trees and cuttings. When one remembers the barren, uninviting appearance of the prairies of earlier days, and compares that with the conditions obtaining today, we may proudly claim that the tree planting work, conceived and initiated under the government of that great lover of trees and forests, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has completely transformed the landscape of the wind-driven, treeless plains; and in so doing has rendered possible the production of the more delicate and nourishing vegetables and many varieties of fruits and berries which could not be propagated under the exposed conditions that previously obtained.

Let us remember clearly, that there is no true basis for conflict between agriculture and forestry, rather, the one is complementary to the other. We must recognize that, to be permanently productive, land must be assigned to that use for which it was by nature intended - for the production of agricultural crops, or for wood crops. Throughout the pioneering years we have given great attention to agriculture. Let us now grapple with the forest problem with the same energy, and with the same guiding principles.

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