

REPORTS ON FORESTS.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL THE MOST HON. THE MARQUIS OF LANSDOWNE, G.C.M.G.,
to the RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DERBY, K.G. (Received December 22, 1884.)

Government House, Ottawa,
December 9, 1884.

MY LORD,

WITH reference to the concluding paragraph of my Despatch of the 28th June last,* on the subject of the proximate exhaustion of forests so far as the question relates to the Dominion of Canada, I have now the honour to forward to your Lordship herewith a copy of a communication from the Department of the Secretary of State for Canada, enclosing copies of the replies received from the Lieutenant-Governors of the various provinces on the subject. 31st Oct. 1884.

On receiving these reports I caused the papers to be referred back for some directions to the Department of the Secretary of State, from which they have now been returned.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Derby, K.G.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) LANSDOWNE.

Enclosure 1.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CANADA to the GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S SECRETARY.

MY LORD,

Ottawa, October 31, 1884.

WITH reference to Lord Derby's Despatch to his Excellency the Governor-General, of the 21st November last, on the subject of the proximate exhaustion of forests as far as the question relates to the Dominion, a copy of which was referred to this Department, and to the Order of his Excellency in Council with regard thereto of the 14th June last, I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship herewith a copy of the replies received by the Secretary of State from the Lieutenant-Governors of the various provinces of the Dominion on the subject.

Accompanying the reply from the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec are a number of Acts and pamphlets.*

I have, &c.

The Viscount Melgund,
Governor-General's Secretary.

(Signed) G. POWELL,
Under Secretary of State.

Enclosure 2.

Government House, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island,
July 7, 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch of the 2nd July instant, transmitting to me for the information of my Government, and in order that the information sought for may be supplied for transmission to the applicant, a copy of a Despatch from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing a copy of a note addressed by R. D. Lyons, M.P., requesting to be supplied with such information as is obtainable on the reported proximate exhaustion of forests, so far as the question relates to the Dominion of Canada, I beg to state that

* Not printed.