

\$81.92 PER SQUARE MILE FOR THE 6,456 SQUARE MILES THEY SOLD SINCE 1896.

Conservatives allege that the Liberals disposed of the timber to political partisans through favoritism.

• The Liberal Government has never sold a mile of timber EXCEPTING AT PUBLIC COMPETITION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

Conservatives charged that timber lands were sold by the Liberal Government in advance of population demands.

If this could be so in 1908, with a population of over 1,000,000, with how much more force could the argument be applied to the Conservatives, who parted in one year, 1883, with 10,326 square miles of timber, when there was scarcely any settlement at all in the Northwest. The Liberals only sold 6,456 square miles in the last twelve years, during which time an immense population has poured into the Northwest.

Conservatives accuse the Government of selling the timber to speculators.

There are not 500 miles of timber in the hands of men WHO ARE NOT OPERATORS, out of all the timber the Liberal Government ever sold. These men have been notified that they must erect mills and cut timber, OR THE LIMITS WILL REVERT TO THE GOVERNMENT.

The Conservatives say that there was not sufficient publication of notice that timber was for sale.

The Liberals are not responsible for this. If the time was too short THE CONSERVATIVES FIXED IT. They made the regulations, instructed the officials how to carry out the law; they established the precedents, and are to blame if the law was unsatisfactory.

GOT GOOD PRICES

The Liberal Government sold timber at an average price of \$81.92 per square mile. The Quebec Government, between the years 1888 and 1905, sold 26,500 square miles of timber, much of it pine and valuable hardwood, at an average of \$61.16 per square mile, or within a few cents of the price obtained by the Dominion Government for limits in the Northwest.