

hewn and sawn, which is nearly equally balanced by the consumption.

Prime Apalachicola, at the opening of the year, brought 1s. 6d. to 1s. 6½d. for 90 to 110 ft. per log, and Pensacola 1s. 3d. and 1s. 4d. for 80 to 90 ft.

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FROM AMERICAN LOGGERS.

There are a great many men who, in their minds, are bound there shall be no material curtailment of the log output this season. It is not strange that people unacquainted with the progress made in logging on the various streams should hold to that opinion, for they at least know the vim which characterizes the average logger, and they think that this vim cannot be easily curbed. Facts are facts, nevertheless, and that a great many less logs will go in this winter than last admits of no question.

It has been noted in several newspapers that a large concern, operating on the upper peninsula of Michigan, had nearly completed its original estimates, and that an annex, so to speak, would be attached to them. To-day news reaches us that this company's skidders have been discharged, which must set the rumors of an increased cut at rest. There can be no doubt but that in many cases the original estimates will be overrun; in fact some loggers went into the woods with a sort of sliding scale. A member of one of the Jumbo corporations visited this office yesterday, and said that his company started in to cut 40 per cent. of the amount banked last season, with the understanding that if the conditions proved favorable the cut would be increased to 50 per cent., but, under no conditions would the latter figures be exceeded.

A majority of the large operators want to be understood as thoroughly in earnest. A man who last year banked 55,000,000 feet, and who this year declares his intentions to bank less than half of that amount, sent word to the editor of the *Lumberman* that if the latter ever intimated in the columns of his paper that this operator "does not mean business" he (the operator) would visit the office with a club! There are men who log in a small way who will rush in where "angles fear to tread" and try to make capital out of their neighbors' inactivity; but the logs banked by these men form but a small proportion of the grand total.

During the past week rapid work has been done. The weather has been too cold for easy hauling, except where ice roads are used, and the low temperature has been detrimental to the men, but on every stream the best foot has been put forward. There is snow enough in every district, with some to spare on the upper peninsula. If the low lands and swamps are not hard no one will think of charging it up to the weather.—*Northwestern Lumberman*.

THE great importance of the lumber business in the northwest, is demonstrated in an exhaustive review of that industry recently published in Minneapolis. The total cut in the northwestern lumber region was 2,534,398,361 feet of lumber, 1,039,354,300 shingles and 630,090,780 lath—an increase over the cut of 1883 of 447, 811,966 feet of lumber, 202,994,030 shingles and 83,799,850 lath. The stock on hand December 1st aggregated 1,793,708,522 feet of lumber, 424,908,406 shingles and 310,276,600 lath, an increase over the total of December 1st, 1883, of 600,078,636 feet of lumber, 50,011,556 shingles and 199,513,700 lath. The anticipated log supply is placed at 2,619,866,000, of which 1,522,500,000 represent new logs.—*Lumberman's Gazette*.

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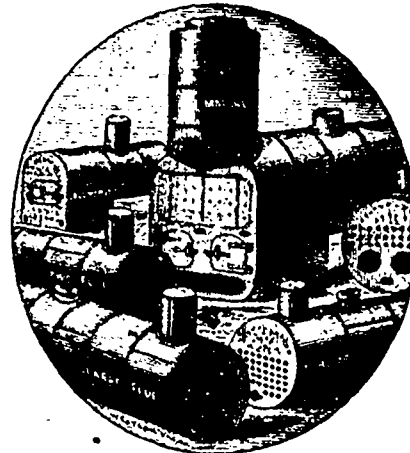
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