

a commission of from three to five men to construct and operate the railway, which will run from North Bay to a point at or near Lake Temiskaming, a distance of between 90 and 100 miles. The location of the line, plans of all works, tariffs of rates, etc., must be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. The railway may make reciprocal running arrangements with other railway companies. The cost is to be borne by setting apart adjacent ungranted lands in tiers of townships, not to exceed 20,000 acres per mile, on which the debentures shall be a charge. The railway shall be constructed and equipped with Canadian material as far as possible. No person shall be employed in contravention of the Alien Labor Act, and the current rate of wages in the district for similar work shall be paid.

The above measure has been described as "one of the most important and progressive bills ever introduced in the Legislature of this Province."

Colonization and Mining Roads.

The Government has also kept pace with the gradual development of the northern and western parts of the Province in the matter of colonization and mining roads.

Miles of new roads built, 1872-1901 inclusive.....	5,292
(Yearly average of 182 miles)	
Miles of roads repaired, 1872-1901.....	14,546
(Yearly average of 500 miles)	
Bridges built, 1872-1901, 20 miles, or.....	114,003 feet.
Total expenditure on above.....	\$3,338,743

Representing one of the many large sums of surplus revenue returned to the people.

Revenue from Timber.

The revenue from timber consists of (1) bonuses; (2) annual ground rent; and (3) timber dues.

Timber limits are disposed of by public auction, after being duly advertised. The ground rent payable in all cases is \$3 per square mile.

The timber dues are \$1.00 per thousand feet on all timber sold previous to 1892, and \$1.25 on all sold since.

Since 1868 the dues per thousand feet have been raised from 50 cts. per thousand feet to \$1.25 per thousand feet, and the annual ground rent from 50 cents per square mile to \$3 per square mile.

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