

which to float the timber to the mills or markets. In addition there was located a great pine forest stretching northward from Lake Nipissing and the C.P.R. towards the height of land. Nearly three billion feet board measure of standing pine has been reported from this section alone.

The gratifying results of these exploratory surveys recalls the battle for Provincial rights in connection with the boundary award, and the great value of part of the territory then won for Ontario. If the Dominion Conservative Government of that day, backed as they were by the Ontario Conservative Opposition, had had their way, a considerable area of this vast north-land, with all its natural resources, would have been diverted from Provincial ownership and control. The Province may well thank the Liberal Government of Ontario for so strenuously fighting for our Provincial rights on that occasion.

*Summary of Surveys.*

AGRICULTURAL LANDS EXPLORED.

	Sq. Miles.	Acres.
Nipissing .....	3,000	1,920,000
Algoma .....	17,500	11,200,000
Thunder Bay .....	4,000	2,560,000
Rainy River... ..	600	384,000
	25,100	16,064,000

Allowing 200 acres to each head of a family, the above acreage would accommodate 80,320 families, and allowing 5 to each family, this would represent a rural population of 401,600 souls; but assuming that the country is capable of supporting, as no doubt it will be in the future, a population equal to the same area in the older parts of the Province, it will ultimately maintain a population of over 1,000,000 people.

ESTIMATE OF PULPWOOD AREAS

	Cords.
Nipissing .....	20 000 000
Algoma.....	100 000 000
Thunder Bay.....	150 000 000
Rainy River.....	18,000 000
	288,000 000

Taking this quantity of pulpwood at the present rate of dues, viz, 40 cents per cord, we have an asset of \$115,200,000.

Net results of the exploration:—

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