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A STEAMER is being built at Oconto, Wis., for picking up logs along the shores of Green Bay. A LARGE number of Americans are visiting the Thunder Bay region north of Lake Superior prospecting for timber and minerals.

THE TWO RIVERS, Wis., Lumber Company have a log scow with steam machinery for taking logs out of the water and loading them on the scow.

THE CHIGNECTO, N. B., Post says. It is said that Mr. Alex. Gibson will pile some 15,000,000 feet of lumber at the Straight Shore, St. John, this season, to be held for higher prices.

THE TIMBER TRADES JOURNAL says a parcel of over 1,000 standards, per steamer, said to be the largest cargo of spruce yet shipped to Liverpool, has been sold by a firm of brokers to an import house there.

IN THE return of exports from the port of Trebizond, given in the report of Consul Biliotti for 1881, we find there were 8,893 cwt. of boxwood, valued at £2,660, sent to Great Britain; and 272 cwt. of walnutwood valued at £341.

THE uses of pine are many, and it is told that the needles of the Silician forests are capable of conversion into what is termed forest wool, which, besides being efficacious in cases of rheumatism, can be curled, felted and woven.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUMBERMAN says the saw mill at Butternut, Wis., has been enlarged, 60 feet being built on the north end, making it 120 feet long, and a shingle and lath mill has been added. The capacity for next season is placed at 10,000,000 feet.

THE BRIGHTON ENSIGN says that Mr. Chester Loomis of Newcombe Mills has completed a shipment of 47,000 feet of basswood, ash, and elm lumber to the Upper Canada Furniture Company, Bowmanville. He got \$13 per M. delivered at the factory.

THE STIRLING NEWS-ARGUS, of July 28th, says: Immense numbers of logs have passed down the Trent within the past few weeks. The mouth of the river is now fairly choked with logs, about a hundred acres of space being covered with a perfect jam. It is a sight not often seen.

MR. BOLDUC, M.P. for Beauce, has purchased from the Quebec Seminary extensive timber limits in Montmorency County, and will, it is said, erect large saw mills at which 10,000,000 feet are expected to be cut annually for export to England. The timber on these limits is chiefly spruce.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUMBERMAN says a representative of Noble & Little, Ashland Avenue and 22nd street, has been in Manitoba working up a little new Northwestern boom for his house. He went for pleasure only, but managed to make a sale for anywhere from 50 to 75 carloads of lumber.

THE LUMBERMAN'S GAZETTE says:—We have heretofore referred to the fact of the enormous immigration pouring into the eastern states; and on it we have based our faith for a permanent demand for lumber, which would inevitably be continued, as it is an imperative demand which cannot possibly be ignored.

THE NORTHWESTERN LUMBERMAN says a huge raft, comprising 1,000 telegraph poles, arrived at Monroe, Mich., lately, from which point they are to be distributed along the line of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern road. Two more of these large rafts are expected, the poles coming from the shores of the Georgian Bay.

MESSRS. C. T. BRANDON & Co. have received from Winnipeg, Manitoba, a large order for common lounge frames, step ladders, camp stools and small express wagons, which are to be shipped knocked down in box cars from Toronto. Quite a large trade it is expected will be done with the Prairie Province in these goods.

THE QUEBEC CHRONICLE says our timber market remains as inactive as it has been during the past few weeks, and we do not hear of any transactions worth noticing. Rafts continue to arrive and are placed in the different commission booms, for sale. But it is generally expected that they will remain unsold for the next few weeks, and that little timber will change hands before September.

A NORTH CAROLINA darkey was agreeably astonished, recently, at beholding a lot of gold coins roll out of an old log he was splitting. There were 26 eagles in all, and it is thought the money had been in the tree about a quarter of a century. If the trunks were always that way, there must be some valuable stumpage around that section.

THE TIMBER TRADES JOURNAL says there has been shipped from Quebec during the last few years a considerable quantity of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quality yellow pine boards, from 8 to 12 and 13 inches broad, of various thicknesses. These boards have been found by users of pine wood to be exceedingly economical, and the quality of them invariably good. They are fuller in the various thicknesses than are boards of similar widths which are cut from 3 in. deals. There is a further advantage associated with them, viz., the saving of the cost of sawing; hence, the importation of these boards is almost certain to increase considerably.

THE TIMBER TRADES JOURNAL says the old and new state of affairs in respect to the wood-carrying trade have had a somewhat whimsical illustration afforded them at one of the north country timber docks. There, sheltered under the prow of a huge wood-laden steamer, was to be seen a modest little craft of 60 tons burden, discharging Norwegian pit-props. The little vessel was crudely built, in a home-made fashion, her masts, scarcely straighter than the rough cut props that she was discharging from her hull, and her general style and build illustrative of those daring little crafts of our ancestors that in the seventeenth century patiently made their hazardous voyages amidst the perils of the Baltic.

THE LUMBERMAN'S GAZETTE says the forestry bulletins which show, by maps, the contracting areas of timber lands, are calculated to encourage the protection of growing timber now so recklessly sacrificed in the west. Notwithstanding the efforts of the government to encourage the growth of forests by the tree-claim plan, the necessity of more and larger trees is felt, especially in those sections where lands have been entered on tree claims. A party of Colorado citizens were forced to ride six miles to find a tree suitable for the hanging of a horse thief. Such a lack of timber for a necessary and imperative demand in Colorado, is entirely inexcusable, and in order to remedy such a glaring want, concerted action is demanded, on the part of Colorado freemen.

THE HULL CORRESPONDENT of the TIMBER TRADES JOURNAL says:—Speaking of large timber, which is, in other words, speaking of American wood, we may notice a few "sticks" floating in the ponds of Messrs. R. Wade, Sons, & Co. There are three logs of Quebec pine—63 ft. 6 in. x 26½ in. x 24½ in., 236 ft. contents; 43 ft. x 27 in., 205 ft. contents; 42 ft. x 25½ in. x 24 in., 178 feet contents. These are closely matched with the following logs of Quebec white oak: 46 ft. 6 in. x 20½ in. x 26½ in., 227 ft. contents; 54 ft. x 25 in. x 24 in., 225 ft. contents; 44 ft. 6 in. x 27 in. x 22½ in., 226 ft. contents, which latter are free from wane. It is highly probable that these dimensions can be exceeded in Liverpool and London stocks, but we give them as examples of what are held here, feeling certain that our many Baltic friends, who are strangers to such logs, will be interested with the figures.

THE LIVERPOOL CORRESPONDENT of the TIMBER TRADES JOURNAL says the high prices demanded for Quebec timber meet with but little response from buyers, who, excepting for the very best of work, are taking to pitch pine for many purposes for which but a few years ago yellow pine only would have been used. The fact is that consumers will not pay the fancy prices that have recently been asked for this wood, and are substituting other and cheaper material for it, and until our Canadian friends can reduce their prices to something approaching former rates, they will have to be content with a very small demand from this neighbourhood, and that will be confined to the better classes of wood only. Already the common yellow pine timber, such as was formerly imported under the designation of building timber, has been entirely superseded by pitch pine, and oak timber is now being rapidly worked out of the market by the large quantities of cut wagon scantling supplied from the United States.

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