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THE NEW LINE FOR MANITOBA.

THE St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitobarail-road which is extending its system with marvelous rapidity is destined to play an important part in the lumber business in the very near future. Since the boom days of 1882 the trade along the Manijoba lines has been neither lager or important. Dealers have found that the consumptive demand, of farmers struggling to get out from underfa load of debt could not be large, and the growth has not been conspicuous in any of the towns along the lines. But besides the extension the Manitoba is pushing west-ward from the Minot to the Great falls of the Missouri and Halena at the rate of five miles a day, the road promises soon to be a competitor for some of the southwestern carrying trade. At least the direction of some of its lines so indicate. One of these branches has already reached Watertown, D.T., and it is understood is to be pushed to Huron and how far beyond only President Hill probably knows. Another branch has reached Aberdeen, and is the confessed plan of President Hill to push one of these lines sooner or later to the Black Hills country and on to Denver. These lines already tap points heretofore reached only by the Chicago roads, and open markets for the Northwestern manufacturers which have belonged to Chicago and the manufacturers at Winona, Lacrosse and middle Mississippi points. These various extensions mean a large increase in the consumptive demand but it has been no part of the policy of the Manitoba thus far to foster the St. Paul and Minneapolis market. The greater part of all the lumber consumed along the Manitoba lines has been drawn from Duluth, from railroad on the St. Paul & Duluth line, the Hinckley branch and mills at St. Cloud, and in that vicinity. Presumptively Mr. T. B. Walker with his mills at Grand Forks and Crookston, and his virtual monopoly upon the lumber supply of the Red Lake region, holds the gateway to the line stretching westward towards the Pacific Slope. But the Manitoha has already begun to extend its lines into the pine region lying north of the northern Pacific, and it is part of the present rapidly developing plan to build the St. Paul, Brainard & Northwestern along the Rum river and Mille Lac to Brainard and thence to a point of Juncture with the line building east from Crookston somewhere near Lebch Lake. All this means a multiplication of railroad mills, as well as an increase of consumption and under the most favorable conditions the manufacturer of Minneapolis and of North Wisconsin can reasonably expect sharp competition from these newer folds of supply. They may east an eye of coverous or two of logs running 20 to 30 inches could expectancy upon these new fields, but may as be sold without difficulty. The arrivals of

LUMBER IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE New York Lumber Trade Journal of the 1st June reports the West India market fairly active, with prices firm. For Rio a 1,-000 ton barque, now loading general cargo, will take half a million feet. Another cargo is also being loaded. This will about clean at the Rio shippers and for future shipments lumber to arrive will have to be depended on. There is very little being done for Para, Australia, or Africa. For the west coast of South America, a few shipments are being made. For the River Plate, two cargoes have been ordered to go forward. The general tendency of the White Pine export trade is toward an firm have as mills running steadily to fill orders out easily and early.

