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SUBJECT First Annual Convention Forest Products Institute of  
Canada

This first convention of the Institute was held in Convention Hall, Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, on October 30 and 31, 1950. As official delegate from the Division of Building Research, D.H. Rutherford was duly registered as a guest on October 30 and attended the business session during that same morning as well as the presentation of all technical papers. The following is a summary of the proceedings of the Convention.

October 30, a.m. Business Session and President's address.

Mr. J. W. B. Sisam of the University of Toronto and President of the Institute occupied the chair and outlined in his address the growth and aims of the Institute.

Originally, only one Forest Products Institute was in existence and was intended to serve both Canada and the United States. Such an arrangement was carried on for about two years, but it was felt in Canada that a separate body embracing Canada only, but co-operating with the U. S. Institute, would better serve the interests of Canadian Forest Product users. Consequently, a meeting was held in Montreal in December, 1949, to form an executive and draft a constitution. A subsequent meeting in August, 1950, was called to formulate a membership drive. In the December meeting the following slate of officers was proposed:

President - J.W.B. Sisam  
First Vice President - T.A. McElhanney

Second Vice President - A.D. McPherson  
Directors - Loren Brown

A. R. Coleman  
W. J. LeClair

Dr. J. Risi  
K. O. Roos  
H.E. Videto

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Former Chief of Forest  
Products Lab., Ottawa.  
C.N.R., Montreal.  
Dominion Tar and Chemical  
Co., Montreal.  
Bell Telephone Co., Montreal.  
Canadian Lumberman's Associ-  
ation, Ottawa.  
Laval University, Quebec.  
Booth Lumber Ltd., Tee Lake.  
University of New Brunswick,  
Fredricton, N.B.  
Timber of Canada, Ottawa.

This slate of officers was at this present meeting returned to office for another year by acclamation.

The objects of the Forest Products Institute of Canada as outlined by Mr. Sisam were these:

1. To encourage and promote the utilization of wood and wood products.
2. Interchange of information pertaining to wood among those people interested in the wood industry.
3. Promote meetings of those people interested in wood.
4. To increase co-operation between persons and organizations in the wood industry.

No attempt will be made to duplicate services provided by other organizations, but it was felt that the wide gap which existed between what is known about wood and what is done, warranted the formation of this Institute.

The objects could best be carried out by several means.

1. Meetings between workers in research and in industry.
2. Organization of Regional Sections.
3. Distribution of reports and research information.
4. Listing of articles in trade journals.
5. Publication of the activities of the Institute.
6. Providing lecturers on related subjects.
7. Setting up of standing committees to deal with subjects in the wood industry which at present receive no attention.
8. Providing courses of instruction to those working with wood.

Following the President's address, Mr. W.J. LeClair read the financial statement.

Business attended to at this meeting embraced only the acceptance of the name Forest Products Institute of Canada and adoption of the Constitution of the Institute. A copy of this constitution is included in data pertaining to the Institute now held by D.B.R. library.

The following is a list of Technical Papers given on October 30 and 31.

1. Forest Products Industries of Canada - Dr. John S. Bates
2. Why Research in Forest Products - Col. J. H. Jenkins
3. Wood Preservation and Timber Economy - Dr. R. H. Colley
4. The Sawmill Industry - W. J. LeClair
5. The Furniture Industry of Canada - L. G. Daignault
6. Condensation Control in Frame Buildings - M. E. Dunlop (read by D.E. Kennedy)
7. Glued Laminated Timber Construction - Carson F. Morrison
8. Softwood Plywood - J. B. Armstrong (read by Mr. Carroll)
9. Wood Adhesives - H. F. Dixon
10. Synthetic Ammonia and Ammonia Fertilizers from Wood Waste - Dr. J. Risi
11. The Production of Essential Oils from Coniferous Foliage - A. C. Shaw
12. Coal Briquettes from Wood Waste - C. W. Hossack



13. Lumber Seasoning in Eastern Canada - R.S. Millett and A.G. Glennie
14. Fiberboards, their Manufacture and Uses - D. W. Eipper
15. The Value of Trade Associations to Industry - Douglas Jones.

Copies of all these papers are also in D.B.R. library.

No resolutions were presented at this the first general meeting of the Institute.

On the afternoons of October 30 and 31 respectively, conducted tours were made of:

1. Forest Products Laboratory, Pretoria Avenue, Ottawa.
2. Fiber Board and Plywood Plants of the Canadian International Paper Company, Gatineau, Quebec.

As most members of D.B.R. are familiar with both of these organizations no commentary regarding their operations will be given here.

Following is a list of impressions gained by this delegate in attending the convention:

1. The convention was well attended by representatives of widely diverse industries which use wood as a raw material as well as members of research organizations and University faculties.
2. There appears to be, as outlined by the President, Mr. Sisam, a definite need for such an Institute.
3. A very good program of papers was delivered by some very good speakers, but the number of papers appeared to be too great for the time available, or some of the papers were too long. It was often found that speakers had to be hurried in order to complete the program for any one sitting.
4. Discussion of papers, often had to be eliminated due to shortage of time. However, when there was time the discussions were usually of the "prepared" type with very little commentary of an impromptu nature. This was probably due to the unfamiliarity of the delegates with one another and the recognized time limitations.