

THE FORESTRY CONGRESS.

Preliminary Proceedings—Affiliation of the Canadian and American Associations—The Delegates—The Meetings and Addresses.

The Forestry Congress began its opening session at two o'clock yesterday afternoon in the well-appointed chambers set apart for the use of the Association at 132 St. James street.

Prof. Hough nominated, in the absence of the President, the Hon H G Joly, one of the Vice-Presidents, as temporary President of the Congress.

Mr. J. A. Warder, first vice-president of the Association, said the American Association had come here prepared to co-operate with this Congress, and to submit to whatever the committee should recommend to-morrow.

Mr. O B Kelly, Crown Timber Agent of the Province of Quebec, offered for the inspection of the Congress, a box containing 44 specimens of Canadian wood, natural on one side and varnished on the other.

The delegates then divided into sections the general meeting adjourning until this morning at ten o'clock.

THE DELEGATES.

The following delegates from a distance were in attendance at the Congress yesterday:

- Bureau Senator, St Remi; Butler A W, Brockville, Ind; Beall C, Lindsay, Brocks; O Three Rivers; Beaulieu D W, Barnes Wm S, Baskerville; P S, Chatham; Beyron J G H, Baskerville; Brigham D, Phillipsburg; Bell C E, representing Crown Lands Department, Quebec; Beauport E L, Cape Vincent, N.Y.; Briscoe E C, Minneapolis, Mo.

- Chandler—Chicago; Chaffers W H, St. Catharines; Chapuis J C, Vancouver; Crabb J G, Sorel; Chapman C, Toronto; Cowper G B, Toronto; Charlton E J, Quebec; Charleson J B, Quebec; Cuthbert E O, Barter; Chester F W, Quebec; Chandler G H, St. John, N.B.

- Dean Harmon, Shelby Co, O; Denton J M, London, Ont; Dempsey P E, Trenton Ont; Dunn L H, Quebec; Dall Caroline H, Washington, D.C.; Dwyer G E, Suttonville; Dwyer E A, Sutton; Douglall J, Windsor; Dawes T H, Lachine; Desrivieres F G, Desrivieres; Douglall John, New York; Du Verney F H, Toronto.

- Emerson N P, Sutton Junction; Emory Dr J G, Fort Burwell; Emory Vernon H, Hamilton; Fernow B E, Staington, Pa; Fyles Rev T W, Cowanville; Field J G, Stanstead; Fulton Rev James, Lachine.

- Gullault E, M P, Joliette; Gillies Jas, Carleton Place; Gillies John, Braxside; Gibbs Thos N, Ottawa; Glued C E, Topeka, Kansas; Hough Prof F B, Washington; Hicks J S, Rossby; Hope Jas, Toronto; Howard J W, Chamby; Hyatt Jas, Stantonville, N.Y.

- Joly Hon H G, Quebec; Jones W J, Bonaventure; Jonetto S N, New York; K—Kieser Chas E, Cincinnati, O; Kay Andrew, Granby, P. Q.; Keefe P C, Ottawa; Kerr Thos, Toronto; Kerr Walter, Kamptville, Ont; King Rev E A W, Lewis, P. Q.

- Little L G, New York; Little J, Cote St. Antoine; Logue C, Manitowick; Lynch Hon W W, Quebec; Mohr Prof Chas, Mobile, Ala; Martin J R, Cayuse; Mathiot, H G, Three Rivers; Manning J W, Manning H G, Reading, Mass; Mills W H, Hamilton; Miles H B, L.L.D., Quebec; Moffatt J R G, London, Eng; Mills W B, Beauport, N. B.; Martin B, Martin E, Martin W, Hamilton; Mitchell C W, Ottawa; Massou L H, Varennes; Mills Jas, M.A., President Agricultural College, Guelph; Morris D, St. Theres; McCosville P W, Joliette.

