

THE RAID ON THE TIMBER PUBLIC DOMAIN GIVEN AWAY

Politicians Who Got 23,987 Square Miles for
Nothing Between 1878 and 1896.

Members of Parliament, Senators and Camp Followers in the
Deal—A Vivid Contrast Between the Policies of Former
and Present Administrations.

Driven to desperate methods by their many abortive attempts to discredit the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, its enemies have had the audacity to compare the administration of the timber lands under a Liberal Government, with the manner in which the timber lands were administered by their government when in power.

No comparison more disastrous to the Conservative party could have been made, and none more welcome to the Government. The facts have only to be stated for the people to pass judgment upon them, and that judgment will undoubtedly endorse the policy of the Liberal Government, and it cannot fail also to carry a severe condemnation of the Conservative administration.

LOOTED THE TIMBER.

The Conservative Government for eighteen years regarded the public domain, lands and timber, as a perquisite to be divided amongst Conservatives, senators, members of the Government, members of Parliament, defeated candidates, party workers, and prominent supporters of the party generally throughout the country. There was no regard for the public interest, no care exercised to secure fair compensation to the treasury in exchange for valuable concessions. The prevailing idea was to take advantage of the power they had, and give the property of the people to members of the Conservative party.

No sooner did the Conservatives gain power in 1878, than the process of looting commenced. With each succeeding year the raid on the timber continued until the year 1883, when the acme of cupidity was reached, and a veritable scramble occurred. During that year Conservative politicians divided among themselves, free of cost, no less than 10,326 square miles of timber limits covering 6,608,640 acres of land, the property of the taxpayers of Canada. During the year 1883 there were 212 timber limits disposed of making a strip of forest 33 miles wide, and reaching from Ottawa to Toronto; or a strip three miles wide extending from Halifax to Vancouver.

This hungry horde secured the vast tracts mentioned above absolutely free of cost. Not a cent was demanded or paid. The men in charge of public affairs divided the property of the people among themselves at the rate of 22,500 acres a day for 300 working days.

THOSE IN THE GRAB.

The following is a partial list of the men who grabbed the timber of Canada during the one year, 1883, without paying a cent for it:

Shields, Haggart and McLaren—100 miles.
The Haggart mentioned here is Hon. John Haggart, formerly minister of railways in the Conservative Government, and a present member of the House. Mr. McLaren was a Conservative senator.

J. G. H. Bergeron—50 miles.
Mr. Bergeron is a member of the House and was attached to Mr. R. L. Borden's party on the recent western political tour, in the capacity of expounder of Conservative purity.

Hon. D. Tisdale—50 miles.
Formerly minister of militia in the Conservative Government and a member of the House now.

George H. Perley—50 miles.
Conservative member of the House now.

Hon. W. E. Sanford—50 miles.
Conservative senator from Hamilton.

Nicholas Flood—50 miles.
Former Conservative member for West Assiniboia. Mr. Flood sold this limit for \$400 cash, and never paid a cent of bonus or dues to the Government.

Hiram Robinson—50 miles.
Conservative candidate for City of Ottawa in 1896.

Charles Magee—50 miles.
Prominent Ottawa Conservative.

D. E. Sprague—50 miles.
Conservative candidate in Winnipeg.

Thomas Marks—50 miles.
Conservative politician, Port Arthur.

T. W. Currier—50 miles.
Prominent Conservative politician, Ottawa.

Dr. R. G. Brett—50 miles.
Former premier of Northwest Territories.

Hon. Senator W. Muirhead—50 miles.
Dr. W. H. Montague—50 miles.

Former minister of agriculture in Conservative Government.
S. W. Monk—50 miles.

Former Conservative M. P. P., Carleton.
Adam Brown—50 miles.

Formerly Conservative member for Hamilton.
Hon. Senator R. Hardisty—50 miles.

G. H. Badbury—50 miles.
Conservative politician, Selkirk.

Amos Roe—50 miles.
Former proprietor of Winnipeg Times, afterward collector of customs at

Calgary.
James A. Gouin—50 miles.

Conservative politician, afterwards postmaster at Ottawa.
Moore and McDowall—50 miles.

McDowall was formerly Conservative member for Saskatchewan.
McLeod Stewart—50 miles.

Conservative politician, Ottawa.
Shields, Haggart, McLaren and Nichol—50 miles.

John Rochester—48 miles.
Former Conservative member for Carleton County.

M. K. Dickinson—50 miles.
Former Conservative member for Russell.

Joseph Kavanagh—50 miles.
Prominent Conservative politician, Ottawa.

Jacob Erratt—50 miles.
Conservative politician, Ottawa.

