

## THE REASON WHY THIS POLICY WAS ADOPTED

The circumstances which led to these changes are as follows:—

1. A petition of the lumber men requesting a change.
2. That the application of the tariff of \$1.90 was not practicable.
3. That the policy was prejudicial to the interests of the province and of the settlers.

### THE PETITION OF THE LUMBER MEN.

On the 29th of May, 1901, the Government received a petition from the lumber men, asking that the word "Canada" be substituted for the word "Province", and that the right to cut pulp wood be fixed at 40 cents for a period expiring in 1910. They also asked that no further restriction should be placed on the cutting of black spruce, so far as the stump measurement was concerned.

Here is the text of the petition :

Ottawa, May 29th, 1901.

Hon. S. N. Parent,

Premier, and Minister of Crown Lands,  
Quebec,

Sir,

Enclosed you will find the petition of those in the trade, and hope you will see your way to give this matter your best and most favourable consideration; owing to the absence of Mr. McLachlin and Mr. C. Edwards, I have been unable to procure their signature, but they are with  
Yrs.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed),

H. K. EGAN.