

Only in the manner suggested by our Ontario confrere, can it now help us; and so far as we are concerned, we shall urge upon them and the public generally, the good sense and patriotism of such a move.

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must find some means, even outside the regular way, of stimulating a return to proper methods here. The proportion of forest and field is impaired seriously, but under educative and paternal influences, can be practically restored in a short term of years. A land of rich and varied forest when the white man's foot first touched the soil of Isle St. John, there is a natural tendency to recover its place to an extent equal to all hygeinic, agronomic and economic needs quickly; and areas protected from the pasturing cattle, seeded from neighboring bearers, grow up thick with a mixed stand of beautiful trees. Let Ottawa only quietly insinuate its influence for good in this matter then, if the door is not open to authoritative action, and much good will be the result. This province could not resist a desire so beneficent; and the good once done, the asset is surely a national one.

SIR WILFRID, FORESTER.

We were delighted, in a conversation with the head of the Canadian Government the other day, to discover that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a warm friend of systematic forestry and an enthusiastic lover of trees. In all his varied accomplishments, and admittedly he has many, there is none that does him more honor, nothing more becoming, nothing which bespeaks the warm heart and those gentle feelings which imperceptibly bind men together. He well remembers the calmer and more peaceful days of early manhood, when, in the quiet village which claimed his Quebec home, he planted, tended, and thoroughly enjoyed not only the fructifers of the orchard; but, also, the stately shade trees from the adjacent hillside. Everything grew he touched, and thus, his early enthusiasm absorbed by greater things for the moment, has never diminished in the slightest degree. In him the friends of forestry, and they are Canada's best friends, will ever find a sincere and generous patron. There is great need of a broad and