

BUILDING TRADE IN ENGLAND.

Over-production of tenant houses is what now seems to trouble the writers in England. The *Timber Trades Journal* says in relation thereto:—The aspect of the building trade as it now presents itself is not of the satisfactory kind that we should like to witness, and the question of what will be the ultimate result of all the over-building that is now going on is already becoming one for serious consideration. The reports all tally in giving an immense increase of tenanted houses each succeeding season, and landed property for which capitalists hung for so long, as affording them a certain field for investment, is rapidly losing its value, and house property, instead of offering good interest on the money expended, has become anything but safe security. In the metropolitan suburbs the over-building has reached a very critical stage, and what to do with all the houses not inhabited, and for which there is evidently no demand, it is by no means easy to determine. In the city of London things are little better, where suits of offices of modern construction being unoccupied, and the number to let in the various commercial thoroughfares, Queen Victoria and Cannon streets especially, are something to cause very grave reflections as to the possibility of a very serious collapse to this branch of trade.

THE SHIPBUILDING TRADE ON THE WEAR.

The very small demand for manufactured and unmanufactured timber has been keenly felt by local merchants for the last twelve months, and the present revival, although exceedingly poor compared to the work usually turned out on the Wear, will be hailed with considerable satisfaction, especially by those merchants who make a speciality of shipbuilding wood goods. On the Wear the prospects of shipbuilding have somewhat improved. Three of the leading yards, Messrs. James Lang & Sons, Messrs. W. Dorrill & Sons, and Messrs. R. Thompson & Sons, are fairly busy, and in these instances, although the press of work is not so great, the contracts are sufficiently important to admit of a large number of men being engaged. Messrs. Short Bros., who have been doing very little lately, have secured an order for a large steamer, the construction of which will be proceeded with at once. A rumour is current that this boat is on speculation, but we cannot say whether the report is correct. At least three firms on the river that have been almost at a standstill for some time are now about to lay down keels, and there is some hope that one or two other firms will be in a position to set their frame furnaces going shortly.—*Timber Trades Journal*.

QUEBEC CULLERS' OFFICE.

The following is a comparative statement of Timber, Masts, Bowsprits, Spars, Staves, &c, measured and culled to date:—

	1892.	1893.	1894.
Waney White Pine..	1,035,078	2,222,271	1,720,409
White Pine.....	6,524,244	4,829,837	3,029,783
Red Pine.....	1,118,533	350,826	278,641
Oak.....	1,033,949	1,423,030	620,560
Elm.....	562,822	302,623	644,073
Ash.....	211,001	222,108	377,105
Basswood.....	1,273	2,244	3,992
Butternut.....	2,535	1,023	1,121
Tamarac.....	8,234	5,030	18,730
Birch & Maple.....	293,812	133,760	195,176
Masts & Bowsprits...	33 pcs	— pcs	— pcs
Spars.....	51 pcs	— pcs	41 pcs
Std. Staves.....	310,013	509,521	83,125
W. I. Staves.....	962,713	449,129	78,002
Brl. Staves.....	42,023	87,127	0,3213

JAMES PATTON,
Supervisor of Cullers

Quebec, Sept. 12.

Fire at Orillia.

ORILLIA, Sept. 19.—At 11.30 last night a fire broke out in P. Madden's planing mill, which, despite the efforts of a number of citizens, soon enveloped the whole building in flames. A dwelling house adjoining next caught on fire, and from there it spread to the old lumber mill belonging to Andrew Tait, formerly the property of the Floss Lumbering Company, and in about half an hour \$8,000 worth of property was swept away. Mr. Tait's loss is estimated at about \$4,000; insurance, \$2,000. Mr. Madden's loss is about \$4,000; insurance not known.

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THE Eagle furniture factory in Baltimore was burned September 11th. Loss, \$100,000.

THE Big Mill at Deseronto, recently cut 2,033 logs in one day.

MR. JAMES H. TOTHAN, superintendent of the Big Mill, Deseronto, has invented a machine for sharpening circular saws.

A SHINGLE mill belonging to Mr. J. W. Taylor, Dummer, Ont., was burned on Sept. 14. Loss, \$600; insurance, \$400.

JOHN THURMAN, an employee in Connor's mill, Indianapolis, Ind., fell against the circular, September 3, and his body was cut in two.

AFTER the returns are all in, the losses by fire at Cleveland foot up 50,000,000 feet of lumber and 25,000,000 shingles.

THE capital of the Western Lumber Company, at Manistique, Mich., has been increased to \$1,000,000.

It is announced by a Tawas paper that the logs to be held over at that point by one firm for next season's sawing amounts to 25,000,000 feet.

A GANG of men at Tonawanda recently took 631,000 feet of lumber of the barge Boscobel in 7½ hours; at least that is what is reported by the Tonawanda-papers.

A SAW mill belonging to D. W. Small at Cocolala, near Rathdrum, W. T., was burned together with 1,000,000 feet of lumber. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary.

FIRE destroyed poplar and walnut lumber, valued at \$35,000, belonging to the Indiana Lumber Company in their yards at Nashville, Tenn., September 10. Insurance \$22,500.

MR. JAMES McLAUREN, of Buckingham, purchased from Mr. McAllister, of Pembroke, extensive tracts of timber limits. The 1 paid is said to be in the vicinity of \$300,000.

T. E. & A. CRANE, of Oshkosh, Wis., have purchased pine land estimated capable of cutting 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 feet of pine tributary to the Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western railroad, the timber being on Wolf river.

AT three o'clock, the morning of September 5th, fire was discovered in the planing mill owned by John Roach, Rochester, N. Y. The mill and a quantity of lumber was destroyed. Loss, \$9,000; insurance \$7,000.

Several Michigan saw mills are preparing fine Norway logs for shipment by rail to New York, and thence to England by steamer. They will be used for rebuilding old docks and quays.

An extensive forest fire in Talbot county, Md., after raging two days and nights, had burned over thousands of acres of woodland. The fire originated in the pine forest owned by Eugene Ross, at Medford's Wharf.

MR. W. F. FOWLER has secured the contract from the various lumbermen interested, to drive about 3,000,000 feet of logs, stranded at various points along the River between Woodstock and Grand Falls, says the *St. John Telegraph*.

NEARLY two million dollars' worth of lumber has been destroyed by fire during the past week. This should increase the demand somewhat. Much of this destruction occurred at points to which the Saginaw river is tributary. *Lumberman's Gazette*.

THE box and woodenware factory of Waspe & Loslier, on Clyde street, London, was destroyed by fire on September 11th. Loss on building, \$200, no insurance; loss on stock, \$800, fully covered by insurance in the Waterloo Mutual.

A PERTH journal states that Mr. Peter McLaren received a cheque for \$120,000 in full of the judgment obtained by him against the Canada Central, now the C. P. R., for lumber burned in his yard at Carleton Place—\$100,000 for damages and \$20,000 for costs.

MR. THOMAS PIGNON, says the Deseronto *Tribune*, one of the foremen of the Big Mill, has made many changes during the season for the purpose of more speedily and effectively getting clear of the refuse, firewood, etc., and his department may well be considered a model one in that respect. By a lavish use of the hose he keeps down the dust and thus makes that section cool and comfortable for both men and horses.

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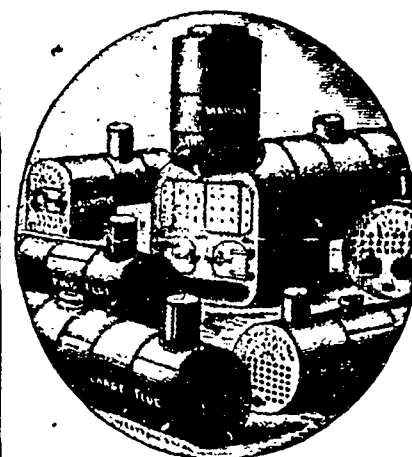
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