

qualities of timber cannot pay the duty, and must be destroyed when land is cleared, as was the case while the Export Duty, levied August 15th, 1866, was in force.

WHY CANNOT THE WESTERN NEW YORK BILL TIMBER TRADE BE
TRANSFERRED TO CANADIAN MILLS?

Because, under the circumstances, it is impracticable. The bills of lumber and timber are usually for small amounts, and are wanted promptly. Mills 100 miles or more away could not, for obvious reasons, compete for such a business except at very great disadvantage; especially in the matter of furnishing economical transportation for dribblets of lumber. In Buffalo, Lockport, and Rochester, the builder hands in his bill for the particular class of dimension stuff he may require, and the timber is speedily cut and ready for delivery. The inconvenience, expense and delay incident to sending 100 miles or more up the lake to Canadian mills would only be incurred under the pressure of an absolute necessity, which can never exist so long as unlimited amounts of round pine may be towed from Michigan for the supply of the Western New York demand; and that demand which is now partially supplied from Michigan will be fully supplied from that source if commercial legislation shuts out the Canadian round timber dealer.

SAWLOGS.

Although, with the exception of masts and spars, the entire round timber export of the counties of Norfolk and Elgin was classed as sawlogs by the Commissioner of Customs, under the Tariff Act of August 15, 1866, and as such made liable to export duty: yet very little more than one-third of the round pine exported can properly be called sawlogs, as not far from two-thirds of the entire export is thirty feet and upwards in length, designed for bridge timber, building timber, etc., and supplying precisely the same class of wants that is supplied by the square pine exported to the Eastern market from the Ottawa and the Province of Quebec. Why this trade in round pine should be discriminated against it is difficult to imagine. Square pine can be transported long dis-