

responsibilities. The wise and prudent men are those who know how to take advantage of what the future holds for them and are, at the same time, willing to accept its responsibilities. You are among those who see into the future, and you are trying to preserve our forest wealth, which will always be one of the greatest factors in the prosperity of our country, if it be wisely exploited and preserved. It is to assure this protection and this conservation of our forests that you have formed this Association and that you are meeting here to-day. I cannot too strongly congratulate you on this, for in our time association has become the strongest means of action that man can employ. Nothing can resist the solidarity of the Association, which, for the weakness of individual effort, substitutes the steady pressure of a mass animated by one idea and marching toward the same end. Your work, your studies, thanks to the publicity which will be given them, will awaken and fashion public opinion and will impose themselves upon the attention of public authorities for whom you will have thus facilitated the work that must be carried out by them. This will be your triumph and your reward, for you seek before everything the best interests of our common country."

The President of the Association briefly and felicitously addressed the meeting on the work of the Association and the need of arousing public opinion to the need of improved forestry methods and adequate protection from fire and other causes of the destruction of our forests. He congratulated the members on the presence of such eminent representatives of the Church as were then with them and spoke in terms of highest eulogy of what had already been accomplished by them in arousing interest in forest preservation, and even in reforestation, through their representatives in country districts. Mr. Price's address is printed in full elsewhere in this issue of *The Forestry Journal*.

His Grace, the Archbishop of Montreal, was received with applause that proved that those who were about to listen to him appreciated the importance of his presence and the impetus that would be given in the Province of Quebec to the work of the Forestry Association from the mere fact of his being present at and addressing the opening meeting. His Grace spoke in French, and even those who did not understand that language were captivated and encouraged by his evident earnestness and enthusiasm. After reading a few extracts from a recent article by Monsignor Laflamme whom he quoted as having said truly that the question of forestry was one of the most important of the age. His Grace continued:

"I have just read in your programme that your Association was founded in 1905, and I am astonished that no one thought sooner of establishing so beneficial an organization. But if there have been delays, we shall hope that they are at an end. We shall