

PART SECOND

## CROWN TIMBER AGENTS

### The Law.

90. The law governing the administration of woods and forests is contained in section 5, chapter 6, title 4, of the Revised Statutes of Quebec (articles 1309 and following) as amended and in certain orders-in-council, consolidated in 1892 under the title of "Revised Regulations of the Department of Crown Lands, Woods and Forests Branch." Since this consolidation, new orders-in-council have slightly altered these regulations.

91. The first duty of a Crown Timber Agent is to know the law and the regulations. He must make himself familiar with them and note all amendments which may be made to them.

92. Letters or circulars from the Department must also receive special attention from the agent who must keep them together in a special book with an index, so as not to forget the instructions they contain and to follow them.

### The Agent must know his Agency.

93. When he has made himself thoroughly acquainted with the law, the agent will see how necessary it is for him to know his agency well with reference to the timber it contains. He must know the extent of wooded territory it covers, the kinds of timber on it; what part of territory is under timber license and what part is vacant; the lots occupied without title or under location tickets and the circumstances of such lots; whether the settlers are *bona fide* working at their clearings, how much work they have done, etc., the saw-mills in it and the places whence they get their supply of saw-logs.

All this knowledge is necessary to enable him to properly apply the law and the regulations.

### Lumbering Operations.

94. The agent must keep himself posted as to all lumbering operations in his agency. Not a single infringement of the law must be overlooked. The Department relies upon him to see that all the timber cut in his agency be dealt with according to law and that not a single piece of timber subject to stumpage dues be taken off it without his knowledge. The agent must therefore constantly watch over lumbering operations of all kinds, to prevent unlawful operations and collect the dues at the proper time. He must get full reports of all the timber cut in his agency, either