

Some of the imports of lumber and timber into Canada from the United States during the past fiscal year are as follows, and are significant of the extent to which the Dominion is becoming dependent on outside sources, at least for hardwood supplies, the most of the woods mentioned being such species as are native to Canada, and of which there was at one time what was considered an abundant and inexhaustible supply. Cherry, chestnut, gumwood, hickory and whitewood are classed together with an import of 10,828,637 ft.; of mahogany, the quantity was 1,039,052 ft.; oak, 45,922,940 ft.; pitch pine, 15,055,596 ft.; walnut, 1,210,322 ft.; white ash, 2,416,063 ft.

The value of the export of forest products was \$33,091,032, logs being \$450,000, lumber \$27,000,000, almost equally divided between Great Britain and the United States, and square timber \$2,400,000 going to Great Britain mainly. Pulpwood to the value of \$1,788,049 was exported to the United States. Of manufactures of wood the value was \$3,699,354, the principal item being wood pulp, \$2,409,074, of which \$548,720 went to Great Britain and \$1,807,442 to the United States.

The *American Lumberman*, referring to an estimate made in 1897, that not over 20,000,000,000 feet of white pine would be cut in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, calls attention to the actual cut since that date, which, at a production of 6,233,454,000 feet in 1897, has by steady reduction from year to year reached a figure of 4,791,852,000 feet, but makes a total of 39,353,218,000 feet. The *Lumberman* makes an estimate of the production for the next four years, as follows:—1904, 4,400,000,000; 1905, 4,000,000,000; 1906, 3,600,000,000; 1907, 3,300,000,000; and goes on to say that it is, perhaps, safe to estimate that there is still standing in the principal white pine states of the north stumpage in excess of 20,000,000,000 feet. Some of the mills in the north now have timber to last them ten or fifteen years, and it is doubtful if ten years from now there will be less than 1,000,000,000 to 1,500,000,000 feet of white pine cut and marketed, and in such event the statement that there yet remains only about 20,000,000,000 feet of white pine would have to be amended.

In 1892 the production of white pine in these states last reached a figure of eight billion feet, and its diminution to half that quantity means that the supply is nearing an end. In face of such a diminution in ten years, the ten billion feet of pine which are in sight in Ontario do not look at all like an unlimited supply.