

etc. Now this statement is reported from time to time as being made on the stump by speakers on behalf of Hon. gentlemen opposite. I shall be glad to furnish to Hon. gentlemen opposite, if they have lost their copies, further copies of all the pulp concessions granted by this side of the House, with all the conditions attached thereto, for their perusal, so that they may refresh their memories as to exactly what is done under this legislation. We do not give away pulp land. No land is given away. We do not give away pulpwood. Under these agreements 40c. per cord is charged for pulpwood cut on the areas set apart for those who have undertaken the work of carrying out the agreement in connection with these concessions. Then, in addition, and this is where our arrangement is better than the Quebec policy, we have a compulsory clause calling for the erection of a plant for the purpose of making pulp, or paper, or both. In all of these cases, or nearly all, the lowest cost for the plant is half a million dollars, and from that up to one million dollars. Every cord that is cut in these concessions must be ground in the mills that are erected by those who have the concession, and no wood can be exported or used in any other way. This provision gives employment to our workmen, increases business, and gives to us the advantages which the people of this Province, irrespective of party, believe they are entitled to from this great natural asset. (App.) Settlement is not interfered with in any way. In fact 1 pulp concession has been entirely eaten up by settlement. That is the Blanche River concession. We make provision by which settlement can proceed just exactly as though no pulp arrangement had been made. This is of great advantage to the Province and an advantage to settlement, as it supplies a ready market for the pulpwood on the settler's land. The Quebec policy is just the opposite. It prevents settlement. Large areas are locked up under license and settlement is retarded. My friend from N. Lanark, (Mr. Matheson) is said to have stated that pulp agreements are given to friends of the Government.

Now, if these pulp agreements were examined, with the names associated with each agreement from the beginning until the present time, it will be found that the proportion of those interested in the agreements will be about the same on one side of politics as the other. No political question arises in the matter. Concessions are not given to political friends, but to those who have the energy and capital, and ability to undertake a great development of this kind, and carry it on to a successful conclusion. And men on both sides of politics are engaged in working out these concessions in the interests of the country, and, we trust, also with some advantage to themselves.

The Sturgeon Falls Transfer.

We are told that these concessions are peddled to others. Let us look at this assertion for a moment. The statement was made this afternoon with reference to the Sturgeon Falls agreement that the concession was sold to the Lloyds, and that was given, I assume, as an instance where this peddling of concessions had occurred. Now, what happened in connection with that concession? It is true the Sturgeon Falls people did make a sale to the Lloyds for a very large sum of money, as was reported at the time. It is also true that the Lloyds thought—correctly or incorrectly—that they had made a very bad bargain indeed, and although they had paid several hundred dollars on the agreement they refused to go further, and arbitration ensued. That was settled by the Lloyds handing back to the Sturgeon Falls people the whole concession and losing the money they had paid out for the transfer of the concession, and, I believe, an additional sum besides, as they felt that there was no money for them in the transaction and they would rather be without it. Now, I do not agree that these concessionaires have not got sufficient timber to enable them to operate their mill for many years, and the Sturgeon Falls people have now expended additional sums of money and have been manufacturing pulp and paper for some little time. And they are the original parties who undertook to carry out