

**THE DOOR TRADE.**

In the Timber Trades Journal of November 29th we find the following reference to the British door trade:

We hear that a cablegram has been received from the Rathbun Company instructing their agents on this side to immediately withdraw all quotations for doors. Of late the demand for imported pine doors has been very brisk, and all the mills are months behind with orders. This, and the scarcity in the United States of pine in clear and other grades, has no doubt induced the Rathbun Company to stop selling for the present, although we imagine that this is merely preparatory to the issue of an advanced list. While readily admitting its merits, we hold no brief for the imported door, and, indeed, with the

generality of the trade, would prefer that our joinery was made by British labour in this country. Of course, with the 6 ft. 6 in. x 2 ft. 6 in. x 1 1/2 in. four panelled, squared-framed door in the neighborhood of 55 c.i.f., English manufacturers of steam made joinery have better chances of successful competition; but we have much to learn from the up-to-date methods of organization which prevail in the door factories of Canada and the United States. Our correspondent "Snicker," in last week's issue confirms our statement that Swedish doors had been sold at a discount of 55 per cent., but regards this rate as being due to financial exigencies, and that 47 1/2 per cent. would be the current discount, while next year this will probably be reduced to 45 per cent. With generally

higher prices for doors, both pine and Swedish, it is obvious that English manufacturers have a better chance of recapturing this trade.

**ONTARIO LOG PRODUCTION.**

Reports have been received at the Crown Lands Department, Toronto, showing the estimated production of pine saw logs and square timber in Northwestern Ontario this winter. The quantities given for the respective agencies are as follows, in feet board measure:—Sudbury, 121,000,000; Parry Sound, 171,000,000; Biscotasing, 40,000,000; Whitney, 50,500,000; Webbwood, 150,000,000; Sault Ste. Marie, 130,000,000; Port Arthur, 13,000,000; Amprior, 40,000,000; Pembroke, 100,000,000; Peterborough, 44,000,000;

Rat Portage, 25,000,000. Total, 884,500,000.

In addition there will be a large number of railway ties, probably 1,500,000, as well as quantities of telegraph poles and fence posts, hardwood, hemlock, etc.

The quantity of pine cut in the same districts during the winter of 1900-01 was 658,000,000 feet, and during the winter of 1901-02 850,000,000 feet. It is apparent from the reports of the timber agents that the chief difficulty the lumbering firms are experiencing is scarcity of labor. Men are hard to get and wages are high. Provisions and other supplies are also dear, and the expenses of operating correspondingly greater. These conditions may prevent lumbermen from getting out the estimated quantity.

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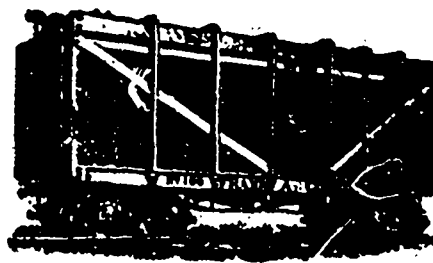
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