

Alex. McLaren, Lumber Merchant, Montreal, says on the 28th of March, 1908: "I have visited Sweden in February last; there are only two kinds of wood there, that is, bass wood, which is very much like the white spruce of this province, and red wood, which is like our red pine. There is an abundance of these two woods, but of small size. The average is from 6 to 9 inches at the top, and from 20 to 28 feet long.

In Sweeden they estimate that it takes about 15 to 20 years to obtain a second growth of 9 inches at the stump. He adds that wood does not grow as quickly in Sweden as it does here.

Question No. 101. If you have made explorations in the northern parts of the province what is your opinion upon the quantity of wood not yet touched in those regions?

Answer, by Mr. W. C. Edwards. There is a considerable quantity of virgin spruce in some of the northern regions, altogether a very large quantity. Yet this is not equal to the richness of the forests on the tributaries on either side of the St. Lawrence.

Question No. 103. As a matter of fact is there at present a sufficient number of limits under exploitation to meet the demand?

Answer by W. C. Edwards. A very small part of the limits at present under license are really exploited. We do not think that new sales would materially affect the situation; even if a greater number of limits were put in operation we do not think that the market would be materially affected.

Question No. 107. Is it desirable to put an end to sales?

Question No. 108. Would it not be better to increase the tax and to retain the remaining limits until a better price is reached?