

# LOGS MUST BE SAWN IN CANADA.

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Not in the spirit of retaliation, but as a justifiable measure of defence, the Ontario Government has submitted to the Legislature the proposition that Canadian logs should be manufactured in Canada by Canadian workmen. The Liberal enthusiasm which attended the announcement of the policy of the Government in the House to-day attested the fact that they have taken not only the popular view of the timber question, but the one which most appeals to the self-respect of Canadians. Not only is it in keeping with the feeling of national honor, but it harmonizes with the patriotic aspiration that the benefits to be derived from the development of the great natural resources of the country shall accrue so far as possible to Canada and her people. Hon. Mr. Gibson, Commissioner of Crown Lands, introduced the measure embodying the policy of the Government, and accompanied it with a calm, lucid and comprehensive statement of the situation, explaining the conditions which have necessitated the present action, and, among other things, making plain the responsibility of the United States Congress. Briefly stated, the Government proposes that licenses issued after April 30, 1898, shall contain a condition that pine timber shall be manufactured in Canada. This restriction does not affect existing licenses. All future sales of timber limits shall be subject to the manufacturing condition. The new regulation which the Legislature is asked to approve reads:—"Every license or permit to cut pine timber on the ungranted lands of the Crown, or to cut pine timber reserved to the Crown on lands located, sold, granted, patented or leased by the Crown, which shall be issued on or after the 30th day of April, 1898, shall contain and be subject to the condition that all pine which may be cut into logs or otherwise under the authority or permission of such license or permit shall, except as hereinafter provided, be manufactured into sawn lumber in Canada, that is to say, into boards, deals, joists, lath, shingles or other sawn lumber, or into waney