

It was only in recent years that any uneasiness had begun to be felt in this matter. It was thought the large and increasing use of iron and stone for building and other purposes would result in less wood being needed, but this had turned out not to be the case. The manufacture of pulp and cellulose was taking a lot of our best trees, and it was certain that there would be a great scarcity of wood in the near future unless it was at once carefully husbanded. The increase in the local exports this past year was five and one half millions more than the previous year.

The necessity for further supplies of lumber arises from the enormously increasing population. He was no alarmist, but these exports of timber were increasing largely and even the United States say that their future hope is Canada. Unless the several governments of the Dominion soon awake to the fact that they have been unwise and improvident in the past and do something to stay the tide of destruction which had been going on for so long, there would soon not be enough to supply their own needs, without taking the question of exportation into account at all.

In the course of his address, Mr. Stewart made the following recommendation as an amendment to the Public Domain Act.

“In future, patents of timber lands should contain a provision that at least ten per cent. of the territory conveyed should be left in forest, but remain the property of the owner, and be cut only under the direction of the government, and so as not to interfere with forest preservation.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the opening of the afternoon session of the convention Premier Tweedie said that before the regular programme was taken up the subjects which had been dealt with in the morning might well be discussed by those present.

Attorney-General Pugsley thought that some most valuable suggestions had been thrown out. The papers read by ex-Governor McClelan and Mr. Stewart, all must agree, gave us the greatest information. He could see how from the government standpoint legislation could be enacted in respect to preserving the crown lands, but the difficulty came with making legislation in regard to lands granted to private persons and who were now the owners.

In Kings county the lands were almost all granted in this way in the Sussex valley. He remembered as a boy a beautiful stream where he fished. Today that stream was nothing but