



City Hall of Regina, in the auditorium of which the meetings of the convention were held.

fact before your association, knowing well that such examples will be duly appreciated by all present.

It is, also, for me a great pleasure to be able to draw your attention to the efforts made, on the same line, at various railway stations—in some cases by the railway companies themselves, in others by the local municipality and private citizens. The work done in this very city, by the corporation, and, in many instances, by the citizens themselves, deserves a particular mention. For some time past, what is known as the C. P. R. Garden at Moose Jaw has been greatly admired, and the example thus set was largely followed by the city itself and by the citizens, with the result that Moose Jaw has become a very charming place. The same can now be said of what the C. P. R. Co. has done around their station here. All these have done much to create and spread a taste for the embellishment of private homes. It is, of course, unnecessary for me to mention the Experimental Farm at Indian Head, as also the newly started Forest Farm at the same place. Both are well known, and have, in fact, become places of resort. Besides, you will be given the opportunity of visiting them both before you have ended your abode.

The many experiments which have thus been so successfully carried out, at various distant points throughout the province, by the settlers themselves,

will have done much towards testing and proving the kind of trees or shrubs best adapted to the country; and the experience acquired by the gentlemen whose names I see mentioned on the programme of this meeting cannot fail to be of still greater value to the people of the province who will have the privilege of being present here to-day, or who may read the report of your proceedings.

The chairman, after briefly outlining the aims of the association, then called on Premier Scott to address the convention.

HON. W. SCOTT.

Hon. Mr. Scott expressed his pleasure at welcoming the members of the association to the capital on behalf of the people of Saskatchewan and voiced the satisfaction it afforded the western men to have the association hold its meeting in their capital. While little forest was found in Saskatchewan, the people were coming to realize that they had a keen interest in forestry. Considerable educative and practical work had been done and in travelling through the province he noted many new groves on farms this year, and the number of these was continually increasing. At Regina, when first the railway came through, there was not a twig to be found. On one occasion a lady had been going east with her little son, born and bred on the