

The Canadian Forestry Association could not hold its intended Convention, and some other lines of work will be shut off, but the remaining lines that are not shut off must be worked, so that a year hence, fifty years hence, the cause will be further ahead than it is today. Keeping up the regular institutions of the country is not such spectacular work as some other kinds, but it is just as necessary to the well-being of the state.

#### DR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

Dr. William Saunders, C.M.G., LL.D., F.R.S.C., for twenty-five years Director of Dominion Experimental Farms, died at his residence in London, Ont., on September 13, in his seventy-ninth year. He had been ill for about two years. Dr. Saunders' work for agriculture in Canada is so well known that it is necessary only to refer to it briefly. Born in Devonshire, England, he came to Canada when he was twelve years old. He was in early life a wholesale and manufacturing chemist, and was one of the founders of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, of which he was president for two years. He was founder and president for several years of the Ontario Entomological Society, and for thirteen years edited the *Canadian Entomologist*. He was president of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, of the Association for the Promotion of Agricultural Science, and of the Biological Section of the Royal Society of Canada, and was made an honorary member of many important societies.

In 1885 he was selected by the Dominion Government to inspect experimental farms in different countries, and in the three years following the Government established the five original experimental farms and appointed him Director, which post he held till about two years ago, when failing

health compelled his retirement. In that period Dr. Saunders built up an international reputation, especially in the field of cereal development. He also did much to develop the plums and other native fruits of western Canada. At the time of the establishment of the experimental farms agriculture in the Canadian West was still in the doubtful stage, and the success of wheat growing in the west has been, in a large measure, due to the work of these farms.



The Late Dr. Saunders.

It will be seen from the above that Dr. Saunders was a man of wide sympathies, one who looked upon farming as part of the national life. In this outlook he included forestry, and he was one of the earliest members of the Canadian Forestry Association, and one of its first Directors. In those days, before conservation was popular, or even tolerated, it had a vigorous champion in Dr. Saunders.

Not only did he believe in forestry in the forests, but he believed in farm forestry. The arboretum and forest belts at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, the plantations at