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*By the Editor.*

The Canadian Forestry Association presents to its members and the public the first number of the Canadian Forestry Journal, which will be devoted to the interests of the Association and the advancement of the forestry movement generally. It has been felt for some time that a distinctive medium representing the Association was imperatively required if it was to bring its objects and work to the attention of the public in an adequate manner, and enlist popular sympathy and support. In pursuance of this object a decision was reached at the annual meeting that such a publication should be undertaken, and in fulfilment of that resolution the publishing committee now submit the first number.

As this marks an important step in the history of the Association, it may be well to take the opportunity of presenting a brief sketch of its development and the purposes of its organization. The project for the formation of the Canadian Forestry Association was initiated by Mr. E. Stewart, Dominion Superintendent of Forestry, who called a meeting of a number of persons interested in the subject at his office, on the 15th February, 1900. At that meeting it was decided to form such an Association, and on the 8th March following, the first annual meeting was held in the City of Ottawa, at which the Canadian Forestry Association was duly organized, with the following staff of officers:—Honorary President, His Excellency the Governor-General; President, Hon. Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere; Vice-President, Wm. Little; Secretary, E. Stewart; Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, R. H. Campbell; Board of Directors: Hiram Robinson, Thos. Southworth, Professor John Macoun, Dr. Wm. Saunders, Hon. G. W. Allan, E. W. Rathbun.

The considerations that determined the promoters of the movement to take such a step deserve recapitulation.