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Louisiana the Leader.

The fact that Louisiana has taken the lead of all Southern states, and that to-day it has on its statute books a number of the most advanced, although conservative, conservation laws of any state in the Union is due largely to the efforts of a comparatively few men.

The Hon. Jared Y. Sanders, Governor of Louisiana, announced at his inaugural that he was strongly in favor of a conservation program which, without working injury to the business interests of the state, would put an end to the ruthless waste of the vast natural resources of the state.

Following out the lines thus laid down, and utilizing the results of the investigations which had been made by the committee appointed by the legislature, the Hon. Henry Hardtner, the chairman of that committee, and the representative from La-Salle parish, had drawn up and presented at the session of 1910 a number of bills which were adopted a few days before the close of the session.

These laws, before presented, were given unusually careful consideration, and the representatives of the various business interests affected by them were called into frequent consultation. As a result, when finally adopted they represented the views of all these interests, so far as taxation measures could possibly do, and at the same time were effective for the purpose for which they were designed.

The Hon. Fred J. Grace, Register of the State Land Office, rendered valuable assistance in the preparation of these laws and in securing their passage.

Harry P. Gamble, the secretary of the Conservation Commission, and an attorney of recognized ability drafted the bills, which up to the present time have resisted attacks made upon them by corporate interests which object to the taxation features.