

except that there is already permanent legislation (act of February 1, 1905, 33 Stat. 628) which authorizes the export of pulp wood and wood pulp from the Territory. Any large pulp mill in this region, however, would wish to operate a sawmill and to export from the Territory the better grades of lumber produced, and this bill, if enacted, would give assurance of permanency to this sawmilling part of the enterprise. There are at present a number of sawmills in Alaska which obtain their logs from the national forests and produce lumber, most of which is used locally for boxes and building, but some of which is shipped to the general markets, chiefly through Puget Sound ports. The inability of these manufacturers to ship their better grades to the most advantageous market would be a very great handicap on this flourishing industry in the Territory.

For the reasons previously cited, this department favors the enactment of permanent legislation which would authorize the export of timber lawfully cut on national forests from the State or Territory where grown and the provisions of H.R. 6261, so far as they relate to the national forests, are satisfactory for this purpose. In order that the purposes sought in the legislation may be clearly expressed it is suggested that commas be inserted at the following places:

Line 3, after the word 'forest.'
 Line 4, after the word 'Alaska.'
 Line 6, after the word 'forests.'

Sincerely yours,

W. M. Jardine, Secretary."

(Emphasis supplied.)