

OUR NORTHWEST LUMBER SUPPLY.

EMBODIED in the report of the Minister of the Interior laid before parliament at the present session are the particulars of the several crown timber agents under the control of the Dominion Government. Briefly summarized these reports say: "The price of lumber within the Winnipeg agency varies from \$9 to \$18 a thousand feet, according to the quality and kind of lumber. There are 29 mills in operation within the agency cutting under government license. The revenue received from the British Columbia crown timber agency during the last year was \$32,780, being an increase of \$1,864. Of the amount collected, the sum of \$4,693 has been received for bonuses of berths put up to public competition. The total area acquired was about 34.56 square miles, averaging a bonus of \$136.07 a square mile. The total quantity of lumber manufactured for the year amounted to 16,089,067 feet, as compared with 20,062,680 feet for last year, and sold at the rate of \$9 to \$10 a thousand. There were 13 mills within this agency operating under license from the Dominion government. The total amount of dues collected within the Calgary agency during the year amounted to \$17,983, an increase of \$3,168. The price of lumber at Calgary was from \$10 to \$18; at Fort McLeod, from \$10 to \$39; Cypress Hills, \$10. Seven saw mills were operating within this agency last year under the government license. The total amount of dues collected within the Edmonton agency was \$3,795 being a decrease of \$1,495, as compared with previous year. The price of lumber at Ed-

monton during the year was \$16 to \$23 a thousand feet. The agent reports four saw mills in operation within this agency. The total amount of dues collected within the Prince Albert agency was \$5,671, being a decrease of \$4,347, as compared with the previous year. Lumber sold at Prince Albert from \$17 to \$40 a thousand. There are three saw mills in this agency cutting timber under license.

Saw mill returns received at the head office gave the following quantities of building material as having been manufactured and sold during the year within the five agencies: Sawed lumber, manufactured, 38,104,797 feet; sold, 37,660,002 feet. Shingles, manufactured, 2,687,499; sold, 3,383,407. Lath, manufactured, 455,750; sold, 480,500. One hundred and twenty-seven licenses to cut timber over a total area of 2,669.45 square miles were issued during the year. The area licenses in the province of Manitoba, the provisional territorial districts, and on Dominion lands in the province of British Columbia are as follows: Manitoba, 621.08 miles; Alberta, 1,389.05 miles; Assinboia, 66.75 miles; Saskatchewan, 203.83 miles; British Columbia, 388.74 miles. The number of applications received during the year to cut timber was 111, of which 94 were for licenses and permits to cut timber on Dominion lands in British Columbia. The number of applicants during the previous year was 94.

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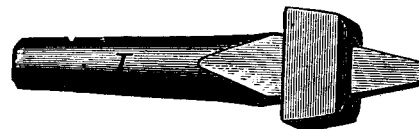
Mr. C. A. Godfrey, representing Walter H. Kendall, of Vancouver, B. C., was a recent visitor to the office of THE LUMBERMAN. Mr. Godfrey reports the lumber business to be looking up in British Columbia.

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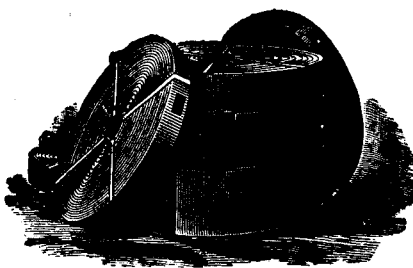
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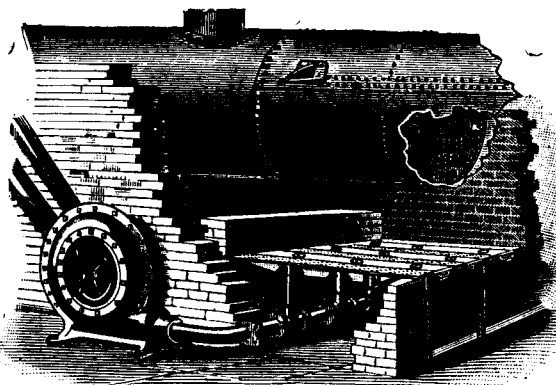
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