

HON. JAMES DUNSMUIR,

Lieutenant-Governor, who was the next speaker, said:

"Your Excellency, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen,— It is with the greatest pleasure that I welcome the delegates of the Canadian Forestry Association here to-day, who have assembled from all parts of the Dominion in this city of Vancouver to discuss a subject that is in this Province second to none in any other portion of the continent. (Applause.) Many of you are visiting this coast for the first time, and cannot fail to be impressed with the widespread development that is going on throughout the West in which the lumber industry plays a very prominent part. Graced by the presence of His Excellency, the Governor-General, and surrounded by every evidence of prosperity, you are met in a vigorous city that is springing up as if by magic. Surely there is no better place for the inauguration of your labors. (Applause.) I feel sure that in His Excellency the Governor-General, the Forestry Association will have a friend who knows, from his extensive travels throughout the Dominion, how enormous are the extent and values of our forests, and undoubtedly his influence will be most favorably directed. (Applause.) Allow me to congratulate the Association on the great work it has already accomplished in awakening the public interest in forestry, and let me assure you, gentlemen, that you have my sincere good wishes. I trust that your deliberations will bring forth results that will be beneficial, not only to British Columbia, but to Canada as a whole." (Applause.)

PREMIER McBRIDE

said it was indeed a great privilege to be invited to be present at the meeting of the Association and to take some part in the opening proceedings. He was interested because it was essentially a business concern. "Your conventions," he said, "are not given to those formalities which are experienced in the West from time to time in public gatherings of this kind. It is more than an ordinary privilege to take part in the opening proceedings, and as a Canadian resident of British Columbia, I am proud to be on the platform side by side with the representative of King Edward VII. The Association, so far as it has been successful in finding the eye of the representative of the King in Canada, is a most fortunate body indeed. I listened with a great deal of interest to the words of the President when he referred in flattering terms to the work of Lord Grey's predecessor, Lord Minto, and he had also listened to His Excellency's words at the meeting in Ottawa not so very long ago, pointing conclusively to the fact that this subject is engaging a great deal of attention in this Dominion of ours. In regard to the meeting place, I feel satisfied