$w_{\rm H^+}$ company, according to the Wannipeg $C_{\rm H^+}$ nercial, is anxious to handle this luminosis to handle this l be low, as later on, when the immigratio rush starts, and especially toward the of sing of savigation, there will be a he my movement of traffic, and cars will then be very scarce. Lumber dealers have not been in the habit of placing their orders until April or May. Railway offcists have been in negotiation with officers of the Western Retail Lumbermen's Associttion over this matter, and Mr. Isaac Cockburn, secretary of the Association, his made a trip through the country and personally interviewed many of the dealers. The retail dealers throughout the country, of course, object to ordering their supplie long before they require the stock for the ocation of the railway, as this acco would mean that they would have to pay out the cash at once for the feeight, and would also have to pay for the lumber une or two months earlier than usual. Negotiations are now in progress to try and arrange a basis by which the lumber cast mitating the be ordered new without seco payment of freight, etc., earlier then mus The retailers are willing to place their orders new, providing they shall not be called upon to pay the freight before April i, and the invoice for the lumber not to be lated earlier than April 2, the name time to be given from that date. This would simply be following the custres of the stile trade in several lines, in which orders are shipped in advance, and the invoices dated some time later. Negatiations are being carried on sanisly with British Columbia manufacturers

A lot of lumber and shingles are brought into Mankoba and the Territories from Pacific coast and interior British Colu mills." The heal is a long one, and the railway company does not want to seed the cars away to British Columbia in the spring for lumber when they will be needed so badly in Manitoba, if the lumber can be carried now. Basides this, there are a number of cars at the coast which have gone ut with grain and flour to Vancouver, and ne could be employed to had the er ann ward. British Columbia lumber ions are usually dated three mouths from date of purchase. If the me turers will agree to date April 1, three menths, and the railway company will arres to wait two months for the freight. dealers will place their orders at oac

There is almost a certainty that there will be an unusually large spring demand for lumber, which, under ordinary weather aditions, will set in earlier than usual. The Commercial was only the other day wa a letter from a land corporation in the United States which will send a lot of settlers into this country, inquiring as to the supply of lumber in the district where the settlers will be located. Lumber dealers throughout the country should be prepared for this demand.

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