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NEW BRUNSWICK FORESTRY CONVENTION

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Though the attendance at the convention was not as large as was expected, the leading lumbermen of the Province were present and these with the members of the legislature and the speakers made a very representative gathering. The convention was opened by Governor Snowball, who after speaking briefly, called upon Premier Tweedie.

The premier after welcoming those present, explained the object of the gathering. Legislation had been passed at the last session toward bringing about such a gathering as the present one, as it was thought that the question of forestry protection and its interests were of the highest importance. On this account the government had selected the best experts on the subject that they could obtain. The speeches at the present gathering would be brief but to the point, as it was desirable that the fullest discussion be given to all subjects. The premier concluded his address with a paper on the history of lumbering in the province. The growth of the exports from the various ports during the past one hundred years were shown. Spruce, which in early times was regarded with little interest, was now our leading export. The province owned 100,000 square miles of timber, and the revenue last year reached \$250,000, besides game licenses, etc. The premier pointed out how it was of the greatest importance that such a valuable asset should be protected and everything possible done to promote its interest.

* This synopsis of the proceedings of the convention has been compiled from the excellent report published in the St. John News.