

OUR TIMBER LANDS.

We would suggest to the Local Government of this Province or rather direct the attention of Surveyor General Adams to the above subject. We would do so because the subject is one well worthy of his consideration, and one in which the lumbermen and mill owners of this county, as well as those of Kent, Gloucester and Restigouche are much interested.

The interest of the millowners and that of the settlers appear to be clashing, and the question now arises, Has not the time come when the matter should be settled, and lands which are better fitted for the uses of the lumberman than for those of the farmer be reserved expressly for the purpose of stocking our mills, while those which are better adapted for the settler should be reserved for his use?

So long as our present policy is pursued—the giving away of our lands without asking payment for the same,—so long will people from abroad look upon our lands as worthless. And we may further remark that the promiseous settlement of lands has been a decided injury to our river, not so much from the lands which are cleared by the settler as from the fires resulting from these clearings which have destroyed millions of feet of saw logs that would not only have given bread to the man who cut them down, but also have left probably \$2.00 per thousand feet in the hands of our millmen and merchants.

In view of the foregoing we would urge our lumbermen and millowners to interest themselves in this matter; we would also point out to the Government the absolute necessity of at once ascertaining where our best timber lands are situated, the probable quantity and their value. To do this Mr. Edward Jack of the Crown land office could be chosen he being well acquainted with this subject.

PETITION REFUSED.

SOME time ago a petition was forwarded to the Department of Marine & Fisheries, asking for liberty to fish for bass with set nets a month earlier than the law fixes. As was to have been expected the prayer of the petition was not complied with, of which the foremost parties to the prayer received proper notification. It would have been unwise of the Fishery Department to have accepted the counsel of a few persons who in consulting their own interests had not enquired into the merits of the case, to the injury of a general fishing industry.

Now, to have complied with the prayer of this petition would have been to do a great injury to the salmon fishery, as the time when permission was asked to set the nets was the very time when spawning salmon pass to their natural resorts.

OUR LUMBER EXPORTS UNDER THE NATIONAL POLICY.

WHEN we came over to Miramichi, we thought we had come to another Forbes, a country blasted not by witches, but by the N. P. We thought indeed that every industry had gone to the dogs, that the mill-wheel no longer turned—that no ships rode upon that "stately avenue of waters" in which a thousand homes of industry glass themselves.

But though he has prophesied, and seems to take an unpatristic delight in his prophecy, the facts and the figures of trade are against him. From this very county, which he says the N. P. is destroying and laying waste, there is a record to be obtained which must put to shame the slanderers of our country. We now refer to the official figures, showing a return of the exports of lumber from Miramichi for the season up to the 31st August.

TOTAL SHIPMENTS TO 31st AUGUST, 1889.

Table with columns: SHIPPERS, No. VESSELS, TONS, S. Ft. DEALS, &c., TONS BRUSH, TONS PINE, PINEES PAIINGS. Lists various shippers like Guy, Devan & Co, J B Snowball, etc.

And now we turn to the exports of the corresponding months of 1878 and 1879. Here they are.

STATEMENT OF EXPORTS FOR 1878 AND 1879.

Table comparing exports for 1878 and 1879. Columns: No. of Vessels, Tons, S. Ft. Deals, &c., Tons of Pine, PINEES PAIINGS.

Here are facts and figures both bitter pills for a Grit politician. Here it will be seen that last year 157 vessels up to Sept. 1st took freights from Miramichi; up to Sept. 1st this year 203 vessels had brought freights away!

But the figures for this year would have been much larger still had not Miramichi and the North experienced such a blow in the burning of Mr Muirhead's mill. Had it been going this year, instead of 20 vessels that firm would have sent out nearer 50.

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