

begin to pay, and there are very few who will undertake the work. At least very little has been done in this line. At the Agricultural College an experimental arboratum of four acres has been growing a few years; and a farmer in Monroe county has this year set 1,500 black-walnut trees with a view to grow them for timber.

Would it not be well to study more closely the possibility of improving the timber lands that still remain. The woods still standing contain a vast amount of material which is susceptible of development in far less time than would be required for the planting and growth of new forests, the neglect of which furnishes a striking proof of the general ignorance of forest culture. The timber is ruthlessly cut from many places that are nearly useless for cultivation after, and would be worth far more for growing timber than for any other purpose, more beautiful to the eye and more profitable. In many instances the native woods have been so much neglected or so much injured as to be past redemption, yet there are still large areas of forests and smaller groves and wood-lots now yielding no revenue which might be developed into timber forests of very great value and at the same time yield an annual crop of firewood in the process.

Cut out the dead and least valued timber for firewood, preserve the small growing trees that are of the best varieties for timber. It will be necessary for the best care of the forest to keep stock from running in it, as they will totally destroy all small growth. In almost every tract of woodland may be found more or less of trees of the best varieties for timber mingled with a great variety that are worthless or only fit for fuel. In many cases they have been neglected and cannot be improved, but in most cases intelligent work in thinning and pruning will be followed by profitable results.—*Detroit Post.*

MUSKEGON LUMBERING.

An exchange says:—I had a few minutes pleasant chat at the Everett house last evening with Col. Fuller, one of the Muskegon lumber kings. Col. Fuller is an old "state of Mainer," and takes to a pine tree as naturally as a Bay City newspaper man does to Anderson county budge. He has been operating largely in this state a number of years. He told me that under the most favourable circumstances it is calculated that at the close of rafting operations there will be in the neighbourhood of 200,000,000 feet of logs back. The strike at Muskegon is largely responsible for this. He said manufacturers there are obtaining good prices for lumber. Many of the mills are running nights, and a considerable quantity of lumber is cross-piled. Should the fall be favourable he is of the opinion that the cut of the mills at Muskegon will approximate that of last season. He said that logging will be carried on to the west side on a large scale the coming winter, nearly everybody is going into the woods. The Col. purchased a branch railway nearly three miles long, tapping a tract of pine in Clare County, from which he calculates to cut 15,000,000 feet of logs, which will be put into Lake George, and they will be thence hauled over the Lake George & Muskegon railroad, and put into the Muskegon.

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CHICAGO SHIPMENTS.

The Northwestern Lumberman says:—The secretary of the Lumberman's Exchange has been at work for some time past in endeavoring to arrive at a correct basis for calculating the shipments from this city, and has ascertained that the average weight of 32,150,000 feet, shipped by promiscuous dealers during the month of August, was 2,475 pounds per thousand feet. This embraced 2,805 cars, averaging 11,105 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft per car. Upon this basis he estimates the August shipments by rail and canal at 138,958,756 feet, or 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., leaving 47,564,285 feet, or 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the total, to make up the 186,522,041 feet shown by the September inventory to have been disposed of during August. Upon the same basis it is figured out that the volume of trade for September differs but little from that of August, the rail and canal shipments to August 26th being 124,000,000 feet; estimate for four days at same proportionate rate, 23,620,000 feet; city consumption (add one-third), 49,207,000 feet, leaving the estimate of the September shipments at 196,827,000 feet. It will take a few weeks' test of the basis to determine the value and correctness of the figures. The percentage of city consumption will not astonish the readers of this journal, who have noted our estimates of from 20 to 24 per cent. for the past two years.

Among the many industries of Rockford, Ill., furniture making is one of the most important ones. The Forest City Furniture Company, whose plant covers an entire square, has among its facilities a dry kiln capable of containing 50,000 feet of lumber, and has on hand in the yards 2,000,000 feet of walnut, ash, white-wood and basswood lumber, which is being consumed at an average rate of 125,000 feet per month. The Union Furniture Company has on hand 500,000 feet, and dries all that is used in the open air. The Central Company uses about two car loads of ash and walnut lumber per week, and will erect a dry kiln next spring. The Rockford Co-operative Furniture Company has a dry kiln with a capacity of 24,000 feet, and has on hand about 1,000,000 feet of walnut, in addition to the other kinds of wood. The Rockford Chair and Furniture Company has just built a dry kiln with a capacity of 40,000 feet, and will use chiefly ash. The Excelsior Company also operates heavily.

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