

government allowing our manufactured lumber to be shipped to the United States in the shape of rossed wood, to supply its pulp and paper mills. I agree at once that if it could be made clear that all the wood that is at present exported from this province could be profitably manufactured into paper within the province, then it would be advisable to prevent its shipment to the United States; but that is not clear, and I can see a great many difficulties in the way. Those who in this province advocate the placing of a duty and are calling upon the federal and provincial governments to pursue this policy, in my opinion, have not thoroughly considered the question. The same conditions do not exist in all the provinces—Ontario and Quebec have great water powers—and many of them. They likewise possess all the other facilities and requirements necessary for successfully manufacturing all kinds of pulp paper. New Brunswick is not so favorably situated in this respect. It has few water powers—the one at Grand Falls being the largest, and is considered by many to be the greatest power in the Dominion east of Niagara. There is a fall of about 10,000 horse power in Gloucester County, and a very few more smaller ones in different parts of the province, so that it will be seen it is not every locality within the province where a pulp mill can be successfully started. Outside of power, abundance of water is a great essential in the manufacture of pulp and paper, and unless it can be liberally supplied it is useless to talk of establishing pulp mills. Mechanical pulp mills cannot be run at a profit with steam, and water power is necessary to economical running. For these reasons, therefore, we might find, if the export of the raw material were prevented in localities where mills could not be erected, quantities of pulp wood would for many years be unmarketable, and there are many districts within the province where the raw material could be supplied, but which by reason of the drawbacks I have mentioned pulp mills could not reasonably be expected to be erected. If any such mills are to be built within the province in the future they will be built where the most favorable conditions exist and where a large supply of pulp wood can be obtained; but I am of opinion that in New Brunswick the number of pulp and paper mills that will be erected will, for years to come, be small.

RE-FORESTATION.

“From time to time we hear of the necessity of re-forestation, but to my mind the necessity does not exist at the present time for such a policy. We have thousands of acres of land within the province where the growth is too thick and where it would be of great advantage to pursue a thinning out process, and if the lands of the province are ever classified as I have