

by license-holders, by settlers on their clearings, or in trespass on Crown Lands, to apply the law and regulations as the case may be. He is also supposed to keep himself informed as to the quality, kind, dimensions and destination of the timber, the names of the lumberers, etc. (Art. 17 R.)


Contraventions and Prosecutions.

95. All timber cut without authority on Crown Lands is subject to seizures and confiscation.

96. When an agent learns that timber has been cut in contravention of the law he must at once notify the trespasser to stop. If the order is obeyed, the agent may allow the timber to be removed on immediate payment of double fees and of the costs incurred for stopping the trespass.

97. If the trespasser persists in cutting timber or refuses to immediately pay double fees and costs, it is the agent's duty to seize the timber and report without delay to the department. (Art. 31, 32, 33 and 34 R.)

Seizures.

98. Before effecting a seizure, the agent must obtain the affidavit of one or more persons according to Art. 1324 R. S. Q. establishing the fact that a certain quantity of timber has been cut without authority on public lands and describing where the timber is. The seizure is made by marking the timber with the mark . Persons in possession of the timber are notified of the seizure and the removal of the timber is forbidden under penalty of the law.

Stampage Dues.

99. All timber is presumed to be subject to stampage dues until proof to the contrary is adduced.

The agent must notify persons cutting timber in his agency that dues will be charged on each piece of timber found in their possession. To avoid paying the dues, they must establish to his satisfaction that the timber is not cut on public lands, indicate the lots on which it was cut, and state the exact number of pieces of wood cut on each lot or part of a lot. The agent has forms of sworn statements to facilitate this proof.

100. The agent must exact from each person cutting timber in his agency a detailed statement, under oath, of all the timber cut by him or on his account, both under license and otherwise. (Art. 12 and following R.)

101. Whether it be for the purpose of determining the total quantity of timber cut or of distinguishing the timber exempt from dues, it is very important that the agent should obtain without fail these statements and declarations and ascertain their accuracy as far as possible.