

To the right of the chairman on the dais sat His Honor A. E. Forget, Lieut.-Governor of Saskatchewan and Vice-President of the Association for that Province. Hon. Walter Scott, Premier of the Province; Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, and Messrs. R. H. Williams, Mayor of Regina, and P. McAra, jr., President of the Board of Trade of the City, also occupied seats on the dais.

Others present were:

Professor W. Somerville, Oxford University, England; Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture for Saskatchewan; R. H. Campbell, Dominion Superintendent of Forestry, Ottawa; Dr. Wm. Saunders, Superintendent Dominion Experimental Farms, Ottawa; N. M. Ross, Chief of Tree Planting Division of Forestry Branch, Indian Head, Sask.; Hon. J. A. Calder, Commissioner of Education for Saskatchewan; Hon. D. Laird, Indian Commissioner, Ottawa; F. C. Tate, M.L.A., Wascana, Sask.; R. D. Prettie, Forestry Inspector for C.P.R., Winnipeg; G. Spring-Rice, Pense, Sask.; G. A. Rimington, Penrith, England; A. F. Struthers, Bridgewater, N.S.; H. C. Lawson, Secretary Board of Trade, Regina; A. Knechtel, Inspector Dominion Forest Reserves, Ottawa; A. H. D. Ross, Lecturer in Forestry, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ont.; J. P. Turner, Secretary Manitoba Game Protective Association, Winnipeg; T. N. Willing, Chief Game Guardian for Saskatchewan, Regina; E. F. T. Brokovski, Battleford, Sask.; W. I. Margach, Chief Forest Ranger, Calgary, Alta.; D. S. McCannell, Regina; Jas. Cowie, Calgary, Alta.; Geo. A. Laird, Broadview, Sask.; H. L. Patmore, Brandon, Man.; A. Mitchell, Indian Head, Sask.; A. M. Fenwick, Regina, Sask.; A. P. Stevenson, Morden, Man.; John Caldwell, Virden, Man.; E. B. Andros, Tyvan, Sask.; A. H. Brown, Regina, Sask.; J. A. Killough, Pense, Sask.; Klaas Peters, Waldeck, Sask.; Wm. Gibson, Wolseley, Sask.; F. W. H. Jacombe, Ottawa; W. A. Davis, Dauphin, Man.; Wm. Sifton, Minitonas, Man.; Wm. Margach, Crown Timber Agent, Kenora, Ont.; C. S. Galbraith, Maple Creek, Sask.; D. McDonald, Virden, Man.; T. H. Tweltridge, Indian Head, Sask.; A. M. W. Patch, Wolseley, Sask.; G. A. B. Krook, Assistant Forester, C.P.R., and others.

THE OFFICIAL WELCOME.

The first item on the morning's programme was the address of welcome by Lieut.-Governor Forget, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—Those by whom I am best known will not be surprised to hear me say that I feel highly gratified in being given the privilege of formally opening this meeting, for I have always taken a lively interest in all efforts tending to promote the cultivation of trees. I have a firm hope that what will be done here to-day will not fail of practical results. In any event I am sure I am but faintly expressing the feelings of the community at large in saying that we highly appreciate the action of the Canadian Forestry Association in consenting to hold this special meeting in the capital of this province. We all know that it is difficult to find any very extensive district divided, in its virgin state, in due proportion between forest and plain. As a rule, it is all dense forest or all open country. From the point of view of the agriculturist, of these two conditions the latter is naturally preferred. This is practically the existing condition in this province. In fact the greatest attraction of Saskatchewan is its rich open plain, all ready for the plough, and capable, from the first, of yielding good returns to the settlers. This is so much the case that, although the oldest settlers have been on their lands only a few years, all have done well, and already a considerable number have actually enriched themselves.

However gratifying these results, the absence of trees on the most desirable homesteads was keenly felt from the very first, especially in the case of those who come from places where trees are in greater profusion; and it certainly delights one to see, here and there throughout the province, the efforts that have been made to change this condition. I was personally particularly struck, a couple of years ago, by what has already been done in the way of tree-planting by settlers, in the immediate vicinity of the progressive city of Saskatoon. While such improvements are not unknown on homesteads in various other parts of the province, it is, I believe, more noticeable in that district; and it gives me much pleasure to mention the