

THE LUMBER TRADE.

B. C. LUMBER TRADE.

Geo. W. Campbell, manager of the Winnipeg branch of the British Columbia Mills Timber and Trading Co., returned this week from a trip to the company's headquarters at Vancouver. He reports that the company's big new mill at Vancouver is now running satisfactorily. This mammoth mill has been established to replace the old Hastings mill, which was burned some months ago. The plant for one side of the mill was put in first and immediately set to work cutting lumber. This plant consists of a double circular and two band saws. The plant for the other side of the mill is now being put in, and will consist of a gang and two band saws. The present capacity of the new mill is 150,000 feet in ten hours. This is the actual work done, and not estimated limit. With the other side of the mill completed, it will be the largest sawing plant in British Columbia. Large sheds have been put up at the Hastings mill for dry lumber, for the local and eastern trade, and the company will be in good shape next season to handle all the business of this class offered. The burning of the mill this year was a very serious loss to the company, and rendered it impossible for them to handle all the business offered.

Mr. Campbell says the lumber trade is still very active at the coast, both for export and local trade. A lot of lumber is being taken by Australia and South American countries. The China and Japan trade is also increasing, while the local trade has been unusually active, on account of the great building activity in British Columbia. The demand for British Columbia lumber from points east of the mountains is also increasing. Prices are firm. The better values obtained this year has placed the British Columbia lumbermen in a better position than they have been for years. In fact it is not a secret in the trade that the British Columbia lumber industry has been in a bad plight for years, on account of excessive competition and price cutting, but the outlook is now much better. Shingles are firm. Both raw material for shingles and wages are higher.

Vancouver, Mr. Campbell says, has made wonderful strides forward, so much so that the appearance of the city has been completely changed within a year.

LUMBER TRADE NOTES.

The box business in Winnipeg is flourishing and local boxmakers are away behind with their orders.

The Neepawa Press computes the total value of building done at Neepawa, Man., for 1899 at \$50,150, as against \$55,000 last year and \$60,000 in 1897.

As high as \$5.50 has been asked and paid for lath in the Minneapolis market this month. Some dealers are regularly quoting \$5, although the list price is \$3.75. The mills are rushed as they never have been before.

The Winnipeg sash and door trade is being pushed to its utmost capacity to supply the demand. There is a big demand for storm sash, besides the regular trade, which is very active. There is also a very large demand for special sizes. Dealers are scarcely able to keep up with their orders, and for special sizes particularly have been unable to meet the requirements of the trade.

It is generally believed in the North-western States that lumber prices will not go any higher this year, although stocks are gradually reaching the vanishing point and have long ago passed it in some lines. Wisconsin mills put a new and higher list into force a short time ago, but as they had been selling above the old list before, the difference in actual practice is very slight.

An English authority, J. Nisbet, of the Indian Forest Service, gives it as his opinion that the government of Great Britain could aid in preventing the \$50,000,000 which now goes abroad to pay for timber by directing its attention to the reforestation of wastelands in Great Britain and Ireland. In addition to saving this vast sum, thousands of persons would reap the benefits of forest preservation by being steadily employed.

MINING MATTERS.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Ore is being taken out of the War Eagle mine at its 250 foot level, which averages \$90 to the ton of gold.

The new shares of the Centre Star mine, which were put on the market about two weeks ago, have been largely over-subscribed for.

A strike among the smelter men of Trail seemed likely last week, but a satisfactory settlement was come to and the men returned to work.

Piacor claims legally held in Vernon district have been laid over from November 1, 1899, to May 1, 1900; and those in Lillooet district, from November 15 to May 1st.

The Winnipeg Mining and Smelting Company is making a contract with the Trail smelter for the treatment of at least 10,000 tons of ore. This means that the Winnipeg mine will soon become a shipper.

The Trail Creek Mining company, limited, of London, Eng., has absorbed the Triumph Gold Mining company, of Rossland, and shares in the London company are being issued to stockholders of the absorbed company.

The output of the Rossland camp for the week ending Oct. 28 was over the average, 5,175 tons having been sent to the smelters in the seven days. The Coxe appears in the list of shippers for the first time.

The following mining companies have been incorporated: The Toronto-Lillooet Gold Reefs company, non-personal liability, capital, \$1,000,000; headquarters in Vancouver. The Evening Gold Mining Co., capital \$100,000; headquarters at Rossland.

The Red Rock and Bald Eagle Gold & Copper Co., Ltd., of Greenwood, has been incorporated, with a capital stock of \$1,500,000, in \$1 shares; and the Pacific Northwest Mining Corporation, limited, of London, Eng., and Victoria, has been registered as an extra-provincial company.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Dundee Mining Company will be held in Rossland next month for the purpose of considering an offer for disposing of the assets. It is understood that an English company has offered to take the Dundee property, paying the present holders in stock and placing \$200,000 in the treasury for development purposes.

It is stated that the Poorman mine has been sold to the Granite Mines,

Ltd., an English company for \$215,000. The property is one of the old est mines in the Nelson district. It is on Eagle Creek four miles south of Nelson, and is a free milling lode. From a level 575 feet in length and averaging not over 75 feet in height the owners recovered \$100,000 in gold. The mine has a 10-stamp mill.

NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO.

Work on the various copper mines in the Parry Sound district is proceeding steadily. The Parry Sound Copper Mining Company is giving its attention to one particularly promising property the McGown mine. Tests made show an average yield on the McGown of 6 per cent of copper and 30 per cent of zinc.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A rich strike has been made at a depth of 600 feet in the Republic mine, Washington, just across the boundary from B. C.

THE LIVE STOCK TRADE.

WINNIPEG CATTLE INSPECTION.

A movement is on foot to have a close inspection of meat sold in Winnipeg, which would include an inspection of animals before being slaughtered. The committee of the city council having in charge the drafting of a by-law for this purpose, has recommended as follows: "First, that arrangements be made by which the cattle pens at the C. P. R. stock yards which are used for the accommodation of cattle in transit through the city be established in quarantine pens; that certain pens be set aside for all cattle to be slaughtered here, which must be held in these pens for inspection of the veterinary inspector of meat and dairy before being released by the C. P. R. company."

"Secondly, we deem it essential that for the purpose of properly working a system of meat inspection a depot with pen and stable attached must be secured, and all cattle brought to the city for sale must be placed therein and inspected previous to being offered for sale, by the city veterinary inspector of meat and dairy. All slaughtered meat to be brought to the depot and inspected before being put on the market.

"A proper schedule will have to be worked out, so that the veterinarian will have certain hours at the depot and certain hours at the stockyards, and also visit the various slaughter houses daily.

"These and other minor details, such as tagging inspected beef, etc., can be readily worked as soon as the man is appointed to the position."

LIVE STOCK TRADE NOTES.

Itanda and Short shipped seven car loads of fat cattle from Shoal Lake on the 23rd ult.

H. E. Waller, of Carberry, shipped four cars of cattle and a car of hogs to Winnipeg last week.

D. McDonald & Co., shipped eighteen cars of fat cattle from Shoal Lake to Winnipeg on October 23rd.

Seven hundred head of sheep were shipped from Walsh station, Assa., last week, to P. Burns & Co., for their Kootenay trade.

Twenty-one cars of choice three and four year old steers were shipped from Maple Creek last Saturday by L. C. Parsons, consigned to Kobold & Co., butchers, Winnipeg. These cattle will all be killed here for city trade.