

The early construction of the Transcontinental Railway, and of other railways, through our northern forested districts and the consequent opening of those districts to general traffic, will increase the danger from fire which has already been a most active agent of destruction.

These conditions are not new; they have from time to time received public attention, and during the Session just closed Parliament authorized the summoning of a convention for the more thorough discussion of the same.

I therefore hereby call a public convention to meet in the City of Ottawa on the 10th, 11th and 12th of January, 1906, under the auspices of the Canadian Forestry Association, and to this convention are specially invited:

Members of the Senate and House of Commons,
Lieutenant-Governors of the Provinces,
Members of Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies
of the Provinces,
Dominion and Provincial Forest Officials,
Members of the Canadian Forestry Association,
Representatives of Lumbermen's Associations,
Representatives of Boards of Trade,
Representatives of Universities,
Representatives of Agricultural Colleges,
Representatives of Farmers' Institutes,
Representatives of Railway Companies,
Representatives of the Canadian Mining Institute,
Representatives of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers,
Representatives of Associations of Land Surveyors,
Representatives of Fish and Game Associations, and
All others who take an interest in Forestry.

An invitation is also extended to the Bureau of Forestry of the United States, the American Forestry Association and the State Forestry Bureaus and Associations to send representatives to this Convention.

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