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**THE OTTAWA VALLEY.**

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

The one absorbing and prevailing topic in lumber circles is the scarcity of men, and it is not all talk either, for lack of help is proving a serious business in the yards and on the limits too. The late harvest in Quebec and Ontario and the prevailing high rate of wages drew the men to the fields and they are not available for the limits and mill yards. Of course, matters will improve as soon as the harvest work is nearing a close. Railway agents and mill men say that large quantities of lumber are lying in the yards awaiting shipment, but tied up for the reason that men cannot be secured to load it. One dealer this week offered three dollars a day, but could not get men to load a rush order. It is a big jump from eight or nine dollars a week in a mill yard to thirty dollars a month and board on a farm, and the unskilled laborer naturally prefers the latter.

For a similar reason, as has been remarked before, it is difficult to get men for work on the limits. The Georgian Bay firms are offering in Ottawa as high as thirty-five dollars a month and board for axe men. Local firms naturally do not welcome this intrusion, as it means increased outlay for them. Men are being forwarded almost daily from Ottawa, Thurso, Buckingham and other points to the Georgian Bay and Soo country. A firm operating near the Soo is said to have

gone as far in its search for men as to have secured the release of six prisoners from the County jail. The aggregate amount of the fines, \$50, will be deducted from the men's wages in the woods.

Many inexperienced men are finding their way to the lumber camps. Gruesome proof is given by the records of the local hospitals. Almost every day for the past fortnight, disabled novices at the log-making business have been brought down, a foot or a hand having been chopped instead of a tree. To-day there were four such cases. Yesterday a local lumberman rejected five of eight men offered for work in the woods.

Already calculations are being made on the quotations on next year's cut of deals. It is safe to say there will be an advance of from five to ten per cent., made necessary, so the operators say, by the advance in wages and the inferior class of labor offering. What will have to be taken as a good day's work this year would not have been accepted a few years ago.

Fraser & Company's new mill at Deschenes, above Ottawa, will be running full blast in a few days. The firm figures on cutting about five million feet of lumber this season.

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Morse lumber yard, near the mill in Hintonburg. About three quarters of a million feet of lath was destroyed.

Work is rapidly advancing on Davidson & Thackray's new planing mill and sash and door factory in the west end of the city.

The MacLaren Company, of Buckingham, are busy shipping dimension timbers at present. A number of contracts have been let to jobbers for pulpwood, ties and logs.

Yesterday for the first time in sixteen

years there was a logjam at the Government slides at the Chaudiere.

Ottawa, Sept. 5th, 1903.

**LUMBER EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES.**

Exports of sawed lumber from Canada to the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1903, amounted to 719,135,000 feet, valued at \$10,569,066, or at the rate of \$14.91 a thousand. In 1912 664,751,000 feet were exported, valued at \$9,228,970, or \$13.95 a thousand. In 1901

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