
REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

SALE OF TIMBER LANDS.

MR. SPEAKER :—

Your Committee appointed by the House for the purpose of obtaining information with respect to the timber lands of the Province respectfully recommend as follows :—

1. The price of all timber land shall be \$15 per acre, payable within 120 days from date of application, and due precaution should be taken to frame forms of affidavits and applications, setting out that in all cases of application to purchase land at \$2.50 per acre such land is not timber land within the meaning of the Act; the Act itself containing a definition of what shall be deemed timber land; such affidavit and application, if untrue, to cause forfeiture of land and all money paid in respect thereof.

2. All timber cut for milling purposes on any pre-emption taken up after the passing of the Act shall pay 20 cents per thousand feet, and 15 cents per stump, stumpage; and no timber for sale shall be removed off such pre-emption claim without permission from some proper officer on presenting permit at saw-mills—mill company to retain charges on behalf of the Government.

3. The rent in all leases for timber purposes to be 25 cents per acre.

4. Restrictions to be introduced providing that where saw-mill is not erected in connection with leased timber claim within one year, to cancel such claim.

5. Wild land tax to be raised to 25 cents per acre on land suitable for agricultural purposes, and if same be not paid within ten months from date when same becomes due and payable, let such lands, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be sold by public auction.

Conveyance to purchaser to be indefeasible after the expiration of one year from date of such sale by public auction.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

W. NORMAN BOLE,
Chairman.

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