

WHITE PINE STATISTICS

The following statistical report was submitted at the annual meeting of the Lumbermen's Association of Ontario on March 17th, by the Secretary, Mr. W. B. Tindall:

PRODUCTION OF WHITE PINE LUMBER.—The total production of mills in North-Western Ontario, which embraces all mills on the Georgian Bay, Northern Division of the Grand Trunk Railway to Callender, and Canadian Pacific Railway, North Bay to Rat Portage, in 1903 was 483 million feet. The comparison with former years is as follows: 1899, 351,000,000 feet; 1900, 476,000,000 feet; 1901, 466,000,000 feet; 1902, 510,000,000 feet; 1903, 483,000,000 feet, a decrease between 1903 and 1902 of 27,000,000 feet.

STOCKS ON HAND.—There is in pile at the mills about 150,000,000 feet, of which 100,000,000 is sold waiting spring delivery, and the balance is unsold. From all I can learn there seems to be a great scarcity of the low grade lumber, absolutely none in first hands, and what is available being held by dealers for distribution. The comparison with previous years follows: 1899, 120,000,000 feet; 1900, 216,349,000 feet; 1901, 181,000,000 feet; 1902, 170,000,000 feet; 1903, 150,000,000 feet.

PROBABLE PRODUCTION OF 1904 LOGS.—I estimate this at 420,000,000 feet.

The answers to the enquiry as to whether last year's prices would be maintained or not, are unanimous that they would, and a good many are looking for a 10 per cent. increase, and one has to consider that the increased cost of log production this winter in the greater portion of the district will require fully a 10 per cent. increase to be in the same position as last year.

It is of interest to look for a short time at the statistics given for the competing points of the United States. The figures given for the states of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin are as follows:

PRODUCTION.—1899, 6,056,908,000 feet; 1900, 5,483,261,000 feet, decrease 573,647,000 feet; 1901, 5,335,448,000 feet, decrease 147,813,000 feet from 1900; 1902, 5,294,395,000 feet, decrease 41,053,000 feet from 1901; 1903, 4,791,852,000 feet, decrease 502,543,000 feet from 1902.

STOCKS ON HAND (Same Period.)—1899, 2,728,271,000 feet; 1900, 2,839,706,000 feet, increase 111,435,000 feet; 1901, 2,398,295,000 feet, decrease 451,450,000 feet; 1902, 2,112,719,000 feet, decrease 275,537,000 feet; 1903, 1,964,532,000

feet, decrease 148,187,000 feet. Total decrease since 1900, 875,274,000 feet. In reference to these districts I would like to call your attention to the fact that it is the first time since 1879 that their output had dropped to the 4,000 million figure. In 1899 it stood at 4,806,943,000. The highest point was reached in 1890, being 5,997,623,000, and the falling off in 13 years to 1904 has been 3,805,771,000 feet or 44.26 per cent., the decrease being steady since 1898.

The cut of hemlock for the same period in the same district is as follows: Total Cut—1889, 868,410,000 feet; 1900, 1,166,288,000 feet; 1901, 1,264,943,000 feet; 1902, 1,277,814,000 feet; 1903, 1,334,204,000 feet. Increase from 1899 to 1903, 465,994,000 feet in total cut. Stocks—1899, 287,820,000 feet; 1900, 622,312,000 feet; 1901, 574,406,000 feet; 1902, 441,634,000 feet; 1903, 515,935,000 feet.

STOCKS AND PRICES

D. E. Sprague, of Winnipeg, Man., expects to cut 12,000,000 feet of lumber this season.

The Davidson Lumber Company, of Bridgewater, N.S., have taken out about 15,000,000 feet of logs this winter.

Edward Zwicker & Company, of Bridgewater, N.S., have a contract to supply John G. Hall & Company, of Boston, with 650,000 feet of lumber for shipment to South America. They will have 400,000 feet of spruce and pine ready for the New York market next month.

The Department of Interior at Ottawa will receive tenders up to April 6th for a license to cut timber on Berth No. 378, comprising the east half of Section 11, west half of Section 12, Fractional Section 13, and Fractional east half of Section 14, Township 6, Province of British Columbia, containing an area of 960 acres.

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tendered at \$70 for surface measurement and J. A. Desrivieres at \$78. The log production in the vicinity of Dauphin, Man., during the past season was unusually large, totalling 65,000,000 feet. The following are the operators:

Table with 2 columns: Operator Name and Feet B.M. Includes Red Deer Lumber Co., Northern Lumber Co., T. A. Burrows, Duck Mountain, Hanbury M'g Co., etc.

The W. & A. McArthur Company, of Little Current, Ont., write as follows: "Owing to the labor conditions and scarcity of men last fall, the consequent late start and the early and excessive

snowfall, the product of our winter's work in the woods will not be over two-thirds of last year's cut, and at largely increased cost. This, in our opinion, will apply to all the lumber operations on the Georgian Bay.

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