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PRESIDENT SNOWBALL'S ADDRESS.

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,—

This is the first opportunity I have had of thanking you for the honour you have conferred upon the Province of New Brunswick and upon myself, by electing me President of this Association.

I regret exceedingly that circumstances prevented me from being present with you last year, as I was sorry to miss not only the educational advantages of a meeting of this sort, but also the personal intercourse with other members of the Association, for the exchange of ideas.

On behalf of the Canadian Forestry Association, I welcome all the delegates and other friends, who have met with us on this occasion, and trust that our meeting will be a most profitable one.

We are favoured by having the privilege of meeting in the Queen City of Toronto; famed alike for its commercial importance, its well known educational institutions and its natural beauty. Here we can get in touch with the business men, who have large interests in our country, and students who will be the men of the future; and through this contact we should enlarge the influence of our Association.

As an Association, we have every reason to feel that we have taken no small part in the awakening of public sentiment regarding forest preservation, along advanced lines. Largely through the instrumentality of our Association, the University of Toronto has organized a Faculty of Forestry, with Dr. Fernow as Dean. In several of our forestry conventions we have all learned to admire him, and I am satisfied that under his able leadership this school will be of great value to Canada in supplying her with technically trained foresters.

In my own Province, too, we have established a Department of Forestry in the University of New Brunswick, with Professor R. B. Miller, M.A. M.F., in charge. This step was the outcome of a resolution passed in the preservation of our forest wealth, asking our Government to make a grant towards the expense of establishing such a Department in our Provincial University.

Personally, I do not think that any Government should stop with the establishment of Forestry Schools, but they should also appoint lecturers to visit the forested portions of the different provinces and give practical talks on forestry subjects, in language easily understood by those who cannot attend college, but who are anxious to extend their present knowledge of the subject. Talks on fire fighting and precautions against fire; on economical methods of cutting and logging; the building of roads, bridges and dams; the value of forest cover in regulating stream flow; the advantage of trees to the farm, methods of raising trees from seed and planting them at the least cost; how to combat the diseases of trees; with some practical instruc-