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A meeting of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association was held in Ottawa, on the 16th, 17th and 18th August. The Convention was more in the nature of a pleasure trip than a business meeting. The two chief questions discussed were insurance and car equipment. On the latter it was decided that joint action should be taken to compel the railway companies to furnish proper equipment as for other industries and shippers. In shipping, the lumbermen have to construct their own racks and stakes on flat cars, such costing about \$6 per car, while no allowance is made in freight rates to offset this expenditure.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. E. Stewart, Dominion Superintendent of Forestry, who spoke on the question of the management of pine limits such as are found in Ontario. He urged the desirability of preserving the small timber and of a careful examination and survey of limits to ascertain their condition in respect to the stand and new growth. He concluded as follows:—

Considering all these facts, it seems to me certain that not the least valuable part of many limits is the younger growth, which at present, as I have endeavored to show clearly, does not pay the cost of cutting, and that the owners of timber, especially of white pine, would only be acting with the foresight they show in other matters connected with their business if they gave greater attention to this matter than heretofore. The time has arrived when the man who directs the lumbermen's operations in the woods should have, in addition to his practical knowledge of how to cut and take out logs to the best advantage, also some knowledge of the tree itself; the manner or rate of its growth and how to cut other timber so as to foster that growth. In other words he should be a forester, as well as a practical log man, and it is fortunate that many young men, most of whom have been brought up in our rural districts, are now studying forestry in the colleges of the United States and spending their vacations in our lumber woods, studying the practical part of the business; and I would strongly advise our lumbermen to avail themselves of the services of these young men, rather than import professionals from Europe, who are necessarily less familiar with conditions.