

newspapers, and through the schools, to educate the people to the importance of the question.

Details were given of the good results obtained at Oka, through the efforts of M. l'Abbe J. D. Lefebvre, Cure of Oka, in the planting of sand hills with pine, spruce and other trees, with the outcome that the sand dunes are fixed and are bearing a valuable forest.

Dr. Judson F. Clark followed with a paper which will be found in full farther on.

Mr. B. E Walker, General Manager of the Bank of Commerce, called attention to the educational value of the Convention, and in connection with the question of forestry education stated that as a member of the Ontario University Commission his personal opinion was in favor of providing for a chair of forestry in the Provincial University.

The discussion was continued by Dr. Jas. Fletcher, Professor Penhallow, of McGill University, Professor Montgomery, of Trinity University and Revd. Thos. H. Boyd.

The following resolutions were submitted by the Committee on Resolutions and passed:—

1. RESOLVED, that the time is now ripe for a general forest policy for Canada, and that the federal government be asked to inaugurate the same.

2. RESOLVED, that this Convention would urge the importance of the exploration of the public domain in advance of settlement with the object of determining the character of the lands so that settlement may be directed to those districts suitable for agriculture and which give promise of the possibility of the establishment of permanent and prosperous homes for the settlers, and that the lands unsuited for agriculture should be withdrawn from settlement and permanently reserved for the production of timber;

That this Convention approves of the policy of Forest Reserves adopted by the Dominion and Provincial authorities and favors the extension of such reserves, as may be found practicable from time to time, so as to eventually embrace all lands suited only for the production of timber;

That in the administration of such reserves this Convention would approve of the policy of having the cutting done under the supervision of properly qualified officers, and that in such operations due provision should be made to ensure the reproduction of the forest.

3. RESOLVED, that in view of the great saving of timber throughout the Dominion which has been accomplished by the fire ranging staffs organized under Dominion and Provincial authorities, this Convention desires to place on record its ap-