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THE AMERICAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION.

The American Forestry Association held
its summer meeting at Springfield, Massa-
chusetts, on September 4th and 5th, in con-
nection with the American Association for
the Advancement of Science.

The President of this Association, the
Hon. J. Sterling Morton, Secretary of Agri-
culture, was prevented by official business
from attending, but sent his regards to-
gether with expressions of deep interest in
the objects of the meeting.

Capt. Francis H. Appleton, Vice-Pre-
dent, from Massachusetts, presided and
opened the session by a brief address de-
tailing the condition of forestry in Massa-
chusetts and referring to the action of the
State Board of Agriculture through its
Forestry Division. The first business was
the appointment of Messrs. Fernow, Higley,
Moses, Walker and Appleton as a Com-
mitee on Resolutions to report at the end
of the session. The Hon. G. F. Talbot, of
Maine, made an address in which he advan-
taged that all worthless lands forfeited by
tax sales be permanently held by the State
and devoted to the purpose of the produc-
tion of trees, such lands being admirably
adapted to this end. He spoke of the fire
laws of Maine and stated that the adverse
interests of forest owners was the great ob-
stacle to any reform in the proper control.
Under a sharp competition the land was
stripped of everything salable and the refuse
left where it happened to fall, thus ulti-
mately becoming through its inflammabil-
ity a menace to all neighboring property.

Mr. George H. Moses, Secretary of the
New Hampshire Forestry Commission, re-
viewed the history of legislative attempts
to provide suitable protection to the forests,
and spoke of the creation of the present