

A deputation of holders of timber licenses waited upon the Ontario Government some time ago, to present certain suggestions regarding the protection and conservation of timber. One proposal was that the Government should appoint inspectors to report upon the adaptability of localities situated within districts under timber license, and unless at least ten per cent. of a township is suitable for cultivation, such lands should not be open for settlement under the Free Grant and Homestead Acts, and if already open, should be withdrawn. Instead of a location certificate being granted, the deputation suggested that the applicant should not be located, but should be allowed only to enter upon the lands for the purpose of cutting and clearing and putting under cultivation the two or more acres prescribed by the regulations, building the house and residing upon the lands according to the requirements of the Act, and then, after the expiration of six months, upon furnishing the department with valid proof of residence and improvement, and of his having complied with the provisions of the Act, he should receive the location. The further provision should be made that he is not to be allowed to cut timber except in the actual process of clearing for cultivation, prior to the issue of his patent. The request was also made that rights of licensees to cut timber other than pine, where it is included in the licenses, be not made to cease upon the location as at present, but be suspended from the time of the location, to be revived on abandonment or failure of the locatee to comply with the regulations. Attention was also called to the resolution passed by the Lumbermen's Association, urging that the newer and unexplored districts should be explored in advance of settlement.

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Within the last two years a British Syndicate, in which the Harmsworths, who are among the leading newspaper publishers in England, are the prime movers, have been making enquiries with the object of acquiring control of pulpwood lands, and establishing a pulp and paper mill to supply their various enterprises in England. Having looked over the ground in all the eastern Provinces of the Dominion as far as Ontario, they finally came to the conclusion to locate in Newfoundland, the determin-