

Thursday was made, in honour of Her Majesty the Queen, a day of rest and recreation. During the forenoon a large party visited the Central Experimental Farm, and were conducted over the grounds by the Director and his staff, who fully explained the many interesting experiments in progress in the several departments. A Luncheon and Garden Party at Government House, to the members and delegates, was given by Their Excellencies, whose delightful hospitality was greatly enjoyed. The society sent through His Excellency a cable message of congratulation to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, to which a gracious reply was promptly transmitted.

Friday morning was occupied by the sections in completing their work and electing their officers, and in the afternoon a general meeting of the society was held, at which the reports of the sections were received, several Fellows elected, and various important matters discussed. The meeting was closed by the election of the following officers for the present year:—President, Mr. J. M. LeMoine, Quebec; Vice-President, Dr. Selwyn; Hon.-Sec., Dr. Bourinot; Hon.-Treas., Mr. Fletcher.

An eloquent and forcible lecture was delivered in the evening by Prof. B. E. Fernow, Chief of the Division of Forestry, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, his subject being the "Battle of the forest." He graphically portrayed, first the long fight for the possession of the earth's surface and the formation of soil; next the conflicts of the various species and the struggle for the most favorable habitats; finally, the defeat by man, and the destruction of the more valuable forms. With axe and fire, not only the forest is removed, but often the very soil which it had taken so many ages to accumulate and prepare. The interest of the lecture was much enhanced by numerous beautiful illustrations. This address, read in conjunction with that of Prof. Macoun should impress upon all thoughtful persons the necessity for a more comprehensive and rational system of using our forests.

The success of this meeting of the society was contributed to by the following distinguished scientists from the United States, (who were present by invitation), Prof. O. C. Marsh, Dr. S. Scudder and Prof. B. E. Fernow. Rt. Hon. James Brice (London Eng.), Sir James Hector (Wellington, N. Z.), and Dr. S. H. Scudder (Washington U.S.), were