

Mr. E. Stewart then read his paper on 'The Aims and Objects of the Canadian Forestry Association.'

Mr. Stewart pointed out the objects for which the Association had been formed; it was intended to be, first, educative, and, second, advisory. No administrative work had been contemplated, and, if the association had engaged in controversial topics, it would have impaired its influence. Its strength lay largely in the fact that it was entirely non-political.

The Association's first aim was to arouse public interest in forestry. One result was seen in the fact that opposition to forestry appropriations had died away. By conventions and literature much interest in forestry had been awakened in the public mind and the public of Canada had much need of awakening to the problems of forestry. The Association had done much good and advanced forestry interests by its recommendations to the various governments. One point in which the Association might still do much good work was in inducing the Dominion government to distribute in other countries fuller information regarding the different species of Canadian woods and their qualities. The Association had been particularly fortunate in its Patrons. Another respect in which much success had been attained was in securing the co-operation of the lumbermen.

Mr. Chown wanted more progressive measures, and thought the Association should consider the employment of a trained forester.

Lt.-Col. Harkom agreed with Mr. Stewart, that the Association should be only advisory, not executive.

Mr. J. A. Gripton, of Toronto, suggested the formation of commercial museums and bureaus of information.

Dr. C. D. Howe, of the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto, urged the need of further educational propaganda, especially in the lower grades of public schools.

Dr. A. Blue then read a short paper on 'Maple Sugar as a By-product of the Forest'.

The convention then adjourned.

LETTERS OF REGRET.

Following are extracts from some of the letters of regret:—

John Hendry, Vice-President Canadian Forestry Association, Vancouver, B.C., (now in Europe)—"I am leaving London on Tuesday next for about five or six weeks, but have left instructions for any mail to be

forwarded to me. I am very sorry I cannot attend the joint meeting and banquet, but hope the meeting will be successful and the banquet enjoyable."

Sir Edmund Walker, President The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.—"I have your letter of 12th instant, and I regret exceedingly that I have engagements which render it impossible for me to be present at the meetings of the Canadian Forestry Association on the 7th and 8th February. I have been Honorary President for many years of the Mendelssohn Choir, and its annual concerts are held in the week which includes the dates referred to."

Hon. Clifford Sifton, Chairman Commission of Conservation, Ottawa. — "I very much regret that I shall be compelled to be away from Ottawa at the time mentioned, being called away by important engagements. It is a matter of great regret to me that I cannot participate in the proceedings of your convention, and be present at the banquet. I trust that the efforts which your Association has been making in past years will be continued with unremitting vigor in the future, and that the tangible results which we already see will be multiplied as time goes on. With best wishes to the President, Directors and Members of the Association."

Henry S Graves, United States Forester, Washington, D.C.—"I am exceedingly sorry to have to advise you that it is necessary for me to leave for the Pacific Coast at the end of this week to attend a series of important meetings of Forest officers, which will preclude the possibility of my returning in time to attend your convention in February. I am particularly sorry to have to send you this unfavorable reply as I appreciate the situation in the Dominion and should like to help in every way I can."

Hon. Mr. Justice R. M. Meredith, Court of Appeal, Ontario.—"The task which the Association has undertaken is a great one, with vast opportunity for doing good; and so it should have, and as I am sure has, the good will and best wishes of everyone. Reckless waste and wilful destruction of the natural forests of this province have caused incalculable loss; but nature is a great repairer and restorer even of forests, as even in my time has been proved in a number of instances; so, with such associations as yours, and present day enlightenment on the subject, much better things in these respects may be said to be in sight."

Most Rev. S. P. Matheson, D.D., Archbishop of Rupert's Land, and Primate of the Anglican Church in Canada, Chancellor of the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.—"It was very kind of the Canadian Forestry Association to ask me to their banquet and also to the annual meeting. It