

" The conditions in Quebec as thus laid down by the Treasurer of that Province are much more to the public advantage than are those of the Ontario Government's pulpwood Concessions. Quebec simply issues a licence good for one year, and renewable thereafter annually. Nor does the holder of a licence get his right to cut as the result of a secret agreement, and without a money consideration. He has to bid for it in competition with timber men from all parts of Canada and the United States who appear at the public sale the government has widely advertised for several weeks. In this way the government secures a handsome bonus amounting in some cases to hundreds of dollars per square mile."

But this is not all. The conservatives of Ontario in their last election pamphlet, referred to our policy on page 24, as that which they proposed to adopt as their own, should they be returned to power. The pamphlet bears the title " The Record and Platform of the Conservative Opposition ". Ontario Elections, 1902. "

There is in this pamphlet a little chapter upon the question of our policy regarding forests, entitled " How Quebec Does it " which we here quote.

" We, of Ontario are under the impression that Quebec is disposed to be improvident. Yet, that Province like our own has pulp wood forests, and it does not concede them by private sale. All the limits are sold by public auction and to the highest bidder. Not only must the highest bidder pay a bonus for the privilege of cutting spruce, poplar, and bass wood, in the limits of the territory which he has bought. but he must, in addition, pay a rental of \$3 per square mile, as well as 40c. per cord for the right to cut.

Here is a statement of a sale of limits which took place in Quebec in 1898, when pulp wood had not reached the price it has to day. These figures are taken from the report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for 1900.