

CANADIAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

The Minister of the Interior, recognizing the importance of the proper management of the timber wealth of Canada and of encouraging its preservation and restoration, in 1899 appointed Mr. E. Stewart, then of Collingwood, chief inspector of timber and forestry.

In entering upon his duties Mr. Stewart recognized the fact that some organization for arousing and educating an interest in the subject would be of great assistance in carrying out the objects for which his office had been created. In view of the success which had attended the work of the American Forestry Association it was thought that an organization for Canada on similar lines would probably be able to accomplish what was required, and on January 8, 1900, Mr. Stewart sent out notifications to a number of gentlemen interested in timber and forestry, asking them to meet at his office on the 15th of that month for the purpose of considering the matter and deciding what steps should be taken.

At this meeting there were present Sir Henri Joly de Lotbinière, Mr. J. R. Booth, Mr. Jas. A. Smart, Deputy Minister of the Interior; Dr. Wm. Saunders, Mr. Wm. Little; Mr. Thos. Southworth, Clerk of Forestry for Ontario; Mr. E. Stewart, Chief Inspector of Timber and Forestry for Canada; Professor Macoun, Assistant Director of Geological Survey; Mr. Wm. Pearce, of Calgary; Mr. T. C. Keefer, C.M.G.; Mr. C. H. Keefer, C.E.; Mr. Mackenzie, of Duck Lake, N.W.T.; Mr. W. T. Macoun, and others.

Mr. Wm. Little was elected chairman, and Mr. E. Stewart secretary.

Mr. Stewart explained the object of the meeting and the steps which had been taken to call it together, and expressed great pleasure at its representative character.

Dr. Saunders gave some account of tree culture at the Experimental Farms. Remarks were also made by Mr. Southworth, Mr. J. R. Booth, who spoke particularly in regard to fire ranging, and by Sir Henri Joly.

It was moved by Mr. Smart and seconded by Professor Macoun, that Sir Henri Joly, Mr. J. R. Booth, Mr. W. Little, Mr. T. Southworth, Professor Saunders and Mr. E. Stewart act as a Committee to call a meeting of all persons interested to be held during the month of February in the City of Ottawa, for the purpose of considering the formation of an Association to promote forestry in Canada, the committee to prepare for submission to the meeting a constitution and by-laws and also a programme consisting of addresses on appropriate subjects for discussion at the meeting. This resolution was carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned.