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Winnipeg Forestry Convention

(The Journal of Agriculture and Horticulture.)

On July 7, 8, 9, there was held in the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, the fifteenth Convention of the Canadian Forestry Association. Besides providing a great success in itself, the meetings demonstrated that the citizens of the Central West are keenly interested in the subject of forest conservation not only from the standpoint of tree planting on the prairies, but also from the broad national issue of the necessity of preserving woodlands in all parts of the country. The meetings attracted great attention throughout the whole West, and delegates from nearly every province, and from the United States were present to deliver addresses and participate in the discussions.

The Convention was opened by His Honor Lieut-Governor Cameron, and at the opening meeting addresses were delivered also by Hon. George Lawrence, Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba; His Worship Mayor T. R. Deacon, Mr. R. H. Campbell, Dominion Director of Forestry, Mr. James White, Secretary of the Commission of Conservation; M. E. T. Allen, secretary of the Western Forestry Association; Portland, Oregon. The sessions, which were held in the commodious hall of the Winnipeg Industrial Bureau, were well attended to the closing session. The different phases of forest work in Central Canada were ably discussed and the point was brought out that the prairie provinces have much more forest land than commonly imagined and that the farmers are vitally interested in forestry. Different phases of the work will be discussed later in these columns. The sessions were presided over by Hon. W. A. Charlton, M.P., president of the Canadian Forestry Association. Mr. Wm. Power M.P. of Quebec, the Vice President, was present from attending at the last moment. Among the prominent delegates to the Convention were a number of lumber, pulp and paper men from the Province of Quebec. Fortunately through illness in the family Mr. G. C. Piche, Chief Forester for the Province, had to cancel his trip to Winnipeg.

On the third day of the Convention the delegates were treated to a trip to the new \$3,000,000 Agricultural College of the Manitoba Government, situated at St. Vital, a suburb of Winnipeg. The college, which will be opened this fall, stands on a magnificent site. It consists of seven large buildings, capable of accommodating hundreds of students.

The net results of the Convention were that a great impetus was given to the forestry movement in the country over through general publicity, and the adoption by the Association, of some resolutions which will do much to make the influence of the organization more widely felt.

The resolutions passed follow:—

Resolutions.

(1) Resolved, that the Executive Committee take into their consideration the advisability of appointing a (A) A central committee at Ottawa and sub-committees at important points in different sections of Canada for the purpose of national forestry policy; and (b) Advisory boards at each centre where a sub-committee is formed.

(2) Resolved, that this Convention approve the action of the Dominion Government in extending the areas included in Forest Reserves on water-shedding non-agricultural lands, and would urge on the Governments of the Dominion and the provinces the necessity for continuing the extension of such reservation 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 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 Services should be extended and made more efficient and that the rangers be selected on the basis of their special qualifications for the work and should hold office so long as they render efficient service.

(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 means regarding the best method of disposal of debris resulting from lumbering operations.

(10) Resolved, that in view of the great importance to Western Canada of the wise administration and use of the forest resources of British Columbia the Canadian Forestry Association express its strong support of the policy which has been announced by the British Columbia Government that there shall be established in connection with the University of British Columbia a Forest School designed to train the young men of Western Canada for work in the forest service.

(11) Resolved, that the Convention

Canadian Farm Machinery

(The Journal of Agriculture and Horticulture.)

Editor, Journal of Agriculture, Macdonald College, Que.

Dear Sir:—

Will you kindly give me a little space in order that I may criticize the agricultural machinery in use in Canada today.

Now, sir, in my opinion there are no people in Canada humbugged as badly as is the farmer. We are forced to pay about 25 p. c. more for our agricultural machinery than does the American farmer, and we get a very inferior article. Even the same machine that is manufactured in the United States, when made in Canada is butchered through slovenly manufacture. Our machinery as it is today, in most cases, is a splendid patent, ruined by inferior manufacture, owing to greed on the part of our machinery combine.

I contend that we have not a machine fit to put into the field. Take the binder, an indispensable machine. When properly made it is a pleasure to run, but today ours is rattle and ruck. The pole of that heavy machine is soft wood, because it is five cents cheaper than hard wood. The hitch to the machine is so slight that it swings from side to side and makes it hard to draw or manage, and the needs is put on so badly that it misses about 10 p. c. The rods that hold the frame together between the aprons are too small, bend like hay wire, and allow the pressure to come upon the hard wood rollers until they bury themselves in the frame. At these time of manufacture it would cost perhaps three cents more to put in a half inch rod which would materially strengthen the machine, and would not make too big a hole in the dividends. The principal defect of binding on the range in many cases too small, with no lock nuts. These are getting loose constantly, and when they have to be tightened they are either round or put in such a way that they cannot be tightened.

Many times after starting a new machine, after thoroughly oiling and going a few times around, a box will heat, and only this spring I found the cause to be in four cases that the bearings had not been cleaned out and were full of casting sand. The same will pertain to all classes of Canadian-made machinery. The combine looks fine for a few days only, and as long as it is our privilege to give them protection, we have the privilege to criticize.

The trouble with all the machines are too small and flimsy will ruin the horses.

The whitetail is only lost enough for a Sbeland pony, and if used with our large draft horses will crowd them to the pole and will wear their legs, and it is positively dangerous. I am obliged with my horses to take off both whitetail and neckyoke. There is no sense in the farmer putting up with this hold-up as he is the man that pays the dividend, and the man that pays the protection.

The Eastern Agricultural Association, that holds its annual fair in Sherbrooke, have from time to time invited the agricultural implement manufacturers to exhibit and they, since the combine have always refused to do so. They say in one letter that owing to a friendly agreement they cannot exhibit. Now I think that is going a little too far for a Company or Companies who are looking to the farming public for a charitable hand out of about 25 p. c. annually, not to come and exhibit at the Fairs, I feel that there is some other reason, and that it is because they are making such a heavy profit on their machines at the present time that they do not want it to come under the limelight.

Sincerely yours,
J. H. M. PARKER,
Willowdale Farm, Lennoxville, Que.

A Well-Managed Farm in Compton Co.

(The Journal of Agriculture and Horticulture.)

For beauty of situation and neatness of appearance there are few farms in the Province which compare with that of Mr. Mederic Ste. Marie of Moe's River, Compton County, situated on a gently sloping hillside it has a broad outlook over the valley towards the town of Compton. The farm comprises 250 acres in all, of which 85 are cultivated, 75 in permanent pasture and 110 are wooded. The woods contain about 5000 sugar maples, of which less than half are usually tapped.

The chief business of the farm is dairying. The herd comprises about 50 head, all Ayrshire or Ayrshire grade. One of the cows has produced 10,000 lbs. of milk during the past year, and Mr. Ste. Marie intends entering her in the Record of Performance test next year. The produce is marketed in the form of homemade butter and Miss Ste. Marie has won high distinction as a butter-maker, having taken first place in the competition at the Sherbrooke and Ottawa Fairs last fall.

In addition to the cattle, Mr. Ste. Marie keeps 20 head of Yorkshire pigs and 20 head of shropshire sheep, 200 hens and chicks and about 20 hives of bees.

The hood crops this year comprise ten acres of corn and three acres of turnips. Mangelwurzels were planted but were destroyed by a storm.

Mr. Ste. Marie and his two sons, one of whom spends his winters as a student at Macdonald College, keep the farm in apple-pie order. The yards about the house and farm buildings are a pleasure to look upon. Situated about fifty yards from the road with a lawn close-mown and neatly planted with trees and flowers and provided with a tall flag-pole—an appropriate decoration for the home of the Mayor of Compton Township—the house is an exceptionally attractive country home. This comfort and the enthusiasm of the young people for the work of the farm witness to the wisdom of Ste. Marie as a father and citizen, as the neatness of the place does to his skill as a farm manager.

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