

CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT.

August 18, 1897, 159½ square miles sold for \$265,162, an average price per mile of \$1,665.
 December 20, 1899, 340 square miles sold for \$723,550, an average price per mile of \$2,010.
 September 17, 1901, 399½ square miles sold for \$732,787, an average price per mile of \$1,835.

Another Contrast.

THE LAST SALE UNDER THE SANDFIELD MACDONALD GOVERNMENT.
 November 23, 1871, 487 square miles sold for \$117,672, at an average price per square mile of \$241.

THE LAST SALE UNDER THE ROSS GOVERNMENT.
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Comparison with Quebec Timber Sales.

It is instructive to compare the sales above referred to with the sales of timber lands made by the Conservative Government of the Province of Quebec. Between October, 1873, and January, 1890, the Quebec Government sold 6,235 square miles, realizing by way of bonus the sum of \$398,722, an average of about \$62 per square mile, as compared with the average of \$1,324 per mile realized by the Ontario Government from 1873 to 1901. Sales in Quebec since 1890 have realized less rather than more

Revenue from Crown Lands Department.

From 1867 to 1871, inclusive.....	\$3,260,557
Average per year (for 4½ years).....	724,568
From 1872 to 1901, inclusive.....	31,791,278
Average per year (for 30 years).....	1,059,709
Total revenue from timber since Confederation...	35,051,835
or an average annual revenue for 34½ years..	1,015,900

Attempted Robbery of Ontario's Timber Lands.

It should not be forgotten that while the claims of Ontario to the disputed territory were in doubt, the then Dominion Conservative Government passed, in 1883 and 1884, over one hundred Orders in Council parcelling out the rich timber lands of North-Western Ontario among their political friends, in blocks of about 50 square miles, or 32,000 acres each, at the scandalously low price of \$5 per square mile as an annual ground rent and without competition or bonus. The recipients of these Government favors were, with a few exceptions, prominent Tories of the day, most

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