

AN ILLUMINATING ADDRESS BY DEAN HOWE OF TORONTO

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area actually administered by these provincial forestry services and divide it by the number of men employed, we find that New Brunswick has about the same area per man under supervision as the other provinces, since the area of Crown land is much smaller. Such a statement, however, does not give a true picture of the situation. New Brunswick's two technically trained foresters are head office administrative men. In the other provinces mentioned the greater portion of the foresters is constantly engaged in woods work of some kind, inspecting cutting operations or administering fire protection, or carrying on surveys or investigative work. While directive heads are necessary, of course, in forestry, it is the actual field work that counts, and without it the best administrative officers fall far below their possible accomplishments.

Will It Pay?

There is another aspect to this question of the employment of foresters in the Provincial Forest Service. For twenty years the province has been producing technically trained men from its School of Forestry, about sixty-five in all. The government has spent thousands of dollars in educating these men, but it is employing only two of them. All the others, with a few exceptions, are contributing to the promotion of forestry in other provinces of Canada, a few in other lands. This is a very charitable and patriotic attitude on the part of the Government but in the long run will it pay, especially when the forests at home are in such great need of

their service. Practically all the graduates of the Quebec Forestry School go into service of the provincial government. One-third of the graduates of Toronto and one-quarter of those of the British Columbia Forestry Schools are employed by the provincial governments. The quality of the men from the New Brunswick Forestry School is second to none. They win distinction and praise wherever they go. Their opportunities for training will be greatly improved by the new building and addition to the teaching staff which the present Government so far-sightedly and generously provided.

An Important Point

There is one point in all the discussion of the conservation of our forest wealth that does not receive sufficient prominence. I realize that it is a difficult point of view to impress upon people in these days of great commercial endeavor when the standard of success in life is very largely judged by the magnitude of business enterprise. I refer to the fundamental fact that our forests are only held in trust. We do not live for ourselves alone. We have no moral or legal right to destroy the productive capacity of that which we hold in trust. Our public press with discussions as to ways and means of making Canada still greater in prosperity and in distinctive contributions to nationhood. If these things were accomplished it becomes not only a legal and moral duty, but a patriotic duty, nay, a patriotic privilege, to make our forests soils continuously productive in terms of the highest yields possible, not

only to sustain but greatly to increase the wealth producing capacity of our second largest industry. Let us, members of the Canadian Forestry Association, here and now firmly resolve to do all in our power to bring about this contribution to Canada's greatness. It would seem as if this were the Divine Plan in laying out the climate, topography and distribution of the soils of Canada. No other industrial country has such a large extent of forest soil, such magnificent and extensive natural transportation systems, so accessible to the great consuming markets of the world as Canada, and no other province, with perhaps one exception, is better situated and better adapted for these things than New Brunswick. I am sure that when the citizens of the province once understand the need, the advantage, the sustained flow of wealth from such efforts, they will devise the means for placing their forests on the basis of sustained yield, or continuous production of raw materials for their wood-using industries.

The Canadian Forestry Association in no spirit of superiority, in no sense of criticism, but as patriotic citizens bound together, and bound with you, by the common desire to make Canada great in accomplishment and great in continuous prosperity, offers its aid.

IT'S THE HUMIDITY

Oh, I'm never around
When they're dishing out gold
And it makes me quite hot
To be left in the cold.

Perhaps it sounds mixed
This protest in rhyme
Yet with a cool million
I'd have a hot time.

PRESIDENT W. E. GOLDING TELLS FORESTRY CONVENTION HOW TO SPEND \$25,000 ON PROTECTION

W. E. Golding, President of the Canadian Forestry Association addressed the Association Convention in session here this morning on the thought-provoking question "How Best to Spend \$25,000 on Forest Protection?" His address follows:

"I have been asked to spend \$25,000 on Forest Protection. Let us assume for the purpose of argument that this amount is in addition to the amount at present being expended in the Province and it is understood in this connection that my remarks apply only to the Province of New Brunswick. What would apply in certain sections of Ontario, Manitoba and in parts of Quebec that would make desirable and almost an absolute necessity topography. My opinion is that in this province this money can be spent to best advantage by erecting more lookouts, the lookouts to be well equipped and my personal feeling is that this will give us more for our money than any other form of protection. It must, of course, be understood that we have the forces in line to take care of the fires after they have been reported by the organization. I do not feel that it would be a desirable thing for this province, especially at this time, to attempt to use aeroplanes in the protection of the forest. First comes the question of expense; by using the same amount of money would perhaps give us three aeroplanes but it would give us fifteen additional lookout towers which would pretty well cover the province. At the present time in New Brunswick we only have sixteen lookout towers;

in the State of Maine they have about 60 towers, in the Province of Quebec they have 396, of course their area is much greater than ours, in the Province of Ontario they have 177 and in the Province of Nova Scotia they have 54. Are we in line in this province? In my opinion we are not and I think it will be money well spent and well approved on all sides the spending of \$25,000 in lookout towers properly equipped.

"The fact that we did not have had fires last year or that we have not had not them this year merely means fortunate weather conditions; we are up against the hazard all the time and while we have been fortunate the past two years we have got to be prepared for the difficult time because it is going to come sooner or later. We have many practical men here today and I know your chairman will appreciate their opinions and suggestions.

In discussing this matter with a friend, whose opinion I value very highly, he suggested that the amount should be divided about one-third in look out towers, about one-third on educational propaganda, the balance, about one-sixth on fire pumps and about one-sixth on storage sheds with tools, etc., also pack pumps and trails with patrols. I think his suggestions are good but I do think we need the lookouts more. In the expenditure of this money the great thing is to spend it in such a way to give us the greatest permanent protection for a period of years."

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