

has been granted. It is so dressed that it is bevelled off at one end, and at the other a groove is made with a rabbit; the bevelled end fits into the groove and overlaps the same as an ordinary one, but the back of it becomes a plane surface, so that they lie perfectly close to the studs. In this way it obviates the old system of having an open space at each lap.

Mr. Skead is employed in the timber trade; he employs about 200 men in the woods, besides 75 team of horses and 15 yoke of oxen. He takes out about 600,000 cubic feet of red and white pine.

The quantity of timber which is expected to be taken out this year in Ottawa is estimated at 20 million feet of pine; out of that quantity there will be about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  millions of red pine; the balance is white. There has been for years back a prejudice against the Canadian red pine, the Baltic being taken in preference. This, however, was not because the latter was better than ours, for upon a comparison being made, the Canadian is rather the better of the two. The great reason is traceable to architects and contractors, who, in giving in their estimates, generally put down the Baltic, without knowing or perhaps caring anything about the other. By this means the contract had to be carried out to the letter. We hope, however, that at the World's Fair this year they may stand side by side, and that a fair and unbiased decision may be given.

As to my success in securing the promise of Manufacturers to prepare articles for the International Exhibition.

The general plan which I formed was, wherever there was a Mechanics' Institute, to put myself in communication with some of the officers of it, most generally the Secretary. Although their coöperation was solicited—and some cases had—yet I found it more practicable and to the purpose to

personally wait upon manufacturers. By this method I secured promises from many who had no intention of doing anything, and this was only effected by pointing out the special benefits the Province at large would receive therefrom. There were, however—and to the credit of the Province be it said they are few—some so exceedingly selfish that they could not see beyond themselves—"they were not going to receive any benefit therefrom, and therefore were not going to the trouble and expense of putting up goods for the benefit of others."

The great drawback, I find, has been the shortness of time allowed after the Commission had been appointed. I found, in almost every instance, that they had received circulars, and therefore no blame could be attached to them.

Another drawback, however, I found in the uncertainty of the goods going forward, after the final selection in Montreal. There is necessary much time and extra expense attached to the getting up of heavy machinery so as to make a creditable appearance at such an Exhibition. Many of our manufacturers, therefore, would not run the risk of having their goods returned after going to such extra expense. I fear, therefore, that although there will be many branches of industry represented, yet there will be a good many that will not; and even those which will go forward cannot be said that they are a fair representation of what Canada can do.

To the gentlemen of Ottawa, and especially those engaged in the lumber and timber trade, I am much indebted for kindness, not only personally, but for information relating to their operations, and for the hearty manner in which they came forward to offer their several contributions, which I am certain will be well represented.

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