

A. I am not familiar with the details, but speaking generally we are keeping well within the Government restrictions as to the size of the timber cut, but my information on that subject is only general.

Q Is it not of vital importance to your industry that the supply of spruce shall last indefinitely?

A. Yes.

In another part of his deposition, Sir Williams says :

" I am of opinion that the Province of Quebec contains a larger disposable quantity of spruce than any other country in the world."

We have therefore an excellent basis for comparison. If 1650 miles of limits can supply indefinitely the mills at Grand'Mere, we can base upon their annual consumption of pulp wood an exact estimate for the production of the whole Province, as the following report will show.

During the cutting season of 1901-1902 the Lanrentide Pulp Co. cut the following quantity of wood, according to the report of Mr. Ryan, dated 12th Jannary, 1903.

White pine.....	77,980	pieces containing	5,995,236	feet
Red pin.....	9,051	" "	454,441	"
Spruce.....	762,646	" "	29,656,921	"
Cedar.....	142	" "	7,000	"
Hemlock.....	1,920	" "	136,447	"

The 29,656,921 feet of spruce, representing 49,428 cords of pulp wood.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Honorable Minister of Lands,
Mines & Fisheries.

Quebec, 11th April 1903.