

The mining development of Ontario is prevented by the improper and inefficient regulations. These regulations, as pointed out by an expert, Mr. Montague, quoted on another page, give the minister a free hand to do as he pleases. The prospector is cheated. Corruption prevails. Development is delayed.

The Conservatives propose to give facilities to enable enterprise to come into the mining region, which is known to be rich, and to develop the resources of the Province to the advantage of all Ontario.

The purpose in this regard is made the clearer by the following resolution passed at the Conservative Conference:

"That this convention condemns the methods of the present Government in passing orders-in-council injuriously affecting the prospector, miner and settler and rendering their rights uncertain, and declares itself in favor of fixed and stable mining laws that will protect the miner and encourage development."

The Timber Resources

"Stock should be taken of our timber resources, in order to ascertain with reasonable exactness the amount and area of our timber wealth, so that the people may be in a position to judge of the course pursued by the Government and Legislature with reference to the most valuable areas. Included in this is the great pulp wood wealth, which should be dealt with as far as possible on the same principle as our timber, and should be disposed of openly by public competition. It is hardly necessary to say that the policy of the Opposition regarding saw logs, which has brought such beneficial results, must be continued."

There is to be no more timber for Michigan, and pulp lands are to be sold at auction, as in Quebec. Our raw material is to be used for home industry, and not for foreign industry. The pulp wood resources of the Province are to put revenue into the Treasury, instead of into the pockets of speculators. The revenue is to be employed in aiding agriculture, education and development all along the line.

The distribution of the timber limits among the "Cap." Sullivans, and other machine operators, is to be stopped.

To Promote Colonization

The Conference declared as follows on the subject of the treatment of the settler:

"That in the opinion of this Conference, as to the lands now or hereafter opened for settlement, the bona fide settler should have the free grant of the lands and all timber and minerals thereon, subject to proper restrictions to prevent locations of lands unfit for settlement for agricultural purposes; that actual settlement in Ontario should be encouraged and nothing be permitted to prevent or retard bona fide settlers or the development of mineral properties; provided that where timber licenses cover lands required for settlement or mineral development equitable arrangements be made protecting the just rights of licensees."

The policy of the present Government gives the settler no encouragement. It is difficult for the man looking for a location to find one. Usually