

are worked or not—in a manner obliges them to work their limits, as few can afford to let so much capital lie unproductive, and limits must be worked or sold to those who will work them. Now, as these limits are worked, the "Crown dues," or "Stumpage," as it is sometimes called, must increase from year to year, and the Government has the right in five years to increase these dues should lumber and timber become more valuable in the mean time. The natural growth of timber will also do something towards supplying hereafter, what may be cut off for the next few years, and this is much more important than many suppose.

For the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1868, the Crown dues amounted to \$165,381 for last year ending the 30th June last, they amounted to \$292,989. The annual ground rent for the year ending June 30th, 1868, was \$22,401, and for the year ending 30th June last, \$86,782. And besides these amounts—steadily increasing—there is payable to the Department a bonus of \$8 per mile on *every subsequent transfer* from the original holders of limits to other parties. This must bring considerable revenues also from year to year. As the country is settled and means of communication are opened, the proceeds of the sale of lands will increase, and I am satisfied that for many years our Crown Lands revenue will be maintained. (Hear! hear!)

One point more on this subject. The limits to cut timber are not sold, that is the land is not disposed of, but only the right to cut timber for 20 years, reckoning from 1868. At the end of that period the limits are again taken possession of by the Government and can be resold or rather released to others. I may mention one fact in this connection that a limit of 40 miles, which had been abandoned quite lately was resold for \$3,000 after having been worked by one of our largest firms in the country.

In Norway they have been engaged for centuries in getting out timber, and the supply is not yet exhausted.

As I before said, with care, good judgment and economy, our public affairs can be administered with efficiency.

I could wish that our revenue was much larger than it is, in order that the Legislature might have more funds at