This was the plan adopted under the regulations in 1889, and it was carried on until 1896 by the Conservatives, when they went out of office. The Liberal administration continued to enforce the same system with only trifling changes such as affected the homesteader in the railway belt, and the payment by the holder of the timber of half the cost of fire guarding.

In criticising the regulations under which timber limits have been granted by the Liberal Government, THE CONSERVATIVES ARE CONDEMNING THEIR OWN ACTS WHEN IN POWER. They made the law as it stood previous to December 17, 1907. When the Liberals assumed office in 1896 THEY ADMINISTERED FOR A TIME THE LAW AS THEY FOUND IT. THE CONSERVATIVES CRITICISE THE LAW THEY THEMSELVES INAUGURATED.

LIBERALS IMPROVED LAW

While it is true that the Liberals continued the law with regard to the sale of timber limits, there appeared to be room for improvement, AND THE LAW WAS IMPROVED. The law now is that all timber areas put up for sale are first inspected by the Government cruiser and surveyed by the Government surveyor. An upset price is then placed on them and this price is kept secret by the Government. The auction takes place at the land office nearest the berth. The right is reserved to refuse any bid not exceeding the upset price. It is the same system used in selling the Dominion School lands.

WHAT CONSERVATIVES ALLEGE

They say the regulations governing the sale of timber are defective.

These regulations WERE MADE BY THEMSELVES, and were changed by the Liberal Government on December 17, 1907.

Conservatives allege that timber was sold by Liberals at prices far below its value.

Conservatives disposed of 29,322 SQUARE MILES AT $4.13 PER SQUARE MILE; 23,000 SQUARE MILES OF THIS QUANTITY WAS WITHOUT ANY CONSIDERATION AT ALL—OF WHICH 10,326 SQUARE MILES OF IT WAS DIVIDED AMONG THEM-SELVES, FREE, IN ONE YEAR. THE LIBERALS OBTAINED

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