

wish a reduction to 40 cents. The C.P.R. denies this concession on the ground that it is competitive territory with the American roads. Thus British Columbian lumbermen are prevented from shipping cedar into Manitoba. Everything seems to help the United States as against Canada. Mr. H. W. D. Miller, manager of the transportation department of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, is in the city, and has also visited Victoria. He is collecting information bearing on the rates for lumber shipped to eastern parts of Canada by millmen of the Pacific coast, and this will be presented to the Railway Commission. On Saturday Mr. Miller conferred with the freight rates committee of the Board of Trade and the lumbermen. He pronounced the discrimination against coast mills as unjustifiable and unwarrantable.

Considerable rain fell yesterday and loggers particularly and millmen generally are wishing it was sufficient to check if not extinguish the fires which have been doing so much damage among the timber

during the past month. This is the second rain since the first part of June, and during the last month and a half thousands of dollars' worth of timber has been destroyed, besides a number of logging camps. The fires have not been confined to any particular section, but ranged from the timber limits in Alberta to the coast, and on Vancouver island. The whole province has been enveloped in smoke for weeks past, just like a heavy fog.

There is some talk of the stiffening of the price of lumber, but millmen say they cannot see how it will be done. It is now getting on toward the end of the season, and when the demand begins to slacken is hardly the time for prices to go up. Besides there is product in the yards which has been piling up since the slump last spring, and Americans in Washington state have not yet got rid of all their surplus cut. It may stiffen on the Sound, since the export of rough lumber into the Canadian market has preserved the market in the United States from demoraliza-

tion, to the detriment of Canadian interests. There is a report that capitalists of Duluth, Minn., have secured 40,000 acres of timber limits on the Duncan river in the Kootenay and will erect a mill of 150,000 feet daily capacity at Procter, near Nelson.

NEW BRUNSWICK LETTER.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN)
St. JOHN, N.B., August 31st, 1904.
The lumber trade in this vicinity is rather more dull than it was during July. The output has not decreased but shipments are somewhat lighter and demand has shown no increased activity. Some large contracts which were held over from last year have now been completed and shipped and many of the wharves are beginning to show greatly increased stocks. It is a well-known fact that many of the manufacturers are expecting an early shut-down, and the probabilities are that New Brunswick will see a duller Autumn in the lumber business than has been the case for many years.

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