

THE LATE JOHN BERTRAM.

It is with profound regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mr. John Bertram, of Toronto, which took place on the 28th November, 1904. It is only necessary to read the last Annual Report of the Canadian Forestry Association to understand the loss which the Association has suffered in his removal. The paper read by him on "Forest Management in Ontario," the interested and strong way in which he took part in the discussions, and the kindly manner in which, at the close of proceedings, he referred to the pleasure which he had felt at being present, and to his hopes of attending the next meeting at the City of Quebec, all show how much and how deeply the Association has been indebted to him. From the beginning of its career he gave it hearty support, and had previously, in the year 1901, contributed a paper on "The Economic Management of Pine Forests," which attracted a great deal of attention, and first gave to many people the idea that an improvement in forest exploitation was possible. At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Association.

This explains why the Forestry Association should mourn Mr. Bertram's death. But his activities were far more widespread than the forestry movement. A successful business man, he had large interests on his hands in the Bertram Engine Works Company, and in the Collins' Inlet Lumber Company, and although he did not enter active politics, except for the short time from 1872 to 1878, when he sat as a member of the House of Commons, he always took a live interest in public questions, and their discussion, and gave large public service. As a member of the Ontario Forestry Commission appointed in 1897, he did valuable service to the province, and helped to shape the policy of steady progress in forest administration which that province has shown. And in his private business he carried out the forestry principles which he advocated in public, for the limits of the Collins' Inlet Lumber Company were being cut under his direction, with the aim of having a sustained yield, of cutting the forest interest only and not the capital. In 1903, the Dominion Transportation Commission was organized with Mr. Bertram as Chairman. The instructions to this Commission were to make a full enquiry into the transportation question as affecting Canada. This work had not been completed at the time of his death. Thus, he was con-