

The Ontario law which they ask us to follow, is an Order-in-Council, of the 18th of January 1900, amended later on by 62 Vic. chap. 11. There has been much discussion about this law, but is the reason of its adoption known? It is not, as is generally believed, the question of pulp wood, but of *pine logs*.

I said some time ago, in answer to an interpellation, that the time is not opportune for us to adopt the policy of Ontario, and amongst other things I pointed out that our geographical position towards the United States is not the same. Because of the facility for transportation which the lakes offer for transportation for nearly all the pine wood cut in Ontario, it can be transported to Michigan and manufactured there. That is why the order-in-council above mentioned was passed, and it was only in 1901 that pulp wood was included in it.

Do you think that with that prohibitive law Ontario exports more pulp wood? Examine the last report of Navigation and Commerce, and you will find that in Ontario, in 1902, the exports were \$193,782 to the United States; while Quebec without this prohibition exported pulp valued at \$412,661. Thus the exportation of Ontario as compared with Quebec, is 31.93 per cent.

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With regard to the policy of Ontario, it is interesting to compare the attitude of our opponents in Ontario with that of the Conservatives of this province. If we accept their declarations it is manifest that there is a want of harmony between them. The conservatives of this province declare that our policy regarding the administration of our crown lands is disastrous; while the conservatives of Ontario approve of it. And the proof of it you will find in this quotation of the *Mail and Empire* of the 7th of May, 1902, regarding the Budget Speech of the Honorable Mr. Duffy.

The *Mail and Empire* is the most widely circulated conservative paper in Ontario, and I believe in the country.