

the south were zealous advocates of a low tariff on lumber, while the north wanted a high one, conditions seem to have reversed the sentiments of the two sections, and there may be a lively political tilt as a result.—*Northwestern Lumberman*.

Messrs. Barnett & McKay's raft of this year's manufacture was sold in Quebec last Saturday:—Square White Pine, 59 to 60 feet average; Waney ditto 19 to 20 inch 26½ cts. per cubic foot all round. Mr. J. R. Booth's raft, adds the *Chronicle*, sold at 22c. per cubic foot.

The *Northwestern Lumberman* has a portrait and an appreciative notice of L. W. Fick, of the lumber firms of Ketcham & Fick and more lately Fick & Oliver, Chicago. The deceased was born in Port Royal, Ontario, Canada, graduated in a business college at London and went to Chicago in 1865 with \$50 in his pocket to look for work. He found it, as an office hand, at \$6 a week, at first, but soon became a salesman and then an inspector. From 1869 to 1887 he was with the Peshtigo Co. as sales-

man and when he went into business for himself was very successful. He lived up to his obligations, was implicitly trusted as a "square man" and had many friends. His premature death from pneumonia and typhoid fever, occasioned general sorrow amongst the lumber dealers of that his adopted city, as the resolutions passed by the Lumbermen's Exchange testify.

#### FOREIGN VS. DOMESTIC GLASS.

It was thought at one time, says the *New York Bulletin*, that the use of natural gas in the manufacture of glass would enable our domestic makers of that article to drive out foreign competitors. What may be done in the future remains to be seen, at present no such result has been secured. Thus importations of all kinds of glass were larger during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1887, than during the preceding fiscal year. Of cylinder, crown and common window glass, unpolished, the imports were 62,355,178 pounds, compared

with 55,047,857 pounds in the previous year, an increase of over 12½ per cent. Cylinder and crown glass, polished, shows a still larger increase, the figures being as follows:—Silvered—1887, 269,557 square feet; 1886, 88,870 square feet; there being 2,963 square feet of unsilvered imported in 1887 and none in 1886. The increase here was about three-fold. Plate glass shows only a light increase, as follows:—Fluted, rolled or rough, 2,225,500 square feet, compared with 2,152,874 square feet, in 1886; unsilvered, 3,967,876 square feet, compared with 2,838,014 square feet; silvered, 4,580,876, compared with 4,216,793 square feet. Bottles, vials, demijohns, carboys, and jars, empty or filled, were imported to the value of \$739,086, compared with \$609,435 in 1886. All other glass imports were of the value of \$2,144,547, compared with \$1,797,197.

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