

QUEBEC TIMBER LANDS

The annual report of Hon. S. N. Parent, Minister of Lands, Mines and Fisheries for the Province of Quebec, states that the ordinary revenue in 1903 of the woods and forests branch, including timber dues, ground rents, transfer bonuses, and fines for infringements, amounted to \$879,910.40. The sale of timber limits by auction in June last realized \$361,904.09, bringing the total receipts to \$1,241,814.49. The receipts are large, than any previous year. The amount collected for timber dues exceeded that of any previous years with the exception of 1898. Particular mention is made of the bonuses on transfers, amounting to \$20,108, due to the changes made in the regulations in 1901 by which these bonuses, which formerly were \$1, were increased to \$4 for each square mile transferred.

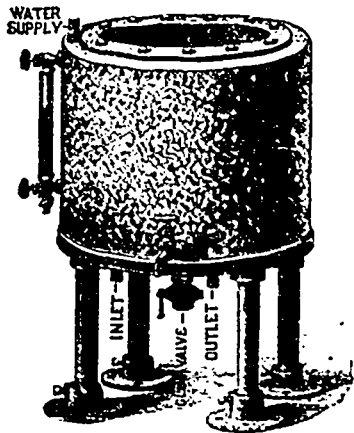
The Commissioner points out the great dif-

ference between the Quebec forests of fir and spruce and those to be found in Ontario consisting almost exclusively of pine of the finest growth. He argues that when conditions are considered, the prices realized for limits in Quebec compare very favourably with the results of sales in other provinces. The Quebec limits which have been sold are entirely without means of communication and transport. The lumber shanties are supplied by canoes in summer and chiefly by sleighs in winter, with long distances to cover; while the logs have to be floated a proportionate distance down rivers broken by rapids, longer and more winding than in Ontario. The latter province is also more favourably situated to market its lumber in the United States. The Commissioner states that radical changes are imperatively necessary in the fire laws in order to properly protect the forests from fire.

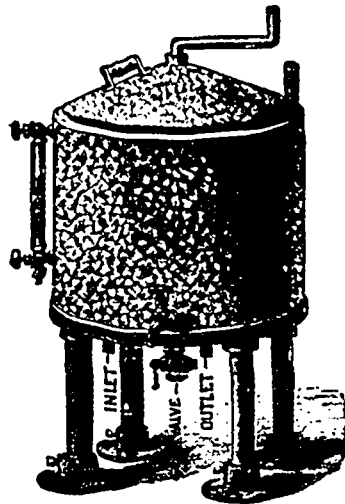
The following is a statement of the timber cut on Crown lands in Quebec during the twelve months ended June 30th, 1903:

Area under license	62,730 sq. miles
Square timber, hardwood	56,647 cubic ft.
Square timber, pine	506,768 " "
Spruce, hemlock, cedar, white birch, balsam, and poplar saw logs and boom timber	288,168,124 ft. b. m.
White pine saw logs and boom timber	199,079,069 " "
Red pine saw logs and boom timber	23,578,926 " "
White pine saw logs, 11 in. and under	60,565,280 " "
Pulp wood	202,633 ½ cords
Timber for poles	703,573 lin. ft.
Railway ties	542,871 pieces
Pickets	7,319 " "
Rails	7,147 " "
Shingles	2,349,500 " "
Hemlock bark	436 cords
White birch for spoolwood	7,696 " "

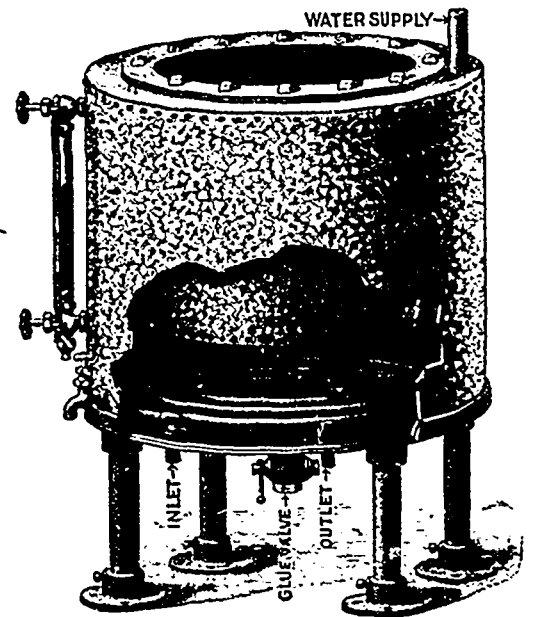
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