

those in the Abitibi and Mistassini districts, and even for these Mr. Langelier sees an outlet by way of Hudson Bay to the prairies of the Northwest. The opinions of leading lumbermen were quoted to show the increasing value of all species of timber trees and particularly spruce. This is due partly to the demand from the United States, which is increasing and will undoubtedly continue to do so despite all calculations to prove the contrary. As to the time for which the present forests will last, a calculation is made which ranges from 25 years for hardwoods to 82 years for pine and 334 years for pulpwood. This does not take account of destructive or reproductive forces that may affect the consumption. Fire, indiscriminate settlement, unwise or unlawful cutting, waste in lumbering operations, the power of self-reproduction, and the extension of railways through the forest are in this respect factors of potent efficacy and deserving of the most serious consideration. If fire is allowed to continue its work of destruction, it will not be safe to extend the period for the duration of pine beyond fifty years. The spruce might last indefinitely if unfortunately the results that might be expected are not nullified by an irrational system of colonization, allowing settlement to take place in and destroy what are purely timber lands. The forest policy for Quebec Province at the present moment, as outlined by Mr. Langelier, is to protect the forests from fire and the inroads of timber pirates raiding the forest under the pretense of promoting colonization. All efforts should tend to organization against fire and the classification of our public domain into woodlands and farming lands with the view of securing free access to the latter by bona fide settlers. In the Province of Quebec in 1903 \$50,000 was spent to protect from fire public buildings worth \$3,000,000; \$20,000 was spent to protect fish and game, which yield a revenue of \$63,119; while, only \$17,000, part of which was paid by the lumbermen, was expended to protect the forests yielding a revenue of \$1,241,814.

On Friday afternoon a trip was made to the Montmorency Falls and was much enjoyed. Here, as elsewhere, the visitors were impressed with the fact that the ability to entertain is one for which the good old city of Quebec can still well sustain its old time high reputation.