

THE LUMBER TRADE.

The state of the lumber market is tolerably satisfactory. Purchases have been made by country dealers for the most part cautiously and sparingly, and as a consequence the stocks in country yards are light. Although the demand from across the lines is at present more slack than is usual at this season, there is no serious accumulation anywhere, for the reason that no more was cut last season than is likely to be needed.

Some enquiry is heard for the better grades of stock, which are scarce among our American neighbours, and are therefore firmly held here; while, on the other hand, the coarser qualities of pine wood are plentiful and easier in value. With respect to production, the opinion is free-expressed that only light stocks will be taken out of the woods this year. It is perhaps significant of restricts out-put and a lessened demand for labor to learn that saw mill hands, which were paid \$18 to \$20 per month, were engaged last week at \$16, and offered this week at \$14. To offset whatever difference in the cut might be occasioned by the burning of the Gilmour mill, the British Canadian mill and others destroyed of late, we find that two or three new mills have been built pretty well north on the Georgian Bay. And there is, besides, less disposition on the part of the banks to make advances to a number of small operators.

As to prospects for the winter, if the weather continues open building operations will be fully up to an average in extent, although the plasterer's strike in this city, affecting the market for that class of labor in Guelph and Hamilton as well as here, has put a damper on the plans of some intending builders. Already there is a good deal of activity in this direction, and appearances indicate a fair demand for all classes of building lumber for some months to come.—*Monetary Times,*

BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS.

The following are the returns issued by the Board of Trade, for the month of Sept., and for the first nine months of the year—
MONTH ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1883.

Timber (Heun).	Quantity Loads.	Value \$.
Russia.....	39,620	81,291
Sweden and Norway.....	79,919	127,779
Germany.....	51,725	116,728
United States.....	9,600	33,559
British India.....	2,321	37,219
British North America.....	41,702	214,167
Other Countries.....	26,602	84,387
Total.....	251,648	646,190
Timber (Sawn or Split, Planed or Dressed).		
Russia.....	226,868	537,440
Sweden and Norway.....	252,490	557,164
British North America.....	159,801	418,600
Other Countries.....	43,344	182,463
Total.....	681,903	1,695,782
Staves, (all sizes).....	21,227	83,590
Mahogany (tons).....	3,212	41,280
Total of Heun and Sawn.....	943,551	2,291,532

NINE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPT., 1883.

Timber (Heun).	Quantity Loads.	Value \$.
Russia.....	224,624	445,857
Sweden and Norway.....	470,893	743,553
Germany.....	264,013	681,504
United States.....	95,471	337,486
British India.....	36,660	518,009
British North America.....	211,707	1,021,333
Other Countries.....	236,856	358,865
Total.....	1,590,314	4,153,502
Timber (Sawn or Split, Planed or Dressed).		
Russia.....	797,057	1,932,163
Sweden and Norway.....	1,235,520	2,597,602
British North America.....	765,003	1,948,727
Other Countries.....	278,244	597,553
Total.....	3,127,114	7,576,405
Staves (all sizes).....	102,600	444,436
Mahogany (tons).....	33,090	345,663
Total of Heun and Sawn.....	4,717,423	11,731,967

LUMBERMAN'S DIRECTORY.

The well-known publishing house of Rand, McNally & Co., of Chicago, announce the early publication of a book which will be of a great importance to lumbermen, and all interested in obtaining the names and correct addresses of the owners or operators of saw, shingle, planing or stave mills, sash and door factories, and lumber dealers. It is to be called "The Lumber-

man's Directory and Shipping Guide," and besides a complete list of mills and dealers in the United States and Canada, it will give the names of all railways or express companies by which the various cities and towns, where the above interests are located, may be reached together, with colored maps of each state, territory and province in the United States and Canada, which will show the line of every railroad. It will contain statistical diagrams, similar to those used in Rand, McNally & Co's famous World's Atlas, which will illustrate the quantities of white and yellow pine timber remaining in the country, annual production, range of prices, etc., digests of the laws of mechanics and log liens, laws governing the cutting of timber and use of streams for driving logs, with decisions of the courts, etc. It will be a very large volume, containing something like six or eight hundred pages of matter very valuable to lumbermen, or those who deal with them. The reputation of the great publishing house of Rand, McNally & Co. is sufficient guarantee that the work will be well and thoroughly done. A prospectus or descriptive circular, with specimens of the maps and various pages, may be obtained by the publishers.

QUEBEC CULLERS' OFFICE.

The following is a comparative statement of Timber, Masts, Bowsprits, Spars, Staves, &c. measured and culled to Nov. 9:—

	1881.	1882.	1883.
Waney White Pine.....	3,015,594	3,104,648	3,513,515
White Pine.....	5,040,029	7,961,695	7,130,419
Red Pine.....	1,921,898	1,156,850	474,458
Oak.....	2,948,296	1,313,109	1,888,294
Elm.....	1,027,459	714,519	309,261
Ash.....	408,582	310,709	257,827
Basewood.....	3,939	1,471	2,244
Butternut.....	3,033	2,639	1,029
Tamarac.....	27,150	51,075	7,409
Birch & Maple.....	181,742	209,661	133,803
Masts.....	25 pcs	33 pcs	— pcs
Spars.....	— pcs	51 pcs	— pcs
Std. Staves.....	404.9.1.2	513.7.0.6	677.3.0.15
W. I. Staves.....	499.0.1.10	1290.8.3.28	619.2.3.20
Bri. Staves.....	76.2.3.6	115.3.0.16

Quebec, Nov. 9. JAMES PATTON, Supervisor of Cullers.

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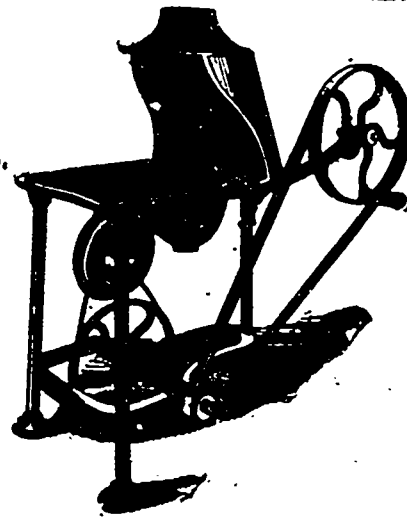
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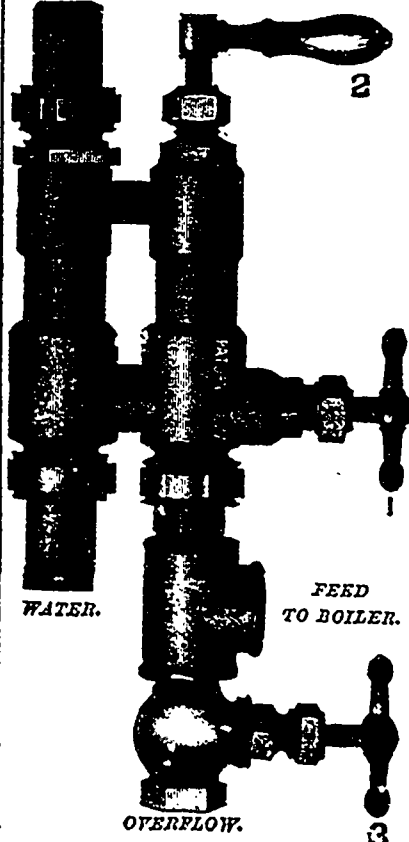
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