

The fund will be administered by a trust to be known as the "Strathcona Trust for the encouragement of physical and military training in public schools," with His Excellency the Governor General as patron and the Prime Minister as vice-patron.

The Militia Council report that on March 31 1909 there were under the control and supervision of the Department of Militia and Defence 176 cadet corps, aggregating 288 companies, with an enrolled membership of over 11,000. Increasing interest in the efficiency of cadet corps affiliated to schools is shown by educational authorities, and a larger number of school teachers are qualifying as instructors. The granting of the rank of lieutenant in the Militia to qualified teachers is stated to be leading to good results.

By invitation of President Roosevelt an international conference on the conservation of the natural resources of the North American continent was held at Washington from February 17-23, when the United States, Canada, Newfoundland and Mexico were represented by delegates. The Canadian delegates were the Hon. Sidney Fisher, the Hon. Clifford Sifton and Dr. Henri S. Béland. The conference adopted a declaration of principles respecting the use, development and conservation of land, water, forests, minerals and game, and advised the establishment in each country of a permanent commission for the conservation of natural resources.

On the return of the Canadian delegates this question was brought before Parliament with the result that a Commission of Conservation for Canada consisting of 32 members was created by act assented to on May 19. This act (Chapter 27) provides that the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Mines and the member of each of the nine provincial governments of Canada who is charged with the administration of the natural resources of the province shall be ex-officio a member of the commission, and that 20 other members shall be appointed by the Governor in Council. Of these 20 appointed members at least one from each province must be a member of the faculty of a university (if any) within the province.

Section 10 of the act states that "it shall be the duty of the commission to take into consideration all questions which may be brought to its notice relating to the conservation and better utilisation of the natural resources of Canada, to make such inventories, collect and disseminate such information, conduct such investigations inside and outside of Canada and frame such recommendations as seem conducive to the accomplishment of that end." The commissioners are required to make an annual report at the end of each fiscal year.