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Memorandum re Empire Forestry Conference 1923.

The proposal is the outcome of the 1920 Conference in London when it was decided that the conference should be held triennially. The desire was also expressed to hold the next conference in Canada in 1923. The matter has been submitted several times during the past year and a half. It is felt that courtesy to the Imperial Government requires that the proposal be dealt with without further delay. Also, it will take several months to organize, and the other services of the Empire will require time to prepare their data.

Advantages to Canada.

- (1) In some quarters abroad prejudices exist regarding Canadian timber. In large measure this is due to inadequate knowledge of our forest conditions and species. Much difficulty in this regard may be removed, and Canadian trade thereby increased. The Conference will also amplify the effect on trade of our forest products exhibit at the Empire Exhibition in 1924.
- (2) Repeated disastrous fires (e.g. Northern Ontario and British Columbia, this year) demonstrate the necessity of conservation. Conservation is dependent for its success upon aroused public sentiment. The Conference will do much to arouse public opinion.
- (3) If Canada is to continue as a source of supply of forest products for the world markets, her forests must be handled on the basis of sustained yield. This principle is not as yet sufficiently recognized here, and the presence in this country of men from countries where forest management is handled on a rational basis will force to the attention of Canadians that we cannot afford to eat into our woods capital, nor neglect the most valuable asset of the forest, namely, its power of regeneration when properly handled.
- (4) The Conference will offer a unique opportunity for discussion of forest policy, forestry education and research. Canada may benefit greatly by the presence of eminent foresters who may be consulted, on the ground, regarding some phases of our forest problems.
- (5) The Conference will invigorate the efforts of forestry organizations throughout the Dominion.

Recommendations.

- (1) The official meetings to be held in Ottawa, and a tour to be arranged to give delegates the opportunity of seeing at first hand Canadian forest conditions and industries.
- (2) An official communication to be sent to the Imperial Government and the Dominions, inviting them to meet in Canada in 1923.
- (3) The sum of \$30,000 to be provided by the Dominion, and this sum to be augmented by contributions from the provinces and the industries

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