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face boards is large and accumulating. has been a falling off in the car trade. The local demand is good, and is freely supplied. The local demand for White Pine continues light with no immediate prospect of any large increase, while a fair market is found in the coal mining regions and far bridges on northern railroads. Very few miles are running on hem-lock for want of water to bring the logs down. They will be fully thirty days late in starting, consequently there is little or no Hemlock coming from the north. It is in full supply, however, from Pennsylvania. The market is very active and firm, and agood business is being done. The heavy freshets in the east has caused serious delay to the mills, and they are only now starting up, nearly a month later than they expected. As a result, orders for Spruce have accumulated. They are very firm in prices. Almost any kind of a cargo will bring \$16, and from that up to \$18 can be called the range of the market. There are but two mills running in St. John, and very few on the Kennebec, consequently there cannot be much Spruce lumber before the middle of lune. The market is very active and prices have an upward tendency. The market for lath is steady and strong. All sales have been made at \$2.05, except one lot was sold as high as \$2.75. Some few winter sawn are coming to hand, but are hard to place, as the slab sawn stock has the call every time. These are selling at \$2.25 to \$2.30. Canadian lath, from the Ottawa, are offered at \$2.50, but no amounts have been placed, as they come 50 in a bundle, which does not suit our dealers, as it entails too much handling. The hardwood goods are in accord that business never was so dull. All good lumber, however, arriving finds ready purchasers at the yards. Prices have not advanced, but are firm at our outside quotations, necessarily with some few exceptions. The local dealers are beginning to realize that the sources of supply are being rapidly reduced. Choice lumber cannot be replaced except at a marked advance. Those that have any such are aware of this, and are naturally firmer in theirs. While the demand increases the supply does not. The time is drawing very close when the cost of all kinds of hardwoods will be greatly enhanced. Business has been fairly active and steady in the log market, a good regular trade having been done. Good logs are still scarce, particularly Walnut. Inferior logs are very dull of sale. Good Walnut logs, running on an average say 25 inches, straight grained or smooth, without defects, would find a re sale. Poplar logs are in fair demand. A car well make up their mind first as last that they will have to fight for a share of the trade.—Miss-sold, leaving the stocks in first hands about the same; the demand continues fairly active and prices firmed. The market for Spanish Cedar is quie'. The demand is fair, and prospects for a good business are rather more favorable than they have been. Prices remain the same, but are much firmer, with an upward tendency.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

-Forests cover twenty-four per cent. of the entire area of Norway.

-The losses by the Michigan forest fires including the restruction of Lake Linden, are estimated at all at \$7,000,000.

-The drive on the Androscoggin in Maine, we been only partially successful, and the outadvance and a better optlock for business. The look is reported bad. No logs were cut this demand for North Cardina pine is heavy in season on the Spift river. On the Sandy, howconsequence of the sarcity of Spruce. One ever, there was big cut, and all the logs came

-The operations of the Inter-State Law hat higher figures are more easily obtained have played sel have with the lumber trade than heretofore. Dressel stocks is growing of Oswego, N.V., compelling several of the stee lily in denian l. The market for Yellow leading times to grount of lusiness, as on the Pine is steady at present quotations, with a same freights of those from Buffalo and Tonahar demand for export. The stock of heart warela competition cannot behoden equal terms

--William F. Whitney, Bay City, Mich., has just sold his Canadian timber holdiags. with all his outlit for operating, to Hon. Joseph Jackson, of Simcoe, Ont., for \$130,000. The purchaser will get out long timber for the Tonawanda, N.Y., market. It is said Edward Lynn, who made the sale, received \$25,000 as his commission.

-The announcement is made that Torrrent & Co. have put into the Muskegon Milla machine for converting slabs into lumber. The slabs are cut four feet long and such as are worth re-sawing fed to the machine, and five-eights inch lumber of good average width secured. Twenty-five per cent. of clear lugiber is secured, suitable for mak ing panel stock for cheap doors, while more goes into good lox stuff.

—A Canadian named Boulette was drowned Kennebec river, Me., while working on a drive for Thales Spaulding, 14 miles below the forks. He was riding a log in the drive, fell off and drowned. He had hid \$175 before starting out with the drive, so the money would not get wet, but his friends were unable to find it after his death.

-A considerable conflagration broke out in the island lumber district of Buffalo, N.Y., June 8, which would have been much more disastrous except for the efficient work of the fire department. About 1,000,000 feet of lumber owned by Hurd & Hauenstein, Hurd Bros., Noyes & Savyer, W. S. Crostwaite, W. W. Tyler, Albus & Co., and others, together with Playter's planing mill, Austin's sash factory, shops of the Union Dry Dock Company and buildings belonging to R. Wills & Co., shipbuilders. Playter's loss was about \$20,000 on mill and considerable on lumber; G. W. Austin, \$16,000, one-half insured; R. Mills & Co., \$7,000 on shops, which were insured, also considerable on lumber; also upward of \$4,000 by local firms who had car loads of lumber burned on track. The total loss was about \$100,000.

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