

Fifteenth Annual Meeting

February 4, 1914.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association was held in the Banqueting Room of the Chateau Laurier on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1914, the President, Hon. W. A. Charlton, in the Chair, and a good number of members in attendance. On motion of Mr. Goodeve, seconded by Mr. Denis Murphy, the minutes were taken as read.

The President nominated the following as members of the Nominating Committee: Senator Bostock (Convener), and Messrs. Goodeve, Ussher, J. B. Miller, R. H. Campbell, Gordon Edwards, and J. B. White. On motion of Mr. Hiram Robinson, seconded by Mr. Denis Murphy, these gentlemen were elected by the meeting.

Resolutions Affecting Federal Government.

The resolutions to be presented to the Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior were then taken up.

On motion of Senator Bostock, seconded by Mr. Ellwood Wilson, it was resolved that resolutions 2 to 9, as passed at the Winnipeg Convention, with a slight change in clause 5, be among those presented to the Government. These were as follows:

(2) Resolved, that this Convention approves the action of the Dominion Government in extending the areas included in Forest Reserves on watersheds and non-agricultural lands, and would urge on the Governments of the Dominion and of the Provinces the necessity for continuing the extension of such reservations until all lands of that character are included.

(3) Resolved, that before any lands bearing timber or lands contiguous to timbered areas are opened for settlement an examination of such lands should be made to determine whether they are best suited to the growth of timber or whether their opening would endanger the timber.

(4) Resolved, that this Convention would urge upon the Dominion Government the necessity for the afforestation of the sand lands throughout the prairies and the setting apart of such lands for this purpose.

(5) Resolved, that the Fire Ranging Service should be extended and made more efficient and that the rangers should be selected on the basis of their special qualifications for the work.

(6) Resolved, that the Canadian Forestry Association express its approval of the energetic policy which is being followed by the Dominion Commission of Conservation in investigating the important forest problems of Canada.

(7) Resolved, that the Canadian Forestry Association express its appreciation of the effective manner in which the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners and the officers of the leading Canadian railway companies have worked together for the prevention and control of forest fires arising from operating railroad lines.

(8) Resolved, that this Convention again records its approval of the work of the Tree Planting Division of the Dominion Forestry Branch, not only in the free distribution of trees to settlers and the supervision of their growth, but also in thereby providing practical demonstrations to settlers in all parts of the country of the possibility of forest growth on the prairies.

(9) Resolved, that this Convention recommend that experiments be carried out by the Dominion and Provincial Governments affected to obtain data regarding the best methods of disposal of debris resulting from lumbering operations.

The other resolutions adopted for presentation to the Cabinet Ministers were as follow:

Moved by Col. Harkom, seconded by Mr. J. B. White, and

Resolved, that this Association again expresses the opinion that it is important that all appointments in the forest service of the Dominion and Provincial Governments should be based on capability and experience.

Moved by Mr. Chown, seconded by Mr. Goodeve:

Whereas, the Canadian Forestry Association, for several years past, has urged upon the Government of Canada the necessity for the establishment of a wood products laboratory, in order that the qualities and possibilities of our Canadian woods for structural, pulp, chemical and other purposes might be better understood, so that our forest products might be handled to the best advantage, and

Whereas, the Government of Canada has, in the past year, begun the establishment of a wood products laboratory at McGill University, under the Dominion Forestry Branch, therefore

Resolved, that this Association desires to place on record its appreciation of the action of the Government of Canada, and especially of the Minister of the Interior, in establishing this laboratory, and pledges itself to do what in it lies to rendering the work of the laboratory as useful and wide-reaching as possible.

Moved by Mr. J. A. Lefebvre, seconded by Mr. Hiram Robinson, and