

It was also alleged that long experience had proved that the application of the tariff of \$1.90 was ineffective, seeing that there were many ways in which the lumber merchants could evade it. It is well known that the river St. John flows towards New-Brunswick. The prohibitory measure restricting the manufacture of pulp wood solely in Canada, would not prevent the lumber being floated down the river St. John; and seeing that there are no regulations of this nature in force in New-Brunswick, the lumber could be exported from that Province to the United-States, in order to evade the tax. In another part of the Province, the river Ottawa offers facilities for evading the law in this manner.

It is claimed that the Americans would pay \$1.90 per cord, just as willingly as they would pay 65 cents, because they are in need of our wood. This might be the case were it not possible for them to obtain a supply from the holders of lots under letters patent, from the seigneuries, from New-Brunswick and Nova-Scotia, and even from Ontario, at a lower price. We must not lose sight of the policy of retaliation, which in the hands of the Americans might prove a serious menace to the exportation of pulp from this province. The same conditions might prevail with regard to manufactures. We shall never be able to force the Americans to open up manufactories in our midst, so long as it is possible for them to obtain raw material elsewhere than from our Crown Lands.

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If such a right had existed, the capitalists of other provinces, as well as those of the United States, would not have been disposed to undertake the manufacture of pulp in our province, and they would have abstained from bidding for our lands. The consequence would have been to lessen the demand for our limits, to lower the selling price, to diminish the amount of wood cut, and thus to deprive the Province of a considerable source of revenue. Is it not possible that our opponents are jealous of the business like policy which we have adopted, which has