

Answers. R. Sissons, manager of Price Bros and Co. We do not advise a discontinuance of sales, but rather to force the purchaser to operate within a reasonable delay, so as to get rid of speculators.

Geo. H. Perley and Hull Lumher Co., per G. H. Perley. We think it would be wise to encourage the cutting of logs throughout the Province, to take the necessary measures to prevent fire and to see that the wood cut is not less than the dimensions prescribed. The duties at present exacted by the Government are certainly high enough, in fact they are much higher than in Ontario.

I could multiply these opinions, but what I have already said is sufficient to put an end to the senseless stories of devastation which certain people circulate who are ignorant of the facts.

### THE ALIENATION OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN

From what our opponents say, one would think we had just about disposed of the whole of the Province to strangers. Let us study the facts and see how far this alleged sale of the Province is true.

In the first place the employment of the word alienation conveys a false impression, and the starting point of our opponents is false. This sale of limits is not an alienation; but a kind of rental, a privilege to cut wood on a defined territory. In order to obtain this privilege, one must pay a certain sum per mile, the rate of which varies according to the activity of the bidders. In addition to this it is necessary to pay a ground rent of \$3.00 per mile; and in the case of pulp wood a duty of 65 cents per cord for the right to cut, or forty cents when the wood is not for exportation. Besides this, the license of a holder of a concession is liable to be annulled for any disregard of the regulations of the Crown Lands Dept.

But this is not all, a *bona fide* settler may at any time obtain the concession of a lot situated in territory under license, and according to the expressed terms of the law,