

203. The carriage of forest products forms a considerable proportion of the business of the railways and vessels engaged in inland navigation. It is estimated that the Canadian railways carried the following wood goods in the year 1893 :—Lumber of all kinds and saw-logs, 3,500,116 tons, and firewood, 1,064,812 tons, a total of 4,564,928 tons, or somewhat over one-fifth of the total weight carried.

204. The forest products paying toll on the canals in 1893 were as follow :—Lumber, 979,125 tons ; firewood, 191,742 tons, a total of 1,170,867 tons, or two-fifths of the total freight.

205. Forests on the Crown lands are leased to lumbermen by the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and British Columbia. In Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island the timber is sold with the land, there being no lumbering leases. In Manitoba, the Territories and the railway belt in British Columbia, the Dominion owns the Crown lands, and timber leases are granted by the Department of the Interior. Some leases are also issued by the Department of Indian Affairs for Indian lands in the various provinces.

206. The areas covered by these leases were as follow in 1893 :—

PROVINCES.	Provincial	Dominion.	Indian.	Total.
	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.	Sq. Miles.
Ontario.....	20,559	.....	986	21,545
Quebec.....	46,006	.....	159	46,165
New Brunswick.....	5,673	.....	17	5,690
Manitoba and Territories.....	.....	2,281	.....	2,281
British Columbia.....	776	389	8	1,173
Total.....	73,014	2,670	1,170	76,854

207. The timber cut under these licenses was as follows :—Ontario, pine saw-logs, 748,814,910 feet, B.M. ; other saw-logs, 8,801,661 feet, B.M. ; square white pine, 1,975,609 cubic feet ; square red pine, 40,983 cubic feet ; other square timber, 50,229 cubic feet ; boom and dimension timber, 25,475,763 feet, B.M. ; cedar, 203,130 linear feet ; railway ties, 1,130,405, besides minor products ;—Quebec, pine saw-logs, 428,598,154 feet, B.M. ; other saw-logs (mostly spruce), 257,140,858 feet, B.M. ; square white pine, 1,131,079 cubic feet ; square red pine, 129,221 cubic feet ; other square timber, 51,621 cubic feet ; boom timber, 178,277 feet, B.M. ; flat and small timber, 555,153 linear feet ; railway ties, 168,038 pieces, besides minor products ;—New Brunswick, pine and spruce saw-logs, 87,075,187 feet, B.M. ; hemlock, cedar and hachmatac saw-logs 21,204,459 feet, B.M. ; square pine, 3,752 cubic feet ; square hardwood, 10,898 cubic feet ; boom-poles, 13,180 pieces ; railway ties, 135,513 pieces, besides minor products ;—Manitoba and Territories, lumber not specified, 22,015,730 feet, B.M. ; ties, 9,069 pieces, besides minor products ;—British Columbia, lumber not specified, 76,851,963 feet, B.M.