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point, but that they regard it as a national question; it is Dominion wide, it is Imperial wide, and it is in that conception of this great question that the natural resources of this country can best be conserved, not only for the people of to-day but for all time to come. We have learned from him, too, the splendid spirit of fairness with which the province has co-operated, in the development of its natural resources and their protection, with the people who are interested in getting access to those resources and making them marketable and merchantable. In my own native province, and in many of the rest of the provinces, the natural resources have been more or less developed, but we all know, the whole world knows, that British Columbia is practically the last great area which civilization and exploitation has not already taken possession of with regard to natural resources. The natural resources of British Columbia are almost boundless, and Sir Richard McBride has told us that notwithstanding the immense extent of these resources long since proper precautions have been taken to preserve them to posterity, and that his Government is taking the position that it is merely acting as trustee in the holding of these vast possessions for the present and future generations. We have all listened to Sir Richard with the greatest interest. We know that he is a very busy man, that he has other important business engaging his attention and we appreciate the fact that it is more than good of him to come here this morning and deliver such a splendid, short, pithy address showing us the manner in which the natural resources of his province are being dealt with by him and his Government.

I move that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Sir Richard McBride, and ask Senator Pope to second the motion.

Senator R. H. POPE: Mr. Chairman, it is with the very greatest pleasure that I second the motion of my honourable friend, Mr. Macdonell. I am very much pleased with Sir Richard's address. All his personal friends, of whom there are so many in this part of the country, are delighted to see him enjoying such good health. It shows that conservation is not confined to any particular asset, but has extended to himself as well. I have much pleasure in seconding this motion.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the vote of thanks moved by Mr. A. C. Macdonell, of Toronto, and seconded by Senator Pope, that the thanks of this committee, and of this meeting, be tendered to Sir Richard McBride for his very valuable address. (Applause.)

I have much pleasure, on behalf of the committee and other gentlemen present, Sir Richard, in presenting to you this very hearty vote of thanks. We regard it as a very great privilege that such a busy man as yourself has spared sufficient time to present the valuable facts you have given the committee.

Sir RICHARD MCBRIDE: Mr. Blain and Gentlemen, I appreciate very much the vote of thanks you have just given me. All I can say is, that if any member of the committee happen to be in Victoria when the next session of the Provincial House is on, and it is my good fortune to still continue there, come prepared to go before the Legislature on conservation.

Committee adjourned.