

OUR FOREST PROBLEMS

Second Day's Discussion at Ottawa Forestry Convention.

Actual Value of Forestry to the Farmers of Ontario—Experimental Farm Forestry and the Work It Has Done in the West—133 Bank Managers Join the Forestry Association—Same Problem in States.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—The Canadian Forestry Convention was favored yesterday with the presence of His Excellency Earl Grey, together with the Countess Grey. Sir Wilfrid Laurier presided. A telegram was read from the Hon. J. H. J. de Lotbiniere, of British Columbia, expressing sympathy with the object of the meeting. A message was also read from Byron Walker, stating that the 133 managers of the Canadian Bank of Commerce had been made members of the Canadian Forestry Association.

Experimental Farm Forestry.—The first paper read was, "Forestry on the Experimental Farm," by Dr. Saunders, the Director of Experimental Farms. It was stated that the total number of trees distributed among the settlers in the Canadian Northwest since 1888 was about two millions and the quantity of tree seeds about ten and one-half tons. As each pound of this tree seed with reasonable care might be expected to produce five hundred to eight hundred seedlings it was not surprising that the results of this work were everywhere apparent. As to tree planting at the experimental farms the fact was noted that while the pine planted in 1888 was now 25 feet high and measured 9.1-2 inches in diameter at trunk 4.1-2 feet from the ground, a white spruce planted in 1890 was now 22 feet high and measured 5.3-4 inches in diameter at trunk 4.1-2 feet from the ground. The results of tree-planting on British Columbia were given, showing that some hardwood trees of the west could there be raised and with more rapid growth than was the case here.

(Rev. A. E. Burke, Alberton, P. E. I., read a paper on "Farm Forestry for the Eastern Provinces.")

Work in the West.—Mr. Norman M. Ross, Assistant Superintendent of Forestry, gave a minute description of the methods of forestation followed in the West. He explained the relations between the settlers and the Government nurseries. Trees and cuttings were sent out as follows: 1901, 18,000; 1902, 45,000; 1903, 520,000; 1904, 1,500,000; 1905, 1,500,000; ready for next spring, 2,100,000; totals, 7,347,000.

This would plant 2,700 acres, and is the plantations from one half to fifteen acres. Planting in the western forest reserves is concentrated in the following: Prof. Zavitz, lecturer on Forestry in the Ontario Agricultural College, discussed "The Agricultural Forest Problem." He described the reasons for the practice of forestry in an agricultural country like Ontario as depending on: (1) aesthetic reasons; (2) protection of the soil; (3) financial investment. Upon the first he spoke briefly, remarking that a treeless waste would be a poor country in which to live. Upon the second he spoke at some length, noting the benefits to field crops by keeping the snow on the ground, the danger in spring of the regulation of the flow of streams, the protection of orchards from winds, and the prevention of excessive dryness by arresting the sweep of winds.

The Financial Aspect.—Mr. Zavitz's financial argument was that a farmer's wood lot should yield yearly one cord per acre per annum. If this increment were two-thirds of a cord, and the price were \$6 a cord, the return would be \$4 a acre. The average rental of farm lands in Ontario is \$2.49 a year. Some Saxons forests have produced from \$10 to \$15 an acre a year, and the prices of wood in Ontario are often higher than in Germany. Upon this point of view Mr. Zavitz based a close examination of Ontario conditions, advocating a rational adaptation of products to soil and conditions.

Same Problem in the States.—A discussion followed, in which Mr. C. C. LaRiviere, ex-M. P., representing the Manitoba Government; Mr. J. D. Allan, president of the Toronto Board of Trade; Hon. Mr. Tiesler, Minister of Agriculture for Quebec; Mr. A. P. Stevenson, Inspector of Tree Planting in Manitoba; Dr. Schenck of Baltimore, Md.; and Mr. Gifford Pinchot, head of the Forestry service of the United States, took part. The last named gentleman said he had been struck with the admirable progress made in tree planting in the Canadian west, and for this Mr. Stevenson and his assistants deserved great credit. The United States was dealing with a similar problem, and he hoped to see both countries planting or seeding a million acres every year.

