

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Signed :—J. R. Booth, Alexander Fraser, David McLaren, Hawkesbury Lumber Co., H. K. Egan, general manager, A. Lumsden, George Bryson, The Rideau Lumber Co., Ltd., J. N. P. Gillies Bros Ltd., D. G., The Riordan Paper Mills, Ltd., P. W., G. H. Perley & Co., Davidson & Thackray, Fraser & Co., James Bryson, The Hull Lumber Co., Ltd., Chs E. Read, sec.

The Department having examined the allegations of the petition and having found them reasonable, made a report recommending that the request be granted, and that the stump measurement of pulpwood be fixed at 7 inches.

Here is a translation of the report of the Department :  
Memorandum on letter 8900,01 of the Lumber merchants of the Province of Quebec.

A petition signed by many lumber merchants, dated 29th May, asked that the tax imposed upon pulpwood intended for the manufacture of paper pulp in the Dominion of Canada, be fixed at 40 cents per cord of 128 cubic feet, and maintained until the year 1910.

This demand, for the reasons alleged in the petition, appears to me to be just.

Moreover, the Department is aware from experience, that the duty of \$1.90 per cord upon pulp wood manufactured into paper pulp outside of the province is practically inapplicable. In a number of ways, which we are unable to prevent, it is found that the Crown is defrauded. For example, it is impossible to collect this tax on the wood cut by the settlers for clearance purposes upon lots under location tickets. Through divers influences, and false declarations, this wood only pays 40 cents a cord, or is allowed to pass without duty as coming from lots held under letters patent. It would require an army of agents to cope with the situation, or to form a regular Customs organization. In fact, we have only been able to collect this tax of \$1.90 in a few isolated cases. The holders of licenses are thus placed