

# INCREASED CUT OF PULPWOOD.

Revenue Therefrom Nearly  
Trebled Last Year.

The New Rate of 40 Cents Per Cord  
Will Apply to This Year's Cut —  
House Resumes To-day.

The revenue derived by the Province last year from pulpwood dues was about \$13,000, compared with \$4,828 in the year previous, the increase showing the development in this branch of forest product. The quantity in the two years was 65,000 cords and 30,000 cords respectively. The yield of pulpwood on the areas now being cut is probably ten cords to the acre, which means that about 6,500 acres were cut over last year, or about eleven square miles, which is a mere drop in the bucket in northern Ontario. North of the height of land, surveyors have estimated that the spruce yield will be from 50 to 75 cords to the acre.

Last year's cut of pulpwood yielded the Government 20 cents per cord, but an order in Council was passed a year ago providing for its increase to 40 cents, which went into effect April 30, 1900, after last year's cut had ceased. The change provided that the 40-cent rate will apply on timber licensed lands where the rate had been 12 1-2 cents; on lands that were under pulp agreements, at 20 cents, and on lands where permits were issued for small quantities at 25 cents. The new rate does not apply to the Sault Ste. Marie mill for three years yet, the price having been fixed at 20 cents for a certain term by special agreement. The Government have reserved to themselves the right to increase the pulpwood dues at any time they may see fit in the future, whenever the scarcity of the wood elsewhere or the demand here may warrant it. The licenses or concessions granted to pulpwood companies simply give them the right to cut what spruce they see fit within a certain area, and pay to the Province the prices therefor which the Government fix from time to time.

A convention of municipal Councils of Simcoe County, at which twenty-two out of twenty-three municipalities were represented, was held at Barrie last week, when resolutions were passed calling on the County Council to take over the main roads and maintain them. This idea was endorsed by sixteen representatives, and opposed by only six. The plan here favored is the one generally advocated in connection with road improvement in Ontario, with Government aid.

The Legislature will resume this afternoon after a recess from Thursday. The first order of business will be the moving of a resolution of condolence on the death of the late Queen. This will be presented by Premier Ross and Mr. Whitney, who will deliver brief speeches. After to-day the mourning drapings in the Chamber will be removed, and the House will settle down to routine business. The sittings this week will probably all be brief.

There are now 67 petitions for private bills before the House, six new ones having been received yesterday. These included:—

City of Toronto, asking power to acquire and operate the plant of the Consumers' Gas Company.

Western Hospital, Toronto, asking for bill enlarging power of directors.

City of Ottawa, asking power to issue \$50,000 debentures, also to reduce number of Aldermen to two per ward.

Town of Fort William, asking power to increase rate of interest on certain debentures from 4 per cent. to 4½ per cent.

Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway, asking extension of time for completion of road.

Village of Kingsville, asking incorporation as a town.