

BONUSES FOR TIMBER LIMITS

List of the Public Sales Held by the Ontario Government Within the Past Fifteen Years.

Inquiries received from time to time regarding timber limits that have been placed under license by the Ontario Government prompted the compilation of the accompanying list. It includes, we believe, all the limits in Ontario that have been sold by public auction within the past fifteen years. In addition, a few berths of minor importance have been disposed of by private tender, these consisting chiefly of timber damaged by fire.

The list of sales, as arranged below, may be found useful for reference. The figures are interesting at least as showing the gradual appreciation in the value of pine timber lands. The berths enumerated represent a return to the government for bonuses alone of \$6,195,021.74. Some of these berths have been lumbered; others still remain in their original state. In any event, there has been a large additional revenue to the Government from stumpage dues and ground rent.

SALE OF DECEMBER 15, 1887.

Table listing public sales held by the Ontario Government, including details like Biggar Tp., berth 1, 20 3/8 sq. miles, at \$3,100 per mile, and Lawrence Tp., berth 1, 15 sq. miles, at \$3,300 per mile.

Table listing public sales held by the Ontario Government, including details like McLaughlin Tp., berth 1, 17 1/4 sq. miles, at \$3,400 per mile, and Nightingale Tp., berth 1, 1 1/8 sq. miles, at \$600 per mile.

SALE OF DECEMBER 11, 1888.

Table listing public sales held by the Ontario Government, including details like Ballantyne Tp., berth 2, 14 sq. miles, at \$2,750 per mile, and a note that the berth was sold on December 15, 1887.

SALE OF OCTOBER 1, 1890.

RAINY RIVER DISTRICT.

Table listing public sales held by the Ontario Government in the Rainy River District, including details like Berth 1, 23 sq. miles at \$1,075 per mile, and Berth 29, 1 sq. mile at \$1,300 per mile.

Table listing public sales held by the Ontario Government, including details like Berth 31, 5 sq. miles at \$5,500 per mile, and Berth 63, 2 28-100 sq. miles at \$845.50 per mile.

THUNDER BAY.

Table listing public sales held by the Ontario Government in Thunder Bay, including details like Berth 1, 12 sq. miles at \$3,500 per mile, and Berth 8, 37 1/2 sq. miles at \$550 per mile.

ALGOMA DISTRICT.

Table listing public sales held by the Ontario Government in the Algoma District, including details like Aweres Tp., 18 1/2 sq. miles at \$2,525 per mile, and a total of \$859,909.24.

SALE OF OCTOBER 13, 1892.

Table listing public sales held by the Ontario Government, including details like Biggar Tp., berth 3, 13 1/4 sq. miles at \$4,000 per mile, and Paxton Tp., berth 3, 11 sq. miles at \$1,000 per mile.