

which induced the undersigned to recommend, in his general Report of the 24th of March of that year (1859), that all timber berths in the lumbering territories should be offered for sale at public auction ; and that sales should not be forced, but merely keep pace with the wants of the trade.

A still further increase in value, owing in part to the conserving action of the Government, has taken place during the seven years which have since elapsed.

Mr. Alexander Dennistoun, in his application of 20th April last for licenses in Oakley and Hindon, offered a Bonus of only \$4 the square mile, which, for the 165 miles sold, would have been \$660 ; while at public sale these 165 miles realised \$31,062.86½,—or an excess of \$30,408.86½ over Mr. Dennistoun's offer !

In view of the preceding reasons, and of others given in the Report alluded to, and seeing that under Confederation the timber on public lands will be the chief source of revenue for Upper and Lower Canada, respectively, the undersigned would respectfully recommend that no further licenses be granted for Timber Berths in the great lumbering territories, by sale at public auction ; and that all Berths intended to be offered for sale should be advertised for at least four months previous to such sale being held. Lithograph maps showing the Berths, and accompanied by descriptions of said Berths, to be distributed among the trade immediately, or shortly after, any large sale is advertised.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed),

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WOODS AND FORESTS,
Ottawa, 3rd November, 1866.

The Honorable
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.