

to our revenue, and at the same time to compel them in their own interest to protect our forests.

If we have alienated the public domain, what was the policy of our predecessors when they were in power and sold the public lands at a much lower figure than we did?

I have in my hand a table showing the sales which have been made since 1867, which enables us to place the responsibility on those to whom it belongs.

Territories placed under license since 1st July, 1867, by the different administrations;

Chauveau administration : 26,923½ sq. miles, of which 21,452 were by private sale, and 5,471 by public sale.

Quimet,	administration	1,554	by public sale
DeBoncherville,	"	440	"
Joly,	"	111	"
Chaplean,	"	2,784	"
Ross,	"	758½	"
Mercier,	"	3,080 5-12	"
DeBoncherville,	"	2,353	"
Taillon,	"	1,162½	"
Flynn,	"	444	"
Marchand,	"	8,051	"
Parent,	"	6,435	"
Total.....		54,097	

Quebec, 15th April, 1903.

(The surplus of 62,000 miles had been granted before 1867.)

I shall call your attention to the fact that the moderate figures 334 sq. miles, sold by my Honorable friend the leader of the opposition, do not contain the whole truth. It is well to recall the fact that over 4,000 sq. miles of limits were advertised in March and April 1897, to be