

instrumental in promoting the prosperity and welfare of the country as any other business.

#### LOCALITIES INTERESTED IN EXPORTING SAW-LOGS.

The Export Duty upon saw-logs and shingle bolts, imposed under Tariff Act of August 15th, 1866, was repealed in December, 1867. The total amount of Export Duty collected in Canada for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1867, was \$21,666 90; of this sum \$15,545 52 was collected in the County of Norfolk, Ont., and \$2,426 35 in the adjoining County of Elgin. Thus the County of Norfolk, it will be seen, paid nearly three-fourths of the entire amount of Export Duty collected. More than three-fourths of the quota of the County of Norfolk was paid by the Townships of Walsingham, Charlotteville and Middleton. The amount of Export Duty collected at Port Rowan, from the 30th of June to the close of 1867, was \$11,691 06, which would indicate that the County of Norfolk bore a larger proportion of the total amount of duty collected after the 30th June, 1867, than before. These facts justify the assertion that the Export Duty is a special local tax.

#### REASONS WHY THE EXPORT TRADE IN SAW-LOGS IS, AND MUST CONTINUE TO BE, CHIEFLY CONFINED TO THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK.

The relative location of pinery and market settles the question as to whether round pine can be exported to advantage. It is simply a question of geographical position—of distance of pine from market—of cost and risk of transportation. Saw-logs are not exported from the pineries adjacent to the Bay of Quinte, because the local demand for bill timber, &c., in the region situated in the rear of Oswego, can be supplied from the forests of the Black River Valley and John Brown's Tract. Neither are saw-logs exported from the Ottawa and the Province of Quebec, to the United States, because it is impracticable to tow log rafts against the current of a river, as would be necessary in reaching Lake Champlain. The County of Norfolk having large quantities of pine timber remaining, and being quite convenient to Western New York, has almost the entire export trade in saw-logs, and a large proportion of the export trade in shingle bolts and stave