

OUR PRESENT SITUATION.

By an order-in-council dated the 17th of August, 1894, the tariff on pulp wood was increased from 25 cents to 40 cents per cord, and at the same time a reduction of 15 cents per cord was made on wood manufactured in this province.

There was so much objection made to this alteration, that the Hon. leader of the Opposition, who was then Commissioner of Crown Lands, caused the order-in-council to be revoked, and on the 5th of October, 1894, fixed the tariff at 40 cents per cord, without distinction.

This is what our opponents did. It is therefore inconsistent for them to now reproach us for adopting a policy which they inaugurated.

On the 18th of January, 1900, an order-in-council was passed, fixing the tariff at \$1.00 per cord, with a stipulation that a reduction of \$1.00 should be made on wood manufactured in this province.

Here is the text of the order-in-council.

Quebec, 19th January, 1900.

Present :—The Lieutenant Governor in Council.

It is ordered that the tariff of duty on pulpwood be fixed at one dollar and ninety cents (\$1.90) per cord of one hundred and twenty eight cubic feet, but that a reduction of one dollar and fifty cents per cord be allowed when the pulpwood is manufactured in this province.

(Signed), GUSTAVE GRENIER,
Clerk Executive Council.

This new regulation caused so much discontent, that on the 1st of June, 1901, the Government fixed the tariff at 65 cents per cord of 128 cubic feet, with a stipulation providing for a reduction of 25 cents per cord when the pulp was manufactured in the Dominion.