

proval of the establishment of a fire ranging system for the protection of the forests, and to urge that this system be extended to all forested districts as far as possible, and that, in view of the great interests to be protected, the service under such a system should be made as complete and effective as possible. In this connection this Convention desires to call public attention to the small expenditure made for the protection of the timber resources of the country in proportion to their value when compared with rates of insurance paid on other public property.

4. RESOLVED, that in view of the many important respects in which the water supply affects the industries of the country, in particular agriculture, irrigation and manufacturing, and the increasing value of the water powers, owing to the adoption of electricity for industrial purposes, this Convention would urge that special means should be taken for the preservation of the forests on watersheds so as to conserve throughout the year the equable and constant flow of the streams dependent thereon;

That in view of the large expenditure made on irrigation works in Southern Alberta and the intimate relation of the flow of the irrigation streams to the forests of the eastern watersheds of the Rocky Mountains, this Convention would specially urge upon the Government of the Dominion the necessity for the protection of the forests on this watershed;

5. WHEREAS in the older settled districts of Canada conditions are now such that great benefits would be derived by the country as a whole from some systematic movement to re-afforest large tracts of land which at present are lying waste in the agricultural districts: and

WHEREAS farmers, as a rule, have no expert knowledge as to the cultivation of trees and find it almost impossible to obtain nursery stock of forest trees at reasonable prices and of good quality for planting purposes: and

WHEREAS the farmers of the country are, if properly informed, the right class of people to undertake tree planting in the agricultural districts: and

WHEREAS the scheme at present in operation in the West, carried on under the Dominion Government, which provides for the free distribution of forest tree seedlings and instruction as to their cultivation, has given satisfactory results:

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this Convention would urge the governments, both federal and provincial, to take steps to encourage, as far as possible, both by instruction and by giving facilities for obtaining nursery stock suitable for afforestation, a more general interest in tree planting, especially on such lands as are at present unfit for ordinary agricultural purposes, and we would further urge the Dominion Government to make,