



Hon. Sir Richard McBride, K.C.M.G., Prime Minister of British Columbia.

The British Columbia Forest Act.

The province of British Columbia, in its 'Forest Act,' passed at the last session of the Legislature, has taken what many consider the most advanced ground yet taken on this continent in regard to the preservation and perpetuation of its forests.

The Forest Branch.

By this Act the Forest Branch of the Department of Lands was created and given most extensive powers in regard to the timber and timber-

lands of the province. These powers include the entire administration of the crown timberlands, control of all revenue arising therefrom, the conservation of the forests, including their protection from fire, reforestation, sales and disposal of timberlands, scaling and regulation of traffic in timber and logs and the enforcement of statutes relating to the regulation of the forests.

All officials and servants of the Forest Branch are to be subject to all