F. J. Clark—50 miles.
Secretary Conservative Association, Winnipeg.

D. W. Cummings—50 miles.
Conservative politician, Birtle, Man.

C. C. Colby—50 miles.
Former member Conservative administration.

Hon. Senator Peter McLaren—50 miles.
Hon. Senator G. W. Howland—50 miles.

T. R. Jones—50 miles.
Conservative politician, St. John, N. B.

John C. Sproule—50 miles.
Conservative politician, Winnipeg.

William Elliott—50 miles.
Former Conservative member for Peel, Ont.

D. H. MacDowell—50 miles.
Former Conservative member, Saskatchewan.

John M. Parson—50 miles.
Former Conservative member, West Huron.

W. B. Scarth—50 miles.
Former Conservative member for Winnipeg.

H. Robillard—50 miles.
Former Conservative member for Ottawa.

William Richardson—50 miles.
Former Conservative M. P. P., Leeds.

Walter Beatty—50 miles.
Former Conservative member, Leeds.

H. A. Ward—50 miles.
Conservative member for East Durham.

N. F. Patterson—50 miles.
Conservative politician, North Ontario.

Thomas Birkie—50 miles.
Former Conservative member for Ottawa.

These are examples, showing a few only out of the 212 who secured free timber limits from the Conservative Government in the year 1883 alone.

BOLDER EACH YEAR.

The following shows how the rapacity of Tory politicians grew, and how the demands of their supporters were satisfied:

In 1881, 21 timber limits were granted; area, 955 square miles.

In 1882, 98 timber limits were granted; area, 4,642 square miles.

In 1883, two hundred and twelve timber limits were granted; area, 10,326 square miles, free.

In eighteen years, from 1878, until the Conservatives were driven from office in 1896, they disposed of no less than 23,987 square miles of timber limits, an area equal to 18,766,080 acres. Of this quantity 23,987 square miles, equal to 15,351,680 acres, were given away without one cent of equivalent going into the treasury.

VIVID CONTRAST.

Compare the above with the record of the Liberal Government. In eleven years since 1896, when the Liberals came into power, they have alienated only 6,456 square miles, or 4,131,840 acres, and for this they have received the sum of \$528,878, or an average of \$81.92 per square mile. In addition to this, the ground rent amounts to \$30,000 a year, and there is also a stumpage imposed of 50 cents a thousand feet.

In other words, the Conservatives gave away for nothing in one year,

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1883, to themselves, senators, politicians, contractors and party friends, 3,870 more square miles of timber than the Liberal Government sold altogether since assuming office.

In one year the Conservatives gave away free 10,326 square miles of timber limits, and the Liberal Government, since they came into office have sold only 6,456 square miles of timber, for which they secured for the treasury the sum of \$528,878.

BRITISH DIPLOMAT HERE

Sir James Rennell Rodd is Visiting Canada.

Toronto, Oct. 15.—Sir James Rennell Rodd, G. C. V. O., K. C. M. G., C. B., a diplomat prominent in his Majesty's service and writer of many noted works in prose and poetry, arrived in Toronto from Montreal yesterday morning on his way to Niagara Falls and Washington. His trip is of a purely recreative kind, and has no political significance.

Although this is Sir James' first visit to Canada he is a man who has had much to do in the conduct of Imperial affairs in the other parts of the British Empire. One of his most noteworthy accomplishments was when at special envoy to King Menelik of Abyssinia in 1897 he brought about the good understanding between the African monarch and Great Britain, whereby not only were trade relations made mutually better, but an alliance was formed against the Mad Mullah. On his expedition to King Menelik's court, Sir James was accompanied by a force of picked men of the army, including one officer, the tallest man in the British army at that time. Sir James has been engaged in the British diplomatic service in many countries, including Italy, Greece, France, Egypt and Sweden. He also saw active service in Zanzibar and won medals for his gallantry.

TREASURY BILLS ISSUED

Not Advisable to Float the New Provincial Loan.

Toronto, Oct. 15.—Cable advices from England to the Provincial Government are to the effect that it is considered inadvisable at present to attempt the flotation of the \$4,000,000. Authorization for this loan was given at last session of the Legislature, and the money is required for the T. and N. O. Railway, and also for the construction of the big electric power line. In the act passed one of the purposes for which the money is needed is stated "for works carried on by commissioners on behalf of the

CANADIAN

F. G. Carson was killed in a runaway at Gladstone, Man.

Play grounds in the south end of the city are wanted in Hamilton.

A prairie fire raged in the Hand Hills near Stettin for over a week.

Increase in real estate values in Montreal this year total \$19,637,572.

Chas. White was sentenced at Sandwich to ten years for attempted murder.

