brought to Quebec a large amount of foreign capital. This question is of the highest importance to us and the exportation of pulp wood has been the cause of many controversies. manufacturer and exporter have their manufacturer and exporter have their points of view, whilst our public men also have their opinions. In a great many cases these differ materially, and in my opinion the proper solution can only be reached by the work of a Royal Commission, as suggested at previous meetings of this association. The immense territory that we have under license, and the vast Crown Lands that are still as nature gave them to us, never having been explored, will yield to this country a large income, particularly through the pulp and paper industry.

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In the Province of Quebec we have an area of 228,000,000 acres of land, of which 130,000,000 are timbered. This does not include that portion of the Province of Quebec known as the Ungava District, which is now considered as a portion of it. The Department of Crown Lands in our province, during the past year, has kept a closer surveillance over the cutting of the wood and the collection of the dues without neglecting the protection of the forest from fires and cutting

contrary to the regulations.

A decision has been reached by the A decision has been reached by the Government of the Province of Quebec not to sell any more of its timber limits by auction. Great areas of our timber lands have been sold at ridiculously low prices. The price of sales has increased, but the present Government has decided not to sell any more of these timber limits. Let us protect this source of national weekly protect this source of national wealth

for the generations to come. Since 1897 some thirty odd new industries have been established at the mouths of the different rivers tributary to the St. Lawrence. Over \$15,-000,000 has been invested in saw mills, pulp mills, etc., which are emmills, pulp mills, etc., which are employing over 9,000 heads of families. These figures demonstrate that the Province of Quebec has gone ahead very rapidly in the development of her forest industry. The eyes of the world are upon us. From the point of view of those interested in these of view of those interested in these enterprises we must protect their capital in so far as investment is concapital in so far as investment is con-cerned, by protecting the source of revenue to us and to them. The pro-vince must afford protection to both the settler and to the financial men who have large investments in our wood-working industries.

Lately immense forest reserves have been created in our province, (viz., the Saguenay, Labrador, Lake St. John, St. Maurice, Maskinonge, Ottawa, Chaudiere, River Ouelle, Temiscouta, Rimouski), which with the Caspe, and Laurentides Parks the Gaspe and Laurentides Parks, comprise a total area of 107,821,653 acres, one of the largest forest reserves in North America. This has all been done within the past few years, and we must congratulate the province for its efforts in that direction. Let us hope that our province will also deem it wise to evolve a scheme for the protection of the fish and game as well as for the protec-

what I have already mentioned we have also the James Bay Basin and the Hamilton River Valley—representation of which about 40 page 2000. acres, of which about 40 per cent. is timbered in Ungava district.

With this vast territory of forest lands in our province, I am sorry to

say that we have not a sufficient num-ber of forest officers, and very few fire wardens; and in many cases the men who hold these positions are unable to discharge the duties to which they are assigned.

In my opinion when a man is appointed to be either a game or a fire





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