

New Brunswick Trebles Its Forest Income

The forest revenues of New Brunswick have more than doubled during the past year. It is estimated that the total will amount to about \$1,500,000. This is nearly three times the forest revenue for 1917, and closely approximates the forest revenue of Quebec. It falls only a few hundred thousand dollars short of the forest revenue of Ontario. This is on a cut of some 343 million feet of logs, ties, poles and pulpwood, supplemented by some minor sources of revenue.

The province of New Brunswick has achieved this highly satisfactory result by a thorough reorganization of its forest service. This is now administered by an Advisory Board consisting of three representatives of the Provincial government, and two representatives of the timber owners. Patronage has been eliminated and efficiency and economy have been furthered by making the one organiza-

tion responsible for the various lines of forest work, including fire protection, enforcement of cutting regulations and timber scaling. The staff employed consists of full-time men, who work for the Government only. Hence the scaling has been much closer, and this fact, together with a higher royalty and perhaps a slightly increased total cut, has brought about the immense increase in revenue and thoroughly vindicated the Government's progressive forest policy.

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BRITISH GOVERNMENT DROPS ITS TIMBER.

(Manchester Guardian.)

The Government have now disposed of their entire stock of foreign softwoods, both at home and abroad. The purchasers are the members of the importers' section of the Timber Trade Federation, and the price is stated to be about £10,000,000.

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