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THE WINNIPEG CONVENTION.

The Winnipeg Convention has passed. It was both encouraging and steadying; encouraging in point of attendance, in interest (in a prairie centre not previously known to be interested in forestry) and in the tone of the papers and discussion; and steadying, humbling if you will, in drawing attention to the smallness of the work yet done in the vast field that ought to be covered.

The Winnipeg Convention was the first attempt to carry the war of forestry propaganda into central Canada. This is not overlooking the successful meeting at Regina in 1909 but that was rather a gathering of workers than an attempt to awaken the general public to the need of conservation. This, then was the first organized campaign, and on the whole the results were encouraging. The numbers were not as large as those at Quebec or Ottawa or Victoria but then, up to the present, Winnipeg has been looked upon as anything rather than a timber or forestry center. It was not easy to fix a date for the meeting and the one selected had as its chief disadvantage the fact that it came in the same week as the Winnipeg Exhibition. Some people were kept away by the fear that the hotels would be overcrowded but the chief difficulty to be apprehended was that of the newspapers being so crowded with Exhibition reports that forestry matters would get scant space. As it turned out, however, the Winnipeg daily newspapers, weeklies and trade journals took up forest conservation with energy, and during and preceding the convention scores of columns of well-informed and appreciative

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