

I feel that views on forestry matters in my country and yours are much closer than might ordinarily be assumed. Aside from views on policy, we have common geographic, climatic, and other factors over large areas, even to the species composition of much of our neighbouring forests.

Our economic interests as well as the historic association of our two countries are such that we must inevitably - as we have in the past - find many opportunities to discuss together our common problems. We were gratified to note the presence of several distinguished representatives of American Forestry as observers at the Sixth British Commonwealth Forestry Conference held last year in Canada. American delegates were valued participants at the pre-conference on forest-products research which preceded the main discussions.

In fact, I might mention that the last few years have seen a growing inter-change between our two countries in professional forestry matters; and we are happy to provide the fullest hospitality and aid in the inspection of our facilities in both forest and forest-products research. Our association in forest-products research has grown increasingly intimate, and we would welcome closer contact especially in the fields of silviculture and forest-management studies. Canada, I am happy to say, takes its international commitments with great seriousness, as does the United States. We are faithful participants in the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and have, on many occasions, provided technical assistance on forestry under the U.N. programme. You may be assured that whatever co-operation and assistance it is possible for us to provide are yours to command.

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