

question, which is of great importance, in view of the establishment in recent years, of sulphite fibre mills.

“Many intelligent and capable lumbermen hold to the idea that pulp mills are a great menace to the forest wealth of our country, and that with their greater development it is only a question of a few years when our lumber lands will be depleted. With this view I do not agree, because if a proper policy be carried out in regard to the cutting of lumber, it is clear to me that pulp mills might be well supplied without doing any appreciable damage to our forest lands. One thing, however, is important, and of vast importance, and that is that on no account whatever and under no pretext should the operator be allowed to cut lumber below that allowed by the present regulations, except in cases where the land is of the stubby growth mentioned, and which would not in any event produce merchantable lumber of the regulation size.

“With this latter view I know that a great many will disagree, because every proposition to curtail or limit in any way the privileges the operator formerly enjoyed necessarily is unpopular. I am fully impressed, however, with the necessity that exists to-day for a more vigorous policy in this regard, and feel that if such policy is not pursued in the near future the province will eventually suffer.

“Hemlock timber, till very recently, was of comparatively little value, large quantities of it having each year been cut down and the bark, which is used for tanning purposes, peeled. The log, however, was left in the woods and millions of feet in nearly every section of the province have been left to rot and decay. The time has gone by for this extravagant waste and any party who peels bark now on our Crown lands should be required to take the log out of the woods. This wood has now become quite valuable. The time has arrived when indiscriminate and wasteful cutting of it should not be allowed. I am inclined to the view that in the near future hemlock will be largely used in the manufacture of the coarser kinds of paper. I know that to a certain extent it is now being used in our pulp mills, and have no doubt it will be more largely used in the future.

EXPORT OF PULPWOOD.

“What condition would this province be in if it were not for its forest wealth? If the operator were allowed to cut the lands indiscriminately—why, in a very few years, there would be nothing left but a waste, howling wilderness of no value whatever. The country would be completely demoralized and ruined, not only from a lumbering standpoint, but also from an industrial standpoint. And here I may remark that of late a great deal has been written and said throughout Canada in regard to the