

Pulpwood Conservation And Control of Supply Objective of New Act

**Sustained Yield Basis
Sought Within Five
Years—Elaborate Data
Must Be Supplied by
Companies by Septem-
ber Next**

**FORESTRY BOARD
TO BE CONSULTED**

**Tax of Up to 25 Cents a
Cord May Be Imposed
to Aid Government in
Carrying Out Policy —
Minister of Lands Intro-
duces Act Into Legis-
lature**

Ontario Government action to place the newsprint industry on a permanent basis with respect to raw material was broached in the Legislature yesterday afternoon, when a bill, entitled the Pulpwood Supply Act, was introduced by Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests.

This measure, said the Minister, was an attempt to provide a sustained yield basis for pulpwood supply within five years. The chief proposal of the measure, he said, is to have all pulpwood companies file with the department, on or before Sept. 1 next, an elaborate statement of finances, installed capacity of plants, raw material and sources, and a plan for placing the pulpwood supply on a sustained yield basis.

To Study Statements.

The department would study these statements, he further explained. It might submit them to the Forestry Board for approval or recommendation, and hold conferences with the officers and foresters of the companies. And the department is to devise some plan, as a result of all this, to place the pulpwood supply generally on a sustained yield basis, so that the industry may have an assured source of supply. The department, the Minister emphasized, was trying to devise a plan to avoid in the pulpwood situation the mistakes made in the administration of the timber wealth of the Province.

Mr. Finlayson believes there will be no trouble with the pulpwood men in carrying out the provisions of the act. This was gathered from his remarks a moment or two after bringing in the measure. Having explained the Pulpwood Supply Bill, he introduced another bill, to be entitled the Provincial Forests Act, 1929. "This," he said, "is another effort to place the timber on a better basis. With the concentration of wealth in the newsprint industry, such wealth is prepared to do almost anything on the sustained yield basis. But it is different with the timber companies."

He went on to say that, while the department was trying out with one of the largest timber companies a timber plan somewhat similar to the pulp-

wood plan, for the industry generally the Government suggested establishing Provincial forests, and would gradually put these forests on the sustained yield basis.

Terms of Act.

The Pulpwood Supply bill specifies that the company specified in the clause requiring the filing of a statement shall mean and include a company operating in connection with the holding of pulpwood or pulp lands, or the manufacture of such wood into pulpwood, paper or any kind of other product of pulpwood, and a firm, partnership, or individual, carrying on such work in Ontario.

The section setting for the returns to be made says: "Every company shall, on or before Sept. 1, 1929, file with the department, a statement, in duplicate, executed under the seal of such company and signed by the executive officers thereof, and by the forester of such company (if any), and such statement shall contain the following information, namely:

"1. The full name of the company, and the names of all subsidiary companies, or holding companies, carrying on business in connection with the said company.

"2. The date of incorporation of the company and a statement of the authority under which said company was incorporated.

Associations and Syndicates.

"3. The names of all companies, associations, syndicates, and other organizations taken over by the said company or from whom the said company has purchased or acquired pulp lands or pulpwood in the Province of Ontario.

"4. The authorized capital of the company.

"5. The paid-up capital of the company.

"6. Particulars of all bond issues or debentures of the company.

"7. Particulars and a description of all leases, areas, concessions, grants, or lands held under contract, containing pulpwood in Ontario, either freehold or leasehold, or held under any license or contract from the Crown in the right of Ontario.

"8. Particulars of any other lands in Ontario containing pulpwood held in fee or under leases or contract from anybody other than the Crown in the right of Ontario.

"9. Particulars of the various plants of the company in Ontario showing the installed capacity of such plants.

Quantity of Pulpwood Used.

"10. Particulars of the quantity of pulpwood used in each of the years 1917 to 1928, inclusive, in each of the plants of the company in Ontario.

"11. Statement and particulars of the amount of pulpwood cut by the company from its various holdings in Ontario during the said years 1917 to 1928, inclusive.

"12. Statement and particulars of the amount of pulpwood purchased by the company from settlers in Ontario in the said years 1917 to 1928, inclusive.

"13. Statement and particulars of the amount of pulpwood purchased by the company from sources outside Ontario and brought into Ontario during the said years 1917 to 1928, inclusive.

"14. Statement and particulars of the kinds and quantities of pulpwood, pulp, paper or products from pulpwood exported, with the names of the countries and persons to which such kinds and quantities were exported during the years 1917 to 1928, inclusive.

Maps of Holdings.

"15. A map showing all the areas or holdings of the company in Ontario and showing thereon the cut-over areas and the areas containing standing timber, and the nature, character, and extent thereof.

"16. A statement with particulars of the amount of pulp, paper craft or other commercial products from pulpwood of various kinds produced from the various plants of the company in Ontario in the said years of 1917 to 1928, inclusive.

"17. An estimate of the quantity of

pulpwood, showing in detail the various kinds thereof, owned by the company in Ontario, the location of such holdings and certified to by a forester.

"18. A plan or scheme in detail prepared by the said company providing for the placing of its supply of pulpwood on a sustained yield basis so that the consumption of pulpwood shall not exceed the production of pulpwood in any year, and with the intention that the said industry may be placed on a permanent basis with respect to raw material. The said plan may provide for a period of five years in which the plan or scheme is to become effective, and shall set out the details of such plan in full and the source and means of supply and the annual consumption to be provided for the company. The said plan shall also show the rate of natural growth on which it is based and the provision it is supposed to make for further supplies so that the company's supply of raw material may be maintained on such sustained yield basis."

Forestry Board Consultation.

The bill further states: "On the receipt of the said statements the department shall study the same, individually and collectively, and may submit the same to the Forestry Board for approval or recommendation, and, if necessary, shall hold conferences with the officers and foresters of the companies from time to time, and shall devise some general plan to place the pulpwood supply of Ontario on a sustained yield basis so that the industry may have an assured source of supply. If it is considered necessary the Province may be divided into sections for the purpose of working out the said general plan, or a plan for any individual company. The said plan or plans may be brought into force at one time or at different times, as may be found necessary. Upon the completion of a general plan for the Province, or upon the completion of a plan for any area or any individual company, the same may be authorized by an Order-in-Council, and upon being so authorized shall have the same effect as if it were set out in detail in this act."

The filing of statements by Sept. 1 is not a rigid provision, for the Minister is empowered by the bill to extend the time limit. He is further given the right to fix the size of trees to be cut, and control the cutting of any company for the purpose of conservation.

Two sections provide for the establishing of spruce or other pulpwood nurseries, and the planting of stock.

Provision for Taxation.

Companies may be further taxed for the carrying out of the act, for the measure says: "The Order-in-Council may provide for a source of revenue for the purpose of carrying out the provisions, and placing the supply of pulpwood on a sustained yield basis, and an addition may be made to the dues payable by all companies in Ontario of a sum not exceeding twenty-five cents per cord on such quantities as are cut and returned by the company under the terms of its contract with the Crown, for the general expenses of the department in the conservation of pulpwood and the carrying out of this act."

The bill also provides that each company be required to file with the department before each first of March, an annual return of operations for the previous calendar year, containing such details as the department may require from time to time. Upon the recommendation of the Minister, the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council may make regulations deemed necessary for carrying out the true intent of the act.

In a "penalty" section, the bill says that every company guilty of a breach of the act, or of regulations made thereunder, or of any direction or order of the Minister, shall incur a penalty of not less than \$100 per day for each day of the neglect, default or breach, to be recovered by the Minister in court action. Moreover, such a breach is to be regarded as a breach of the original contract or lease under which the company operates, and shall be