Yet I am fain to remind you that the best growth is slow, in nature sudden revolutions are catastrophes. We cannot do it all; we do not know it all. There will be many generations after us, and attempts to create Utopia in our time will be disappointed. As the sage wrote 800 years ago:

"And fear not lest Existence, closing your account, and mine, should know the like no more;

The Eternal Sáki from that Bowl has poured millions of bubbles like us, and will pour."

COMMENTS

D. ROY CAMERON, *Dominion Forester:*

D. Roy Cameron complimented Mr. Mulholland on his very excellent criticism of Prof. Gibson's valuable paper. He said he was in accord with the idea of a Policy Committee of our Society. He had been stimulated by the annual meeting of the Quebec Association of Forest Engineers because they had assumed their responsibilities and presented to the provincial Government their conception of a proper Forest policy for Quebec. The proposals had meant a great deal of work by members of the Association. He wondered if members of the C.S.F.E. were prepared to buckle down to work for the advancement of Forestry in the same way. He thought all members should study the Quebec proposals, as many points were of general application.

Mr. Cameron did not know of any propaganda, in the vicious sense of that term. Canvassing of public opinion by education was necessary in a democracy before governments would act. He sometimes felt that Forestry would get along faster if there were active opposition to arouse the fighting spirit of its advocates. Everybody was in favour, and thought someone else was doing what was necessary.

Mr. Cameron said he would not speak on the particular points raised by Mr. Mulholland as there would be opportunity to deal with them at another time in discussing the resolutions.

He reiterated his approval of the idea of a Policy Committee, saying that, if established, it would mark milestone number three in the history of the growth of the Society.

(Ed. Note: Mr. F. A. MacDougall, Superintendent of Algonquin Park, was scheduled to discuss Professor Gibson's paper on Forest Policy but was unable to do so at the time the paper was presented. He has submitted his comments in writing, as follows.)

F. A. MACDOUGALL

"To me the pertinent aspects of forest policy are:

"1. For two decades the forestry profession has observed and experienced the defects in present forestry practice in Canada. The facts so learned are hidden in many minds. They will disappear with these minds. They should be given to Canada by the Society of Forest Engineers.

"2. If we consider too long what should be done the confusion of many minds will render impotent any action the society may take. There are certain basic needs apparent to every forester. From these known needs we should be able to select the most worthy and present them as the Society's contribution to a better Canada.

"3. The procedure might be for the committee on policy to draw up a list of possible policy questions and send them to all Society members. In the quiet of his home the opinion of a forester on the questions asked and on any new ones that he thought should be included, would give a rapid cross section of the Society's mind for guidance of the committee. The final compilation could be short, national in aspect and worthy. It should be sent to all the forest authorities, the schools, and the press.

"4. The questions might include some of these:

"a. Should forest research be a federal or a provincial responsibility?

"b. Should forest research stations be established in the different provinces or in the forest types regardless of provincial boundaries?

"c. Do the different forest authorities make management plans. Are these plans put into being?

"d. Should the scaling system be uniform throughout the Dominion?

"e. Should there be established standards for fire protection, with federal contribution to those attaining a certain standard?

"f. Have the forest authorities established a merit system for employees? Is training and transfer of foresters part of their system? Is there a need of ranger schools in each forest authority?

"g. Have the educational authorities met the need for higher training in forestry subjects as opposed to the related sciences?

"h. Is the utilization of our forest resources in world markets meeting with the amount of federal study and advertising it should be given?

"This list is only suggestive. Mr. Mulholland has mentioned others. And each forester has his own ideas.

"5. In initiating a program of forest policy there need be no great detail at the outset. We are trying to build a national forest home. Do we agree we want one? Then we can surely agree on the major steps to be taken to build the foundation."