

James Little of Montreal, an able and leading lumberman, gives—

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| Total in States east of Rocky Mountains ..... | 105,440,000,000 feet |
| „ west of do. ....                            | 70,000,000,000 „     |
| „ in Dominion (Canada) .....                  | 78,000,000,000 „     |
| Total in United States and Canada .....       | 248,440,000,000 „    |

This is usually considered too low.

At the Lumbermen's Convention, at Saginaw, E. W. Durant, of the Committee on Statistics, gave the Minnesota pine at 21,000,000,000 feet, and judges that twenty years would exhaust that region. G. W. Lentz, of the same committee, gave the—

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| Total pine on streams east of the Alleghanies ..... | 2,600 000,000 feet |
| “ “ “ “ west do. ....                               | 1,000,000,000 „    |
| “ “ in Pennsylvania.....                            | 3,600,000,000 „    |
| “ hemlock in do. ....                               | 7,000 000,000 „    |
| “ hardwood do. fit for saw-logs .....               | 4,000,000,000 „    |

With the rapid cutting away of the forests of Maine, New York and Pennsylvania, it is plain that within from five to ten years, the Northwest and the growing lumber industry of the South must supply the East and the Middle States, so far as they obtain what they want in this country.

To approximate to our area of pine-lands, we can take Col. Waits' estimate of 200,000,000,000 feet in States east of the Rocky Mountains, and call 4,000 feet to an acre an average yield, and we have 50,000,000 acres, or 78,125 square miles. Of this, but a part is easily accessible, large tracts lying remote from rivers or roads, and only to be gradually reached.

The estimate of Mr. Wait, gives 89,000,000,000 feet of standing pine in the South, and distant southwest, and as the utilizing of these valuable forests by the industry and skill of that section of our country is just vigorously beginning, whatever affects the lumber markets of our country, will reach and affect them, for good or ill.