

BRITISH COLUMBIA TIMBER LAWS.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN)

The McBride Government is introducing some measures into the local legislation amongst which are several which will affect local lumber industries. Timber leases, for instance, will be obtained by public competition for a period of twenty-one years and subject to fifty cents a thousand feet royalty and twenty-five cents an acre rental. Where, however, a mill runs in connection therewith for six months in the year, and cuts 1000 feet per day for each and every 400 acres, this is reduced to fifteen cents rental per acre. For purposes of logging, special timber licenses will not be granted for more than 640 acres and for not more than five years at the following rates: One year, \$160; two years, \$320; three years, \$480; four years, \$640; and five years, \$800. Provision is also made for a royalty of fifty cents a thousand board measurement and twenty-five cents a cord for wood.

Another clause makes provision for a tax on all timber cut in the province except that upon which a royalty is paid. The tax on grade one varies, according to length and diameter up to 24 inches, from \$2 to \$4. On grade two it varies from \$1.50 to \$3 a thousand, and on grade 3 from \$1 to \$2.50. For timber more than 24 inches in diameter and up to 48 inches there is an additional tax varying in the first grade from 20 cents to \$1.50, on No. 2 from 15 cents to \$1, and on No. 3 from 10 cents to 75 cents.

One clause provides for a rebate of everything over 50 cents a thousand on timber manufactured in the Province. This aims at the States lumbermen who have exploited British Columbia timber.

On poles, piles and curb timbers there is a tax of from 1 cent a foot to 23 cents, and on piles of over 12 inches in diameter, from \$2 to \$4 a thousand. If manufactured in the Province this tax is also remitted except a quarter of a cent a foot. On shingle bolts there is likewise to be a tax of \$1 a cord, with a rebate of 50 cents if manufactured in the province.

Timber licenses are made transferable and it is further suggested that the Crown shall have a lien on plant such as tow boats, engines, concentrators, etc., used in connection with the taking out of the timber on which a royalty or tax is reserved.

Lumbermen of British Columbia make objection to the proposal to raise the fee on special licenses, because they believe the alteration will seriously affect what is really a source of great returns to the

Government, and in fact one of the largest sources of provincial revenues, yielding altogether some \$288,000 per annum.

VANCOUVER, November 30th, 1903.

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

From Halifax, N.S.: Str. Peruvian, for Liverpool, 407,238 ft. spruce deals, value \$4,832; 17,289 ft. birch deals, value \$1,810; 65,598 ft. hemlock battens, value \$576; 1,184 pcs. sleepers, value \$343.

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