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The government may consistently question any objections to an export duty, which may be made by banks having Michigan clients, or by Canadian lumbermen who, without regard to the common or coarse timber, cut out the finest and best, or who are profited by log exportations.

All licentiates are tenants of the Crown, that they may obtain the cream of the timber, they should not be privileged to cut indiscriminately over virgin forests, destroying materially the value of the remaining lower grades which greatly predominate, and thereby invite destruction by fire of what, under reasonable manufacturing facilities, is worth far more to the country than has been returned for the best taken. The government, not the lumbermen, are the trustees of the public domain.

Some large operators who oppose an export duty would, I believe, advocate it, were reasonable but rigid regulations applied to protect the public domain; such a policy would advantage every interest by leading to prolonged operations and impart a stable value to timber upon which industrial enterprises would be established.

Manufacturing plants founded on the forests, sister industries to wood-working establishments, which our timber districts are capable of sustaining to a very large extent, with the home markets thereby created, would be worth infinitely more to banks, railways, farmers,