

Montreal, 26 January 1903.

Hon S. N. Larent,

Premier, Province of Quebec.

Honourable and dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Pulp and Paper Manufacturers held at the Windsor Hotel on the 2nd of December, 1902, the following were either present or represented:

Messrs. E. B. Eddy, of the E. B. Eddy Co., Ltd.; John R. Barber, of Messrs. Wm. Barber & Bros.; Toronto Paper Mfg Co.; F. P. Buck & Co.; Compagnie de Pulpe de Jonquière; Cie de Pulpe de Montmagny; Moulins de Pulpe de Rimonski; J. E. Vallée, of James McLaren & Co.; W. D. Gillies; A. McArthur, of A. McArthur & Co.; T. C. Smith, vice-président of the Laurentide Pulp Co.; J. D. Rolland of the Cie de papier Rolland; John Ford, of John Ford & Co.; John McFarlane, president of Cie de Pulpe de St-Raymond; Robt. Miller, of Miller Bros & Co.; W. Jalbert, de la Cie de Pulpe de Ouatchouan; F. J. Campbell, manager Canada Paper Co.; Wm. Hanson, directeur de la Cie du chemin de fer Québec et Lac St-Jean; J. E. Caron, M. P. P., secrétaire de la Cie de Pulpe Métabetchouan; F. Florentin Soucy; W. Ayers, de Hamelin & Ayers; Cie de Pulpe de Chicoutimi; James Davy and John Forman.

Mr. E. B. Eddy was asked to take the chair, and Mr. John Forman to act as secretary.

Resolved: That in the interest of the Pulp and Paper manufacturers of this country, and in the interest of the trade generally, it is absolutely necessary that an exportation duty be imposed immediately upon spruce logs exported at the rate of \$1 for the first year, \$1.50 for the second, \$2 for the third, \$3 for the fourth and following years, per cord of 128 cubic feet, the measurement including bark, or its equivalent. Also, in order that each province might derive some profit from this exportation duty, in proportion to the decrease of its material resour-