

alone almost entirely cut in the North Eastern States, at least two hundred thousand acres of virgin mixed woods must be annually culled and over two million pure spruce stands would have to be maintained in good forestry management to secure this product continuously. The area of forest land in the United States is estimated at 500 million acres. That of Canada 800 millions, of which there is probably only 350 millions available. (Fernow.) Notwithstanding this great quantity of forest area it is estimated that the United States has at present only a visible supply for 50 years.

One of the duties imposed upon the Commission was to enquire whether in the interests of the colonization of the province it is expedient to contribute towards the building of certain bridges, and to grant subsidies in lands to certain railway companies.

The total area of lands subdivided and unsold on the 30th June, 1901, amounted to 6,777,287 acres. Of these there were surveyed 4,527,430. Taking the average sales of lands for the past 33 years, there is surveyed land sufficient to supply the demand for 65 years to come. It is worthy of note that the number of sales in 1868 amounted to 202,000 acres and in 1882, 214,000. For the five years ending 1901 the highest number of sales in one year have amounted to 188,000 acres. If the Government lands are to be settled the settler must have good roads and bridges. The policy of all the Governments of the Province has been to pay the cost of the main colonization roads. This policy is a wise one and must be continued.

No contribution should be made to the construction of bridges in old settled municipalities. Our municipal system provides methods for raising money for municipal works, and municipalities which are fairly established should assume the responsibility which self government entails. All local improvements should be performed at the expense of the local authorities. The provincial revenue is insufficient