

given away during the time they were in power. And in all that there was not a single word inserted in those bargains asking those who received such rich concessions to manufacture their pulp into paper in this Province. If the Liberal Government of that day had anticipated the growth and the conditions of that north country as they should have done, they would have asked those men to manufacture the pulp into paper in this Province. What are the Conservative Government doing in that way? Thanks to the electors of the Province of Ontario, they still have pulp timber to dispose of, and, I say, Sir, that if the Liberal Government had stayed in power for a very short time longer, we would have had no timber or minerals at all. At the rate they were going it would have taken only one or two Governments to dispose of every acre of spruce timber in the Province in that manner. Did they ask for any provision looking to the erection of paper mills? Not at all; the idea of erecting paper mills to manufacture that pulp into paper in Ontario was never considered by the Liberals. The Conservative Government, however, decided to sell some of that pulp since they came into power. What have they done? **The Conservative Government have done exactly what the Liberal Party failed to do. They said to those receiving concessions from the present Government; "You must manufacture the pulp into paper in this Province."** Did we steal the hon. gentleman's clothes when we did that a year or two ago? I should say not.

MONTREAL RIVER CASE

And that is not all we have done with the spruce timber. Let me compare the method of disposing of that spruce timber under Liberal administration and under Conservative administration, and then, Sir, we shall see which practice the people of this Province like best. When the Liberals were in power what did they do with the spruce timber? A few individuals, friends of the Government, came to the Government of that day and said, "We would like to get the spruce timber on a certain river—five or six miles back from this river—and if you will give us the timber and water power for nothing, we will erect a mill and manufacture the timber into pulp, and we will give you a few cents on the cord dues when we cut the wood." Let me give you an illustration. A certain number of gentlemen in Toronto decided that they would like to have the spruce timber on the Montreal River—one of the best areas we have. Just before the late Liberal Government went out of power these gentlemen came to that Government and that Liberal Government gave them the right to all the spruce timber on the Montreal River for which they were to pay so many cents per cord for dues as they cut the wood, and were to erect a mill. Did they intend to build that mill or to manufacture that wood into pulp? Of course not. They were not men who had the slightest idea of doing that sort of thing, nor had they anything to do with that business. This