

The Committee of Council having had under con- sideration the subject of the appointment of a Commission to enquire into the question of the Stumpage Regulations is of Opinion that it is desirable that a Commission consist- ing of three competent persons be now appointed under the Great Seal of the Province with power to summon Members and take evidence under oath under the authority of the Act of Assembly 53 Victoria Cap. 8, and that the Commission be requested and empowered to consider and report upon the relative merits of leasing the Crown Timber Lands for a term of years, or annually subject to competition; also as to the rate of Stumpage proper to be charged having regard to the State and condition of the Timber Market and the competition between the New Brunswick product is subject in European Markets; also as to the relative advantages and disadvantages to which the Trade is subject in the Northern Section of the Province as compared with the Southern Section; also as to what aid if any, can properly be given and upon what Rivers and Streams towards facilitating driving operations; also as to what changes could with advantage be proposed and adopted in respect to the scaling of logs and in the laws relating to the scaling of logs and lumber; also as to the permanent employment of Scalps or rangers by the year and the Mode of Compensation to those Officials; also as to the protection and conservation of the forest wealth of the Province, and generally to enquire, report upon and suggest improved Methods for the administration and management of the Crown Timber Lands of that Province.