

This question has been persistently agitated for some time past, and it has served upon many occasions as a pretext for an attack on the Government. Many people have spoken on the subject, but I regret to say that few have manifested an adequate knowledge of the question. Those who were the most forcible in their language were either ignorant of the facts, or were merely seeking to further their own interest. I do not, as I said before, censure them for taking measures to protect their business, but I deny them the right of seeking to further their own ends to the detriment of the great mass of the people of this province.

I desire to reduce into a few words the questions now before the House :

1. What is our actual situation in respect to this question? What is our policy, if it is not that of our predecessors, with the difference that we have obtained better results?
2. The reasons why this policy was adopted, and the arguments in favour of the re establishment of the right to cut at \$1.90 per cord on pulp wood exported to the United States.
3. The reason why it is not deemed advisable to adopt the policy of Ontario. Contradictory attitude of our opponents.

I shall then briefly answer certain OBJECTIONS which have been made against our policy, which refer to the following points:

1. The DEVELOPMENT of the Pulp industry;
2. The DEVASTATION of our forests;
3. The ALIENATION of the PUBLIC DOMAIN;
4. The AMERICANS.

And lastly, I shall give the reasons which induced us to establish a permanent tariff until 1910.