

they obtain in the Province of Quebec! We get this large bonus for the disposition of the pine lands, and, in addition to that, we get large dues as the pine is cut. Then we have the pulp-wood and all the hardwoods, whatever other classes of timber there may be, and when the settler goes in he gets the benefit of that. And, of course, in no case do we dispose of any of the rights to the land. Now what does Quebec do? After they sell these areas at \$111 per square mile on an average and a bonus covering all the timber, they issue a license to the purchaser and he can hold these areas for years and let the timber develop for speculative purposes. Many of the timber areas of Quebec are being held in that way and it is therefore utterly impossible for settlement to go on. Then another very important thing in the interests of the Province is this: No pulp mills are erected. Speculators buy these limits. They are not bound to spend a dollar or put up an industry in order to use the pulp on these lands. Any Hon. member opposite can see the immense advantage of the system which prevails in Ontario. Then, by the payment of 25 cents per cord additional the holders of these Quebec limits can export this pulp-wood from the country when pulp-wood is in demand on the other side of the line. These are some of the features of the Quebec policy.

Quebec Conservatives Want Our Policy.

It being six o'clock the Speaker left the chair at this juncture. In the evening Mr. Davis continued as follows: It is rather a strange thing in connection with this Quebec timber policy, that the Conservative party in the Legislature of the Province of Quebec have advocated time and again on the floor of parliament the policy with reference to pulp that we have in operation in this Province. They condemn the Liberal Administration of the Province of Quebec because of the character of their pulp policy, and the Opposition in this House are ap-

proving of the policy of the Liberal Government of Quebec and condemning the policy in force here, which policy their Conservative friends approve of and advocate in the Quebec House. Then I want to give a quotation from *La Patrie*, the paper edited by the new Dominion leader in Quebec of gentlemen opposite, Hon. Mr. Tarte, who, at the last Dominion election in this Province, was condemned by the gentlemen opposite in very strong language indeed. In this paper the following statement is made, and it is only one of a number of a similar kind which might be quoted: Mr. Tarte called on the Hon. Mr. Parent to enlighten the public as to the reason why, in 1901-2 62,952 square miles of timber limits that Quebec has sold brought that Province only \$654,552 in ground rent and dues per annum, while Ontario, with less than 20,000 miles under license, received from the same service in the same time a revenue of \$1,038,273, and asks an explanation with reference to the showing of Quebec compared to that of the Province of Ontario." Then, Mr. Tarte wants to know in his same article why it is that "timber limits in Quebec realize only an average of \$111 per square mile, while Ontario's timber limits at the last sale realized an average of \$4,450 per square mile. Hon. gentlemen and the country will, therefore, see that their friends in Quebec condemn the policy which is in operation there and approve in the strongest possible manner of that which is adopted and pursued by the administration in this Province. (App.) And in this matter, in my own opinion, the Quebec Conservatives are right, and the Ontario Conservatives are entirely wrong.

No Land Given Away.

Now, it is stated by Hon. gentlemen as reported in the press from time to time, that the pulp lands are given away and, quoting again from the speech of the Hon. member for N. Renfrew in N. Oxford, the other day, I find he is reported as follows: "He accused the Government of giving away valuable pulp and timber lands to rich syndicates of capitalists,"