

provident forest policy for this Dominion. We are going into the great northland forests now, and the mistakes of older Canada must not be repeated. To provide against this and to plan wisely for the future of this grand country a formal head in the departmental economy of the government is an urgent necessity. This will better advance the common weal. We know that Sir Wilfrid can be relied on to listen to any reasonable proposition for the betterment of our forestry relations,—aye, he will not only listen, but he will formulate himself, we trow, a new policy which will repress on the lips of future generations with regard to the beautiful forest, the sad avowal of so many in the older provinces, face to face with desolate waste—"too late! too late!"

FORESTRY CONGRESS.

There is to be a National Congress at Ottawa next November. Sir Wilfrid has already signified his sympathy with the movement. Not only that, he intends being in it and of it; and for this has the high precedent of President Roosevelt. We know that his influence, his example, his warm word, and above all, the cheerfulness with which he will give of the Nation's revenues to greatly increase them by wise forestry regulation, will quickly, if not completely retrieve the lost ground in this important interest, and thus permit him to earn a new title to every just man's gratitude.

EXEMPTION A DESIDERATUM.

The idea of exemption in the *Advocate's* mind should not in the meantime be lost sight of, in the provinces. Nowhere so urgently as here should our rulers act. The taxes are not exorbitant, but taxes are always unwelcome. The release of woodland under certain conditions, should be a good thing. The wood-lot might speedily come to be recognized as a public benefaction and the youth of the land, from advertising through the exemption, disposed to study the underlying principle. Then, unpastured woodlands, which alone deserve the special care of the Government, would be speedily increased in area, and agriculture, hygiene, esthetics, and general economics favored beyond dispute. Let us hear from our legislators then in some practical way along these lines.—*Father Burke, of P. E. I., in the Maritime Farmer.*