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The calling of the Canadian Forestry Convention for January next, naturally turns attention to the Forest Congress, held in Montreal in 1882, which was the first great meeting to deal with the subject of forestry held in Canada. It was in fact a joint meeting of the American Forest Congress and the American Forestry Association, two separate Societies for the advancement of forestry, and it resulted in a junction of their forces. The selection of Montreal as a meeting place was the result of an invitation given by several Canadians who attended a previous meeting at Cincinnati.

For the organization and success of this meeting, while credit is due to many, the most active part was taken by Mr. Wm. Little, of Westmount, who was the Vice-President of the Congress. He not only gave unsparingly of his time and energy, but also personally bore the greater part of the expense, including the publication of a special edition of the *Montreal Herald*, containing a report of the proceedings and the papers in full. It is to a copy of this special issue that we are indebted for the information from which this article is compiled. Mr. Little is still as strong a supporter of the movement as ever and has held the office of both President and Honorary President of the Canadian Forestry Association.

In looking over the report and the names of those in attendance one is struck with the way in which it links the present with the past. Some of those whose names appear are still prominent, some have passed into history. Among those on the local committee were Hon. (now Sir) H. G. Joly, Principal Dawson, Joseph Doutre, Professor Harrington, G. L. Marler, Hon. A. W. Ogilvie, Sir Hugh Allan, Hon. Louis Beaubien, S. E. Dawson, Hon. John Hamilton, Sir Francis Hincks, Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, James Little, Hon. E. H. Spring-Rice, J. K. Ward, N. S. Whitney, A. T. Drummond. Others who were present were: Dr. B. E. Fernow, J. R. Booth, J. G. H. Bergeron, E. H. Bronson, Hon. Geo. Bryson, W. C. Edwards, Rev. T. W. Fyles, Dr. Wm. H. Hingston, Robt. Hamilton, T. C. Keefer, Jas. Mills, W. G. Perley, A. E. Russell, Wm. Saunders, G. W. Stephens, Peter White, Hon. J. S. C. Wurtele, E. E. Taché, W. R. Thistle.

The papers presented covered a variety of subjects relating to forestry, some of a scientific nature, others descriptive and some dealing with practical applications of principles.