

and the scenic reserves in their native state and the preservation and extension of our native forests; by inducing widespread interest among our people, particularly the young, emphasising the fact that the welfare of the Dominion is bound up in the preservation of our native forests. A great deal has been done in providing scenic reserves throughout the Dominion, but there is still room for a further extension of these reserves in different parts of the country before the axe and the firestick take toll of the beauty spots of certain districts. It is very apparent, when traversing the Dominion, that in many places where the forest has been destroyed for the purpose of grazing it would have paid the country better had the forest been allowed to remain. Erosion has taken place and the grasses have gradually failed, and fern and scrub are now presenting a difficulty in dealing with this land for pastoral purposes.

One of the great difficulties which is hampering the work of this and other societies interested in the preservation of our forests and birds is the divided control exercised through different Departments of State. A good deal has been written in regard to this control of wild life, and it does certainly seem a wise thing that this should be vested in one Department of State, with assistance from local committees in each centre throughout the Dominion. There are an increasing number of people who are keenly alive to the necessity for preservation of our native forests and birds and who would certainly, without fee or reward, be quite prepared to give any assistance necessary to a really live policy undertaken by a proper controlling head whose policy would be in the interests of the Dominion



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first and private interests second. It does seem an anomaly that several Departments should be interested in the same area, or rather have certain powers delegated to them, and this must lead to confusion and want of systematic control. This Society is prepared, through its members, to give every assistance to any Department which may be appointed to a unified controlling position.