The Afternoon Session.—At the afternoon session, Senator Edwards delivered an address in which he took strong ground in favor of preserving the forests. He said the lumbermen are the friends, not the enemies of the forest. The enemy is the bush farmer and the settler, who to produce a few dollars worth of potatoes destroys hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of pine.

J. B. Miller, president of the Ontario Lumbermen's Association also laid the blame for destruction of the forest on others than the lumbermen.

F. C. Whitman read a paper on the forests of Nova Scotia, showing that the climatic conditions are conducive to rapid growth of trees.

Wm. Little, of Westmount, read a paper on the lumber industry and the forest. He urged the appointment of a commission to investigate the lumber resources.

A paper of interest was that read by H. M. Price, president of the Pulpwood Association of the Province of Quebec, on the pulpwood industry. He condemned a proposed tax on pulpwood.

The Banquet.—The banquet at the Russell House last evening, in connection with the forestry convention, was presided over by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and at the head table were Earl Grey, R. L. Borden, United States Consul-General Foster, Japanese Consul Noshi, Hon. Sydney

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Fisher, Hon. Mr. Oliver and others, Earl Grey congratulated Sir Wilfrid on the success of the convention, which he trusted would meet the anticipations he had in calling it.

In proposing the health of "Our Guests," Gifford Pinchot, Dr. Schenck and Dr. Ferrow, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, referred to the cordial relations between Canada and the United States, and said he did not despair of seeing Canada, the States and Great Britain again united as a race, at the head of civilization.

Mr. Pinchot, chief of the United States forest service, in reply, endorsed the views of Sir Wilfrid, and said the time is inevitably coming when the three countries would set the standard for righteousness, civilization and peace for all the world.

Dr. Fallow said education was the best means to preserve the forest, and he favored such education as would make the French wood-chopper know why he cut timber differently.

R. L. Borden said the question of forestry was one on which there should be no political division. The opposition would be only too glad to support reasonable measure brought in by the Government.

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DISTRICT DOINGS. BLENHEIM

Jan. 12.—The semi-annual installation of the officers of the Rond Eau Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., will take place on Friday, Jan. 19, by D. D. G. M. P. McGee, of Merlin.

The organization meeting of the town council took place on Monday last, when all the members of the Board except T. B. Shillington were present. All present were sworn into office. The following committees were struck: Board of Works, Morris and Eagles; Fire, Water and Light, Shillington and Henry; Property, Biggar and Morgan; Charity, Morgan and Eagles; Cemetery, Henry and Morris; Park Directors, Eagles, Biggar and Morgan; Finance, Shillington and Biggar; Court of Revision, Bacon, Shillington, Henry, Biggar and Morgan.

The annual meeting of the Harwich Agricultural Society was held on Wednesday afternoon in the Township Hall. President B. Stewart occupied the chair. The different reports were read, which showed that the society was in a fairly prosperous condition. The following officers were elected: President, R. W. Watt; vice-president, Sam. Burk; 2nd vice-president, Geo. Thompson; directors, B. Stewart, A. Denholm, J. D. McPherson, Jos. O. Laird, D. Samson, E. B. Toke, L. H. Edmonds, C. McGuigan, Robert Hamill; auditors, P. Goughill and J. W. Fleming. It was decided to hold 1906 fall fair on Oct. 3 and 4.

The adjourned meeting of the Public Library will be held on Jan. 15, 1906, in the reading room at 8 p. m.

The result of the game of carpet ball between the A. O. U. W. and the I. O. O. F. resulted as follows:

A. O. U. W.	I. O. O. F.
S. Wodehouse,	Geo. McKibbin,
Wm. Stratton,	P. Hulse,
W. J. Grant,	A. Brethout,
L. F. Johnson,	D. Eagles,
Geo. Taylor,	G. M. Baird,
Skip	Skip
Thos. Sample,	C. Burk,
F. Pilon,	Chas. Reynolds,
Chas. Clark,	W. T. Pegg,
D. Muekle,	J. Wardle,
W. R. Greenwood,	D. Tedford,
Skip	Skip
25	36

TILBURY

Jan. 12.—Mrs. Wm. Prendergast has returned from a visit with relatives in Leamington.

