

some special provision for a protective staff. The forests of that province are of immense and increasing value. Nowhere else in Canada are as large areas of noble virgin forest found. The revenue received from them by the province is steadily increasing. The market for their product is extending. In Western Ontario red cedar shingles from British Columbia rule the market, and are found in every lumber yard. The demand from the western districts is becoming larger with the advance of settlement. A province so rich in forest wealth might surely be expected to see that some special officer is charged with the duty of protecting the forests from fire, and that he receives the necessary assistance at such times as required, even if it should result in a small increase in expenditure. In the railway belt in British Columbia, which is under the jurisdiction of the Dominion Government, such a service is in successful operation, and testimonies to its good work, even during the past trying season, have been numerous and favorable.

The Province of British Columbia should place itself in line with the rest of the Dominion in this respect.

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On an official call, issued by the American Forestry Association, a Forest Congress met in Washington, D.C., January 2nd to 6th, 1905. The purpose of this Congress was to establish a broader understanding of the forest in its relation to the great industries depending upon it; to advance the conservative use of forest resources for both the present and the future need of these industries; to stimulate and unite all efforts to perpetuate the forest as a permanent resource of the nation.

The Congress included Ambassadors, Ministers, and other representatives of foreign nations, members of the Federal House, Governors of States and Territories, representatives of Forest Services, Forestry Associations, Lumbermen's Associations, Irrigation Associations, Stockmen's Associations, Railroad Companies, Boards of Trade. Among the accredited delegates provision was made for ten from the Canadian Forestry Association, and the Association was well represented.

The subjects dealt with at the different sessions are as follows: (1) Relation of the Public Forest Lands to Irrigation; (2) Relation of the Public Forest Lands to Grazing; (3) The Lumber Industry and the Forest; (4) Importance of the Forest Public Lands to Mining; (5) Forestry in Relation to Railroad Supplies; (6) National Forest Policy; (7) State Forest Policy.

On the afternoon of January 5th, a special meeting was held in the National Theatre, which was addressed by the President of the United States, and other men prominent in industrial and national life.