

THE LUMBER SUPPLY.

For some time past there has been a good deal of discussion concerning the policy of curtailing the production of lumber, and the general drift of opinion in the trade has been decidedly in favor of such action, for although the lumber trade has not suffered so severely as many other industries during the dull times of the last two years, it is still a fact that for several years past the business has not been returning a satisfactory profit for the capital invested, and the cause of this was obviously the over-production of lumber.

But while most members of the trade were agreed on this point, there were many who believed that over-production would continue in spite of all the arguments urged against it, and some of the very knowing ones even intimated that the very ones who talked most earnestly against over-production had no intention of practicing as they preached. While urging others to restrict their operations, they intended to increase instead of curtailing their own production.

But the latest statistics relating to the lumber situation in the Northwest, as given by the St. Paul Pioneer Press, show that the number of those persons who preached the doctrine of curtailment of production to others, but did not apply it to themselves, was very small, or else that the circumstances were strongly against their little game; for, as the following figures show, there has been a very material decrease in the supply of logs now available as compared with that on hand in the spring 1884. Last spring the total production in the five districts of Mississippi, St. Croix, Chippewa, Black and Duluth, amounted to 3,238,500,000. This spring the production is estimated at 2,364,562,000, showing a decrease of 873,938,000 feet. In the Saginaw Valley the log product is about 300,000,000 feet less than that of last year. The stock of logs at the Mississippi mills, of which no estimate is made in this report, is, however, uncommonly large, many mill owners have taken advantage of the favorable condition of the market, and the high water following the Chippewa flood, to get a supply of logs to their mills for the spring sawing.—*Saw Mill Gazette.*

CANADA PACIFIC CHANGES.

General Superintendent Wm. White of the Eastern and Ontario division Canada Pacific railway, has just issued an official circular announcing the promotion of James Wilson to the position of superintendent of the Ontario division. Mr. Wilson will thus have the superintendence of the line between the terminal points of Owen Sound, Teeswater, St. Thomas and Smith's Falls Junction. The new superintendent was for many years in the service of the Grand Trunk, first as operator, and later as station agent at Ailsa Craig. He was agent of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce railway at the Queen's wharf, and when this line merged into the Canada Pacific he was advanced to the position of master of transport. As assistant superintendent to Mr. White, he retained charge of the Toronto, Gray and Bruce railway section until the opening of the Ontario and Quebec division, when he had the superintendence of this part of the line in addition to his former charge. That Mr. Wilson's administration has so far been singularly efficient is proved by his advance to the post of superintendent of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce, Ontario and Quebec and Credit Valley sections. J. W. Leonard, assistant superintendent of the Credit Valley railway, has been appointed to the same position over the Ontario division.—*Toronto Telegram.*

The Voyageurs.

OTTAWA, May 27.—The voyageurs returned by the Hanoverian were banquetted here tonight. Those belonging to Winnipeg leave over the north shore route of the C.P. R. to-morrow night.

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SEVENTEEN LIVES LOST.

CINCINNATI, May 21.—The fire at 19 Sixth street this afternoon caused the death of seventeen persons. It was at first thought that only five women who jumped from the fifth story window were killed, but when the fire was subdued so that the firemen could enter the building it was found ten bodies lay in heaps on the fifth floor and one lay on the fourth. There were six who jumped from the windows and were killed, and one man, after saving the lives of two women by letting down a rope from the roof, was himself killed by the burning in two of the same rope before he reached the ground. This was Mr. Sullivan, brother of the proprietor of the printing works. The fire originated by the explosion of a gasoline stove on the second floor. The flames entered the elevator chute, which is next to the stairway, and all chance of escape was cut off. The killed are mostly employees of the dye works occupied a portion of the building. Mary Beatrix, aged 17, of Newport, was killed in leaping from the fifth story; Chas. Braam made an effort to catch her, but the force was too great and she dashed on the pavement at his feet a shapeless corpse. In addition eleven corpses were found inside the building and search is now being prosecuted. The fifth story was completely burned out, but the walls still stand and the floors are not much damaged. The building was occupied by Sullivan & Co's printing works, Orth, Wissell & Co's dye house, the Ledger Postal News company, the Parisian dyeing and scouring company, J. R. Kingsley's planing works. It was not long until the flames were under control. The mass of telegraph and telephone wires prevented the fireman putting up ladders promptly for the relief of the inmates.