- Norman J B, Three Rivers; Nagle R, Ottawa; Norris John, Rosebail Ely; Palnchard Dr C F, Varennes; Pardoire Avern, Toronto; Peller Geo F, Powaneco; Wis; Perrault J H, Varennes; Pell D, Pembroke.

- Quinn Stephen J, St Hyacinthe; Russell A J, Russell J Enly, Ottawa; Renaud Eugene, Montgomery; Ritchie William, Three Rivers; Russell A G, Ottawa; Rodriguez J, Jacksonville; Ross W G, St. Nicholas; Robitaille L A, Quebec; Rolly Jas, Sherbrooke.

- Samuelson W, London; Studer J H, Columbus; O, Stetson John, Toronto; Stephen John, Chicago; T—Tacho E E, Quebec; Thistle W N, Ottawa; Tracy W W, Detroit, Mich; U—Ulrich Alfred, Dresden, Saxony; W—Warder Dr J A, North Bend, O; Wilson H W, Boston; Whiteside E, Cambridge; Whitsett W H, London, Ont; Westover D, Freilighsburg; Y—Young W C, Ottawa.

A public meeting was held last night in Queen's Hall, at which the subject of Forestry was discussed at length by delegates to the Congress.

and the question was not one which awakened a very powerful echo in the hearts of its inhabitants. It was thought that we had an inexhaustible supply of wood, and we pointed with pride to the rafts of timber which floated down our rivers and to the vessels which took our lumber abroad. We thought that we supplied not only Great Britain with lumber but also a large part of the continent. Canada, however, did not send to England one-fourth of the lumber she consumed, while what we sent to other parts of Europe was but a drop of water added to the sea.

Dr. Hough, the next speaker, called attention to the cause which had led to the establishment of the American Forestry Congress, and proceeded to discuss the questions of the maintenance and restoration of forests. The subject was one which he thought should exercise the attention of men of science and men of business, and unless the question was given proper consideration the rapid exhaustion of our natural supplies would result in very great inconvenience.

Another of those impressive and touching ceremonies, characteristic of the Catholic religion, took place in the Convent at Villa Maria. Eight Sisters were professed and fifteen took the religious habit. From early morning the friends of the young ladies who took part in the reception arrived at the Convent and were shown to the chapel, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

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The U. S. Tariff Commissioners received a communication from the Consul at Londonderry, Ireland, suggesting the removal of the duty of 100 cents per bushel on potatoes; also a communication recommending the abolition of the duty on lumber and the imposition of an export duty on it.

SCOTCH NEWS.

(From the Glasgow Herald, Aug. 18th.)

On Saturday morning, about half past six William Logie of the firm of John Logie & Son, china merchants, Montrose, was found suspended from a hook in the roof of the kitchen of his father's house quite dead.

A Greenock correspondent states that the man Westgate, who was arrested in Venezuela in connection with the Pleasant Park murders, was at one time resident in Greenock, and was employed as a porter at the Dublin steamer.

It is expected in Nithsdale that the Queen will pay a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch at Drumlanrig Castle on or about the 23rd of August. Confirmatory to the report, it is mentioned that extensive preparations have already been commenced for Her Majesty's reception.

On Monday, at Falkirk Sheriff Court, J. Robertson, coal-wheeler from Grangemouth, pleaded guilty to a charge of running off with a steam engine, the property of the Caledonian Railway Company, on Saturday night.

The amount of new tonnage put into the water during the month of July by the various firms on the Clyde is pretty considerable, 21 firms of an aggregate tonnage of 25,480 tons having been launched from the stocks.

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THE AGRICULTURAL CONGRESS.

Papers on the Mineral Constituents in Plant Growth and on the Yellows of the Peach.

The third annual meeting of the Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science was commenced on Monday morning in the Natural History Society Rooms on University Street. The membership of the Society is limited to 40, and the qualifications for admission to its ranks are of a high standard, so that it represents the cream of agricultural thought and experience.

