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+++++ Lumber Trade Notes. +++++

The city council of Ottawa is prohibiting the piling of large quantities of lumber in the city. This is the result of the recent fire. The insurance companies have put up their Ottawa rates until the lumber is removed.

The Crow's Nest Pass Lumber Company at Port Steele have completed cutting logs and closed down all camps. About 15,000,000 feet of logs were cut during the winter. The drive on the Kootenay and St. Mary's rivers will commence as soon as the rivers are in condition to drive.

Hardware Trade Notes.
A five per cent reduction in the price of soil pipe and fittings is noted at Toronto.

There are predictions of an advance in the price of linseed oil in eastern markets.

MR. THOMPSON ON THE CROPS.

MR. P. W. Thompson, vice-president of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company, Limited, estimates that the increased average in wheat for this year for Manitoba and the Northwest Territories at 20 per cent. The conditions at the present time as a whole are very good. In some localities, however, rain is required. Seeding operations have been practically completed under most favorable circum-

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stances, and with average weather conditions the prospects for another beautiful year in the Northwest are exceedingly bright. Mr. Thompson reports the demand for flour as being exceptionally large, and the five different mills of the company are taxed to their utmost capacity. As a result of the recent additions to the Ogilvie mills in Montreal, the combined capacity of the Ogilvie system now exceeds 10,000 barrels per day, being the greatest milling company in the empire, and the fourth largest in the world.—Montreal Gazette.

WHAT "MORGANISATION" MEANS

Attempts have recently been made to estimate the extent and power of the various Pierpont Morgan combinations. It is stated that the Morgan interests now have in their hands over 55,000 miles of railway, with a capitalization of \$3,000,000,000, while

the industrial and miscellaneous corporations in which he has a controlling interest are represented by a capital of over \$1,500,000,000. One man, therefore, is controlling business to the well-nigh incalculable amount of \$4,750,000,000.

A party of thirty-five people arriving at Vancouver last week from Australia, bound for the Canadian Northwest, where they intend to settle.

A new map of Manitoba has been published by The Steinhilber, Hendry Co., of Toronto, who are represented in Winnipeg by the Consolidated Stationery Co. The map is handsomely executed in colors, and gives all the up-to-date information about the province that can be shown in this way. The Commercial is under compliments to the Consolidated Stationery Co. for a copy of this useful map.