Lumber Cattings.

It is calculated that there is now piled in the yards at the Chaudiere 100,000,000 feet of lumter, and what to do with it is the question which is troubling the lumberman and the export firms to whom it belongs. All summer ocean freight rates have been so high that the export firms have not made any large shipments either of English deals or board lumber for South America or Australia. This lumber, usually shipped shortly after it is sawn, is therefore now filling the yards here to overflowing. Unless this large quantity is shipped before spring there will not be much room to spare to pile the first portion of next spring's cut, which accumulates in the yards until about May, when the summer shipments begin to move it away. -Empire.

A Sign Which Attracted Attention.

A crowd gathered in front of a basement window on Dearborn street one day last week. They were all looking at one of the queerest signs ever displayed in this city. It read:

> LADIES DRESSED. CLEANED AND DYED.

"I'd like to see myself in that shop," exclaimed a fair type-writer girl from a near-by office, with a toss of her head.

"It's an insult," said an old maid, "and ought to be taken down by the police."

"As if a lady what is a lady couldn't clean herself without going to a shop," ejaculated a woman whose husband had just made a lucky deal in wheat.

"And who would want to be dyed," said a young man, nodding his head maliciously at a red-headed girl who was peering over the shoulders of those nearest the window.

The crowd grew, and grew, as street crowds are prone to grow on the slightest provocation, when the proprietor of the little shop came out.

"What's the matter here?" he inquired. "Is my place on fire? Has anybody been hurt? Ah !" catching sight of the sign, and rubbing his chin reflectively for a moment, "that boy has been up to his tricks, I see. I fired him today for impudence, and he swore then he'd get even with me, the little jackanapes.'

And then the proprietor stepped into his shop, peeled off a letter "D" which had been pasted over an "S" in the placard, and the crowd laughed and dispersed as it read:

> LADIES' DRESSES CLEANED AND DYED.

The Liquor Trame in the Territories.

It is understood that the resolution of the N. W. Assembly in favor of the taking of a direct vote of the people on the question of a prohibitory or license law in the Territories cannot be given effect to for the simple reason that it is illegal. In British countries the principal of the rlebiscite has never been recognised. If the people of the Territories desire to have a say on the question whether whiskey shall or shall not be dobarred from entering the North-west, they can do so in the constitutional way-through their representatives in the Legislature.- Empire.

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