Prof. F. Penhallow, of Houghton Experiment Farm, Orange County, N. Y., was then called upon and read a paper written by Prof. C. A. Gosseman, Massachusetts Agricultural College, and entitled:—

MINERAL CONSTITUENTS IN PLANT GROWTH. Of which the following is a summary:—The recognition of the important influence which certain mineral constituents of plants exert on plant growth, has contributed greatly to the success of modern agriculture. The presence of mineral constituents in an available form in the soil is essential for the reproduction of any plant from its seed.

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COMMENTS AND CLIPPINGS.

Wilhelmina Boussean, known to all Philadelphia as a beggar, accumulated about \$15,000 in five years, and has returned to Belgium with her fortune.

British soldiers in Egypt are to wear a uniform which includes three primary colors—beets of untanned buff yellow leather, blue trousers, and scarlet red jackets.

Four fashionable London theatres, the Royalty, Prince of Wales, Strand and Criterion, are ordered closed by the Lord Chamberlain, who considers them fire traps.

Even the Indians are becoming prohibitionists out West. Some of the red men at the Pine Ridge agency, Dakota, have asked the agent to post notices offering \$50 reward for evidence by which any person is convicted of furnishing liquor to Indians under the law, and the savages will themselves pay the money.

Naturalists in Pittsburgh are discussing the reasoning powers of animals, the subject, being suggested by the suicide of a dog. Its leg was broken, and it writhed piteously for several days. Finally, in an apparent fit of desperation, it jumped out to the bridge and jumped into the river.

Antoine Gerin-Lajolle, who recently died at Ottawa, will be long remembered by his countrymen in Canada, for he wrote their national song, "O Canada, O Canada." There is hardly a man, woman, or child in Canada who does not know the simple song by heart, and it can be heard almost any evening among the Canadians of New England factory towns and in the French settlements of the far West.

Parliament is considerably Anglicized. The cafes are taking the names of taverns and bars. The aristocracy give their children English names, and it is considered the right thing to have none but English servants and speak to them in English.

AN AGED GARDENER'S ACCOUNT OF HIS CONFINEMENT IN THE MINOLDA ASYLUM.

Asstin McNamara, who for four years has been confined in the Queen's County Asylum for the Insane, and who was discharged on Monday by Justice Bernard on the ground that he was wholly rational, has returned to his former residence at Laurel Hill, near the entrance of Calvary Cemetery, where he lived when he was gardener for the cemetery under the appointment of Archbishop Hughes.

One of the keepers, he says, jumped on his chest one day with all his force, and then they strapped him about the legs with a heavy strap, and kept him so hard about the legs as well as before. While in the asylum, he says, he was kept in filthy surroundings, and was fed upon small potatoes and mush.

As to the two men who were killed in the asylum while he was there, he says that they were murdered by a lunatic, who wrenched a lid off a closet and struck a man from College Point upon the head with it. In spite of this assault, both were locked up in the same room that night, and during the night the murderous lunatic choked the patient from College Point to death, and a few nights afterward killed another patient, who was from Rushing, in the same way.

McNamara affirmed other instances of cruelty and indifference to patients when at the point of death. He says that the men who are employed as keepers are ignorant emigrants taken fresh from Castle Garden because they are cheap. He says that many deaths occurred in the asylum that should have been investigated by a Coroner.

McNamara, who is about 65 years old, seems to be wholly sane. His eyes are clear and frank in expression. Summing up his experience in the asylum, he said:—What I suffered during those four years no one will ever know besides God Almighty and myself. He explained that he secured warrants for the arrest of some persons who assaulted him in 1873, and pending their prosecution he was taken sick. When he recovered he was entrapped into going to Jamaica, and was committed upon certificates signed by Dr. Wood and Hendrickson.

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REVIEW OF BOOKS.

CATHOLIC FLOWERS FROM PROTESTANT GARDENS. This is the title of an interesting volume recently edited by Mr. James J. Treacy. The work has met with general favor, and the Holy Father has been pleased to send the editor His Apostolic Benediction.

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