

**Returns by License-holders— (Arts. 12 and following.)**

102. The better to enable license-holders to account to the agent for all the timber cut, the Department places at their disposal various forms, especially shanty-books, which they must take care to have regularly kept by the foremen or persons in charge of the various lumbering operations. In this book the number of pieces of timber cut is to be entered day by day. At the close of the operations the person having charge of the book must attest its accuracy on oath.

103. It is the strict duty of license-holders to see that these books be kept regularly and sworn to without delay at the end of the lumbering season, and to send them immediately to the agent with the general report of their operations as required by art. 12 and following of the regulations.

104. It must be thoroughly understood that this duty of collecting the shanty-books and handing them over to the agent with all the other accounts and statements required and of complying generally with the provisions of the above articles, devolves upon the lumbermen interested, under all the penalties of the law, and the Crown Timber Agent must make this known to them by all possible means.

105. It is entirely irregular for the forest-rangers of the Department to spend weeks and months in collecting, with great difficulty, these books and sworn statements which the license-holders are the first interested in producing without delay.

106. The agent must therefore, before the opening of the lumbering season, provide himself with all the books and forms which the Department places at the disposal of the lumbermen and make a judicious distribution of the same amongst the license-holders in his agency, calling their attention every time to the obligation imposed on them of keeping these books, of having them sworn to, of collecting and sending them in to the agent as above stated and generally of making all the returns required by law. At the close of the lumbering season the agent must insist upon those in default doing their duty and he must report any neglect or refusal to the Department.

**Forest-Rangers.**

107. For the purpose of obtaining all the information required as to lumbering operations, the Department places at the disposal of the agent forest rangers who are entitled to a certain remuneration *per diem* when they perform their duties. Of course their services are not as a rule required throughout the year, but during the lumbering season and for a longer or shorter period according to the extent of the division under their charge and of the operations they have to watch. (See Instructions to Forest-Rangers.)

108. Strict supervision on the part of the agent is absolutely required in this connection, to avoid unnecessary expense. The agent who