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Re-elected Honorary Vice-President of the Canadian Forestry Association at the recent annual meeting in Montreal.

of the Tree Planting enterprise on the southern prairies is accompanied by a steady output of newspaper and magazine material from our staff, thus strengthening and extending the campaign's influence.

Young Canadians Forest League.

Two new undertakings aiming to stimulate the interest of the youth of Canada in forest conservation and tree planting as a national cause were set in motion and each well maintained our earlier hopes. The Young Canadians Forest League was initiated at the end of September to supply a junior branch of the Canadian Forestry Association, to be used as a rallying point for Canadian boys and girls. Adequate office space was supplied without charge by the Department of Public Works to house this undertaking and Mr. D. Algar Bailey employed as organizer. The Minister of Militia heartily approved the idea by providing every facility for linking up more than 100,000 school cadets with the cause of forest protection and to this important body we are given every access with official endorsement. The active co-operation of the Boy Scouts was also assured so that the Young Canadians Forest League commenced life with a body of 150,000 boys as raw material to be developed into future forest conservators. The work got under way in November and at the close of the year 10,000 boys with hundreds of scout masters had been

told of the new League and supplied with booklets dealing with some of the phases of forestry in which a boy would be interested. To earn membership in the League and help the parent association, a graduated offer of radio sets based on securing paid memberships was made. In the short period before the close of the year 208 members were secured by the boys for the Canadian Forestry Association and the outlook for really substantial returns appears very bright for 1923. In any event, the opportunity presented to us to enlist the Boy Scouts and School Cadets of Canada under the flag of forest protection is worthy of the best educational effort we can call forth. Success with the youth of today cannot fail to solve for Canada the most important forest conservation problems of the future.

The second project for reaching the children of the schools was the distribution of forestry talks to the teachers and we have reason to state that these in a majority of cases were faithfully used.

School Essay Competition.

The third project in the same field was the School Essay Competition. Sixty thousand copies in two languages were mailed to school inspectors and teachers in all of the nine provinces and judging by our correspondence were very much welcomed. In November and early December about 1,300 essays selected by

the teachers as the most worthy were received by the Association. The Director of Forestry, Mr. Campbell, kindly permitted Messrs. Craig, Wright, Morton, and later Messrs. Dickson, Robertson and Veness to take hold of the work of examination. Mr. D. T. Robichaud culled out the French language essays and these were sent for final decision to Mr. G. C. Piché, Chief Forester of Quebec. Painsstaking thoroughness distinguished the service of these gentlemen, the final comparisons being conducted with utmost care. Awards of prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 have been sent out to the three winners in each of the provinces except Prince Edward Island which did not qualify, and personal letters are on their way to all authors of essays received by us explaining the results and congratulating them on the excellence of their efforts. We will seek to retain the interest of all of these essay writers by corresponding with them periodically.

Other publicity schemes of the Association carried on from year to year may be enumerated briefly:

Last Spring some eighty to one hundred firms substituted at their own expense our forest fire prevention advertisements for the advertising carried by them in their local newspapers.

Our six travelling lecture sets covered approximately 100 audiences in Eastern Canada and British Columbia.

Thirty thousand forest fire talks