

that had been lumbered over and stripped of the merchantable timber years ago. Unsightly tracts of forest lands from which the valuable timber had been removed, and a large portion of what remained destroyed by fire, were fast being converted into farms, and the settler had upon the lands the resources for bringing them under cultivation. But now a prohibitory duty withers his feeble gains and mocks his humble thrift; he can no longer receive wages for laboring with the saw and the axe in facilitating the process of clearing, by converting timber that he wishes to remove into bolts and logs, but he must perform the hard and thankless drudgery of piling up the timber into heaps and burning it without remuneration, for the government has practicably confiscated his coarse pine, his punky pine, his partially rotten pine, his old pine stubs, his water elm trees, and his basswood trees, and bidden him return to the good old rule of converting them into ashes, if he wishes them removed from the land. Under the operation of the duty the settlement of new lands in the County of Norfolk will be greatly retarded, and many lots that have been occupied by settlers will be abandoned.

THE EXPORT DUTY PROTECTS AN AMERICAN INTEREST.

The timber dealers of the County of Norfolk and those of Saginaw Bay are competitors for the command of the round timber market of Western New York. The Saginaw dealers are protected by an American Import Duty of twenty per cent. *ad valorem*, which, with the superior quality and smaller original first cost of their round timber, much more than compensates for the extra cost of towing their timber to markets, and gives them a decided advantage. The Export Duty increases the advantage they possess over the Canadian dealer to an extent equal to an addition of twenty-five per cent. to the American import duty; as one dollar per M is equal in the County of Norfolk to twenty-five per cent. of the average value of sawlogs delivered upon the banks of rafting streams. The Michigan dealer therefore enjoys a protection practically equal to forty-five per cent. *ad valorem*, more than one half of which is imposed by our own government. It requires no gift of prophecy to be able to foretell that the continuance of this policy will speedily