Secretary. After a few introductory remarks from the Chairman, a letter was read from the Hon. W. W. Lynch, Commissioner of Crown Lands, Quebec, in which he said: "My duties here will prevent me from being in Montreal to-morrow. I can only repeat the assurance I gave the other night, that the movement for the organisation of a Forestry Association has my hearty approval, and I will gladly cooperate in any way I can to ensure its success."

I find, on referring to the Act of last session respecting the encouragement of tree planting, that it comes into operation only on proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. I am to-day taking the necessary steps to have such proclamation issued. I wish the gentlemen who meet to-morrow would kindly give me their idea as to the best day for "Arbor Day" under that act.

The report of the committee appointed at the last general meeting was read, and the various clauses discussed seriatim. On clause 1, referring to the Association's title, Dr Alloway objected to the name of the Province of Quebec, only, being given. Why was the name of Canada kept continually in the background? Were they ashamed of it? Many people did not know where Quebec was, but they did know Canada.

Dr Alloway's objection was met by deciding to call it the Association of the Province of Quebec, Canada.

Several clauses were discussed and agreed to. One, allowing the officers and delegates of the American Forestry Association to be ipso facto members of the Forestry Association of the Province of Quebec, Canada, was passed on the motion of Mr Barnard, seconded by Mr Baylis.

Clauses 6, 7 and 8 were amended, providing for the management of the Society as follows:—"That there should be one president, two vice-presidents, two secretary-treasurers, a council of sixteen, and a general committee."

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result.—

Honorary President, Mr James Little.

President, Hon. Mr Joly.

Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. K. Ward and Massie.

Recording-Secretary, Mr Jos. Perrault.

Corresponding-Secretary, Mr E. Barnard.

Treasurer, Mr G. L. Marler.

COUNCIL:—For Montreal—Messrs. W. Little, Henry Lyman, Henry Evans, Dr Henry Howard, Hon. Louis Beaubien, Messrs. J. A. U. Beaudry and Wm. Robb.

For Quebec—Messrs. Louis Bilodeaux, Colonel Rhodes, S. Lesage, A. Blonin, Bécancour, A. Dupuis (St. Roch.)