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FORESTRY.

In the important department of Forestry, which now comes within the scope of our Association, much useful work has been done. The report of the delegates appointed to attend the meetings of the American Forestry Congress last year, which was published as an appendix to our Report, was full of useful information; and has done much towards bringing about a healthy sentiment in favour of tree planting. Early in August last a delegation from this Association, consisting of your Secretary and President, were sent by the Commissioner of Agriculture to represent the Province of Ontario at the meeting of the Forestry Congress held at St. Paul's, Minnesota. The assembly was presided over by the United States Commissioner of Agriculture, Dr. Geo. B. Loring, and some important business transacted. Our sister Province of Quebec was represented by the Hon. Mr. Joly, of Quebec, and Mr. Stewart Thayne, of Ottawa. At the close of the meeting the delegates of your Association accompanied by the Hon. Mr. Joly, visited Manitoba where they were joined by Mr. Gibb, of Abbotsford. At the instance of the Deputy-Minister of Agriculture, a public meeting was called in Winnipeg, at which the Lieut.-Governor presided; where the visitors were glad to give to a large and deeply interested assembly, all the information at their command. As one of the results of our visit, a Provincial Association was there and then formed for the promotion of Horticulture and Forestry, and an order for hardy Russian fruits for Manitoba is now being forwarded along with that for Ontario.

Death has visited our ranks during the past year, and removed one of our busiest workers, whose successful record in the fields of Horticulture has given him a world-wide fame. Charles Arnold has gone to his reward. We shall greatly miss his pleasant, venerable face and wise counsel at our meetings. Many of us have lost in him a warm friend, whose memory will ever be fondly cherished.

All who have taken an active interest in our Association will be pleased to note its gradual but steady progress; the past year has added over 700 to our membership, which is now nearly 3,000. Much of this addition may fairly be attributed to the increasing popularity and usefulness of our monthly, the *Canadian Horticulturist*, so ably conducted by our much esteemed Secretary. It is my sincere hope that every year may add to the interest felt in the proceedings of this organization, until all lovers of fruit, forest and flowers in this Province shall be drawn within its fold, and become partakers in the benefits which it is ever seeking with liberal hand to distribute.

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