

(Soon after Messrs. McLachlin and Edwards expressed their approval of the petition).

Ottawa, 29 May, 1901.

The Hon. S. N. Parent,

Premier, and Minister of Crown Lands,  
Quebec.

Sir,

Your petitioners, lumbermen, and timber limit owners of the Province of Quebec have the honor to submit the following facts:

That a sale of timber limits is advertised to take place at Quebec on the 4th proximo.

That we consider in the public interest and that of the Province, some modifications of the regulations at present governing the manufacture of pulpwood should be made, and that the Order-in-Council in so far as it discriminates against the other Provinces of the Dominion, should be amended so as to permit of the manufacture of spruce, anywhere within the Dominion.

That we, your petitioners, have been quite extensively engaged in the manufacture of spruce and have been large contributors to the revenue of your Department, and have had vested rights long before the present act governing the cutting of spruce was passed.

That the tariff on spruce wood cut on the licensed lands of the Crown (if manufactured within the Dominion) be fixed at forty cents per cord, up to the year 1910, inclusive of the present year.

That no restrictions be placed upon the cutting of black spruce in so far as the stump diameter is concerned.