Daysland, Alta., has just celebrated its third anniversary, and held its first fair.

Street cars for Edmonton are being built in Ottawa and are of a high class.

The new Bar Point channel at Amherstburg has been lighted by two buoys.

Fire did \$500 damage to the warehouse of the Domestic Specialty Company, Hamilton.

Rural mail delivery routes are now being organized in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Magistrate Jelfs, of Hamilton, gave an address in Unity Church on "The Unwritten Law."

Thomas Nichol, of Dundas, was

thrown from his rig by his frightened horse and killed.

Carbonneau, Liberal, was elected by acclamation at Lake St. John for the Quebec Legislature.

Thieves entered the stable of Joel Benton at Corbyville, and stole his horse, phaeton and harness.

A campaign for the reduction of licenses is being organized by the Hamilton Temperance Federation.

Mrs. Helen Danchet, wife of Henry Danchet, caretaker of the Hamilton public library, is dead.

A. V. Cooper, arrested at Montreal on a charge of stealing diamonds, is suing the C. P. R. for \$5,000 damages.

A careless hired man threw a lighted cigarette into a grain field at Stettin, and his employer lost his season's crop.

Commander Spain and Commissioner Perry are to investigate the burning of the steamer Premier on Lake Winnipeg.

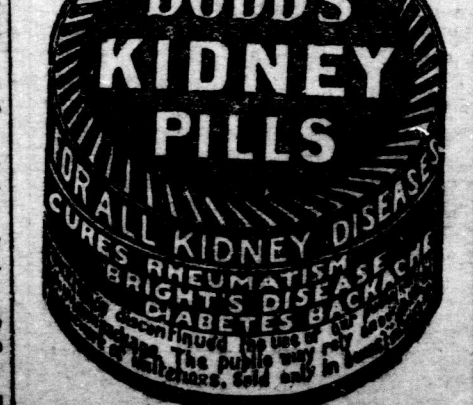
Hon. Adolard Turgeon is to go to the Quebec Legislative Council to succeed Hon. Horace Archambault, says a report.

The arrest of William Maguire, the missing G. T. R. yardman at Brantford is sought in connection with the wreck near Mount Vernon.

The C. P. R. has taken over the 422 miles of the double track wheat road from Winnipeg to Fort William, which cost \$10,000,000.

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Arrive from the east—*8:40 a.m., *10:55 a.m., *11:12 a.m., *11:23 a.m., *6:30 p.m., *8:00 p.m., *10:10 p.m.

Arrive from the west—*12:09 a.m., *8:55 a.m., *11:38 a.m., *1:10 p.m., *4:10 p.m., *6:25 p.m.

Depart for the east—*12:14 a.m., *8:40 a.m., *7:30 a.m., *9 a.m., *11:38 a.m., *2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m., (Eastern Flyer).

The trains leaving at 7:30 a.m. and 2:05 p.m. stop at all stations.

Depart for the west—*3:50 a.m., *7:40 a.m., *11:18 a.m., *11:35 a.m., *1:40 p.m., *8:18 p.m.

The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:40 p.m. trains stop at all stations.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.
Arrive—*10:25 a.m., 4 p.m., *6:50 p.m., (Eastern Flyer), 11 p.m.

Depart—*8:35 a.m., *11:27 a.m., *2:22 p.m., *8:10 p.m., (International Limited.)

STRATFORD BRANCH.
Arrive—*3:25 a.m., *11:15 a.m., *1:33 p.m., *6:45 p.m., *11:25 p.m.

Depart—*5:00 a.m., *10:28 a.m., *2:48 p.m., *4:55 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.
Arrive—*10:10 a.m., *6:10 p.m.

Depart—*8:30 a.m., *4:50 p.m.

Trains marked thus * run daily. Those not so marked run daily except Sunday.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.
Arrive—From the east *11:30 a.m., 8 p.m., *10:52 p.m. From the west—*4:30 a.m., *8:30 a.m., *5:20 p.m.

Depart—For the east—*11:40 a.m., *8:28 a.m., *5:28 p.m. For the west—*11:38 a.m., *8:28 p.m., *11:00 p.m.

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MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.
Arrive—*6:55 a.m., *11:10 a.m., *5:10 p.m., *9:50 p.m.

Depart—*7:15 a.m., *2:20 p.m., *6:35 p.m., *10:25 p.m.

*Runs through to Waterford.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.
Depart—*6:40 a.m., *7:10 a.m., *9:44 a.m., *2:30 p.m., *3:40 p.m.

Arrive—*8:45 a.m., *12:30 p.m., *1:50 p.m., *4:40 p.m., *9:20 p.m.

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