

speaker to convey to the convention his warmest greeting, and hoped that the undertaking would be a boon to the people of New Brunswick. An important reason which had prompted him to be present was the great interest the department of railways took in forest preservation. His deputy has given much time to the subject, and particular attention was being paid to forest fires caused by locomotives and of procuring an improved smoke-stack as protection in this regard. Two little words might be chosen as a text. They are "I see." Perhaps there were no two words used more than these, and those who use them do not see. He fancied Adam used these words, but he did not see, and as for illustrations he need not go outside the county of York. A great many men have said "I see" when they thought they saw. Did you ever see the debris on the river bank or walk along the forest road and view the waste, or across the farm and see the destructive fences. In the counties on the North Shore the destruction of cedar fences in value would more than pay the public debt of the province.

The speaker had realized in his three years' experience as minister, because the matter of lumber had been brought particularly under his observation, that all lumber required for the I. C. R. had in many instances doubled in price in that period. Mr. Emmerson spoke of the vast waste and the consequent increase in value, and said this would not have been if people had only seen when they thought they saw. A great many are looking to the west. Is there no opportunity in lumber here for the young? We have scores of lumber kings, but is all hope gone for those who are to follow? If that hope has reason to exist, why not this province do its duty in seeing that all may be encouraged with the outlook? He congratulated the Surveyor-General on the steps already taken in the shape of legislation. Legislation, however, does not always hit the mark. It is too often in the nature of a declaration than of an execution. In this connection Mr. Emmerson told a story when certain parties had requested him to make legislation when he was premier of the province. The legislation was impracticable, but the parties desired it for the simple reason that it was a declaration of principle.

So with our forests, don't content yourselves with legislation, that means only declaration of principle, but legislation, that means execution.

The Hon. Mr. Tweedie announced the following committees at the close of the afternoon session, appointed in accordance with Mr. Gregory's resolution:

General Forestry—Hon. J. F. Sweeney, Messrs. C. N. Skinner, J. P. Burchill, C. E. Lunn, D. Richards, Jas. Beveridge.