

Annual Meeting of The Association

President Miller's Report Takes Note of Conservation Progress Throughout Dominion—Directors Tell of Successful Year.

The Annual Meeting in Brief

Hon. Sydney Fisher, chosen President for 1917; Mr. Gordon C. Edwards, Vice-President.

Directors' Report stated that 1007 new members had been added in 1916. Sum of \$1310 raised for Publicity Extension. Thirty-seven public illustrated lectures given; other lectures by the "forest travelogue" outfit supplied to local speakers. Free cartoons appeared in hundreds of newspapers. Large numbers of special articles supplied to the press. School children and Boy Scouts brought into touch with forest conservation movement. Successful campaign waged in Ontario for reform of the forest protection system.

Receipts for 1916 totalled \$8,622.12 and expenditures \$8,038.37, leaving a balance of \$583.75.

The Eighteenth annual Meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association was held at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, on Monday, January 15th. In accord with the policy of holding no conventions until the close of the war, the day was divided into two sessions, with a business meeting in the morning and addresses and discussion in the afternoon, the attendance for the latter being particularly good. In the evening a banquet was held at the Laurentian Club.

The report of the President, Lt. Col. J. B. Miller (President of the Polson Iron Works, Toronto) with the

Directors' report, and other proceedings of the morning meeting are given in the following pages. Hon. Sydney Fisher was elected President and Gordon C. Edwards, vice-president for the current year. Mr. J. T. Horne the nominee of the Fort William Board of Trade, was elected a director in succession to the late Mr. John Hendry, of Vancouver. Two changes were made in the list of Territorial Vice-Presidents, Hon. T. D. Pattullo replacing Hon. W. R. Ross for British Columbia, and Hon. W. M. Martin replacing Hon. Walter Scott for Saskatchewan.

The President's Report

The Canadian Forestry Association has passed through a year in which its national usefulness has been put to more than ordinary tests. While public interest was directly focused upon the prosecution of war, with all other patriotic concerns in abeyance, one might have anticipated a period

in which the Association would be obliged to mark time. The deepened patriotism of the Canadian people, however, has expressed itself not only in military activities but in the development of a more intelligent and generous interest in great civil undertakings such as the national movement for forest conservation.