The fatal list now made up is; Anna Bell, aged 48; Dollie and Lizzie Handel, twins, 20 years; Fannie Jones 23; Della, Katie and Mary Leaban, 23, 14, and 16 respectively; Katie Lowry, 1; Lizzie Meiers, 16; Annie McIntyre, 20; Fannie Norton, 34; Katie and Mary Pitnam, sisters, 22 and 14; John Sullivan, 22; Lillie Wynn, 20.

The injured are: Will Bishope, printer, 23 years of age, crushed and burned, will probably die; Josie Hawkes, broken leg; Emma Pinchback, unconscious, will probably die; Nannie Shepherd, head badly cut.

BRIDGENORTH.

SAW AND SINGLE MILL BURNED.—On Saturday morning, May 22, between the hours of four and five o'clock, a fire broke out in the saw and single mill of Mr. J. H. Brumwell, and the entire building was consumed. It is not known how the fire originated. There was a quantity of lumber, about two hundred thousand shingles, and other stuff burned also. The loss will be \$3,000, of which only about one-third is covered by insurance.

The Royal Society of Canada.

OTTAWA, May 26.—The fourth annual meeting of the Royal society of Canada opened at 10 o'clock this morning in the railway committee room of the house of commons. Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, president, occupied the chair. Dr. Daniel Wilson, the vice-president, and Mr. J. G. Boninot, hon. secretary, were in attendance. The honorary president the Marquis de Launois was present in the afternoon and delivered an interesting address on the work being performed by the society.

Escape of Convicts.

KINGSTON, May 25.—This morning two convicts escaped from the penitentiary. Their names are Robert Spencer and Thomas Buckley. Both the men came from Toronto, the former for two and the latter for three years, and both have served eight months. They were working on the quarry about 200 yards from the prison walls, and at noon when the keeper called the men into line the two named were missing. The escaped men are smart, active young fellows, and up to to-night no trace of them had been found.

It appears Mr. Henry George secured \$2,000 for his recent course of lectures in Scotland on land reform.

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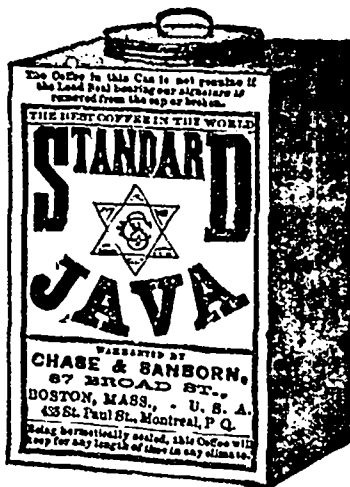
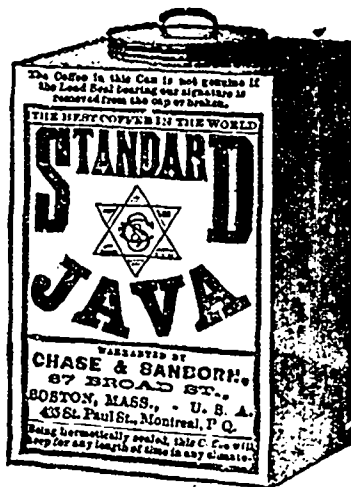
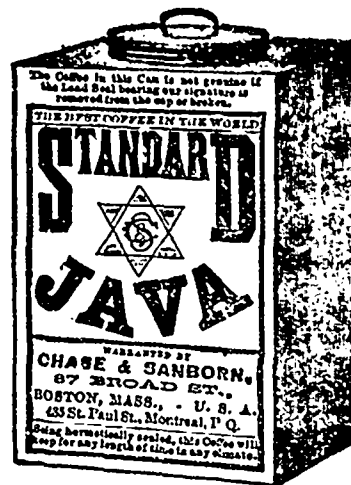
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