Mrs. Gaines Graham and daughter, of Windfall, are spending the week with the former's mother, Mrs. H. C. Clingham.

John Cootts, of Tilbury East, has returned from an extended visit in Regina. He will leave for the Northwest next month.

N. Smith attended a poultry show in Detroit this week, and took several prizes in the Minor class from the eight birds he exhibited.

Miss Morton will conduct services in the Methodist Church on Sunday next.

R. P. Adams intends opening a butcher shop in the Rosell block. Mrs. Edmonds is visiting relatives in Leamington.

A meeting of the Farmers' Institute will be held in Valetta Town Hall on Thursday next.

WORLD OF SPORT

HOCKEY

The Chatham Hockey team will play a game here next Tuesday with the Essex team.

This team played a tie game with Amherstburg, 3-3, and Chatham was defeated in Detroit by a score of 3-2, so that the teams in the league are very evenly matched. Chatham will be considerably strengthened on Tuesday, and should pull off a victory.

ATTACK A MONEY TRAIN.

Two Volleys From Infantry Kill 65 Revolutionists—Car Clings to Autocratic Power.

Riga, Livonia, Jan. 12.—News has just reached this city of a daring attempt of the revolutionists to capture a military train conveying a large sum of money from St. Petersburg to Libau.

A band of revolutionists having advance information gathered at Riga, not, burned two bridges and tore up the track. Two companies of infantry which were escorting the train left the cars and were joined by a detachment of dragoons. This force marched against the revolutionists who from behind improvised defences, opened fire on the soldiers.

The infantry, after firing two volleys, which killed sixty-five and wounded nearly 100 of the revolutionists, charged with the bayonet, and the dragoons completed the rout by sabring of the revolutionists they overtook.

Not An Inch Beyond Manifesto.—St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—Premier Witte, according to the Novoye Vremya, at his reception Wednesday of the delegation, headed by the Mayor of St. Petersburg, which called on him to request a relaxation of the orders of the prefect of police against meetings in the interest of the electoral campaign, declared emphatically that the Government would not go an inch beyond the imperial manifesto in the question of transforming the National Assembly into a constituent assembly for the purpose of formulating a constitution and will not tolerate any attempt to do so, which would make it a revolutionary assembly and subject to dissolution by the Emperor.

Clings to Autocratic Power.—The Novoye Vremya also claims that the Premier announced that the Emperor had not abrogated autocratic power and could still by an imperial manifesto, broaden, abridge and even abolish the rights granted to the people. Continuing the paper quotes Premier Witte, as saying that much is expected of the Manchurian army in the restoration of order in Russia.

Prefect Assassinated.—Irkutsk, Siberia, Jan. 12.—The Prefect of Police Dragomiroff has been assassinated. The murderer escaped.

Orders for bookbinding should be left at this office. It is surprising to find a volume can be made of those magazines, even though they are somewhat soiled from much handling. Books, magazines, or periodicals bound or rebound in any style at very reasonable prices. Blank books such as journals, ledgers, day books, with any kind of ruling, made to order. All work warranted first class.

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You may have your choice of any OVERCOAT, all colors; any BUSINESS SUIT, and any TROUSERS in the store at **25 to 35 Per Cent. Less** money than you could have bought them one week ago to-day. Price tags with original markings are absolutely unchanged. Have you seen what we offer? If not, then favor us with a call. You are not obliged to buy.

Here's a Partial List of Our Bargains During This Sale.

Hart Schaffner & Marks \$25.00 Suit or Overcoat for \$16.85.

Choice of any other Suits, regular prices \$16.50, \$17.50, \$18.50 and \$20.00 lines for \$12.50.

Choice of any \$12.50, \$13.50, \$14.00 and \$15.00 Suits or Overcoats for \$10.00.

Choice of any \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50 and \$10.00 Suits or Overcoats for \$7.75.

TROUSERS—25 to 35 per cent. less than former prices.

GLOVES AND UNDERWEAR are also included in this sale.

Be on hand early Tomorrow Morning. Positively no goods sold at cut prices before 8 o'clock To-morrow Morning.

All Winter Goods must go.

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