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GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS UPON THE USE OF PULPWOOD CUT FROM THE CROWN LANDS OF QUEBEC, ONTARIO AND NEW BRUNSWICK

A Reply to Arguments Advanced Before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs at the Hearings in Washington on the Underwood Resolution Respecting the Exportation of Pulpwood from Canada.

THE Underwood Resolution, approved by the United States Senate, and favorably reported to the House of Representatives by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, providing for the appointment of a commission of five to consult with the Dominion or the Provincial Governments of Canada with a view to securing the unrestricted right to export from Canada, pulpwood cut upon the Crown lands in Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick, is based very largely upon a misunderstanding of conditions in Canada.

The text of the resolution in itself shows a complete ignorance of the underlying facts. Most of its statements are at utter variance with the Canadian point of view. This is not at all surprising when considered in connection with the arguments pu forth by certain special interests before the authorities at Washington and which have since received wide publicity in the press of both countries.

Perhaps the most fallacious of all the statements advanced by some of those appealing for the passage of the Underwood Resolution is that which has led the uninitiated to infer that the so-called "embargo" upon the exportation of Canadian pulpwood is in any measure responsible for the present situation in regard to the supply of and demand for newsprint paper. It is assumed by many that Canada has quite recently put a stop to the exportation of unmanufactured pulpwood, the result being that the paper mills of the United States