

that is being done in this neighborhood. The general trade of this neighborhood is in an unsatisfactory condition at present, the disturbed state of the mining and cotton manufacturing districts having no doubt considerable influence upon our trade, and complaints are rife of the want of animation in nearly every quarter.

Prices generally are so low at present that it would seem a favorable opportunity now presents itself for buyers of large quantities to enter the market, as in the face of the rapidly approaching autumn we shall soon have increased rates of freight and insurance put before us.

Some animation will be thrown into the market by the requisition which has just been made by the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board, through their brokers, Messrs. Duncan, Ewing, & Co., for the supply of various quantities of Quebec pine, pitch pine, and other woods, and in putting forth their wants at this time they are doubtless pursuing a wise policy, as prices are very low, and with the exception of some articles a good selection can be made.

On Wednesday, the 23rd July, Messrs. James Smith & Co. offered a cargo of spruce and pine deals, a large quantity of American oak wagon scantling, and also a cargo of Newfoundland yellow pine.

The latter sold at a wide range of prices, considering the wood was to be delivered as landed from the ship, without regard to size, the first lot being sold at 11d. per foot, and gradually dropping down to 7½d. per foot.

GLASGOW.

The *Timber Trades Journal* says:—Trade here is just now to a great extent suspended, being the annual summer holiday season, which generally continues for a week in the building trades, and for the working classes in general.

This year, however, as some of the shipbuilders have few orders on hand, a number of the yards will not be opened for business until the 4th of August, which we believe will be longer than is desirable by the workmen. The consumption of material and selling by wood merchants will therefore be limited for some time.

A cheering announcement in regard to shipbuilding, especially for the populace in the east end of Govan, has, however, just been made, being that Messrs. R. Napier & Sons, Govan, have secured an order for two new steamers. They are intended to be used chiefly in connection with the construction of one of the deep-sea cables.

As will be observed from the import list there have been considerable arrivals of timber and deals at Clyde ports during the past week.

The timber trade at the opening of the summer imports have found the accommodation at Yorkhill Wharf, Glasgow (which is the chief depot for storing deals imported to Clyde), inadequate for their requirements. A portion of the wharfage there is set apart for the use of the cattle trade, and a large additional piece of ground in the yard has lately been taken up by this trade, which very much hampers the wood business.

TYNE.

The *Timber Trades Journal* says:—The principal arrivals of wood goods during the last few days have been pit props and pitwood, of which, whatever may be the demand, there is evidently never a diminution in the supply. There are also two cargoes of prepared floorings from Norway, one cargo pitch pine from Doboy, and the Christiania and Gothenburg steamers with usual assorted cargoes. Most of the sawn deals appear to be going forward into consumption, and the returns published in your last number show certainly that a good and steady trade must be doing. In the building trade, while there is no very great activity, there is no doubt a good steady trade being done, and saw mills are on the whole fairly well employed. In contracting there is also a good deal of work, but in shipbuilding and ironworks there is as yet no sign of improvement.

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A MAMMOTH MILL.

Wood and Iron, San Francisco, Cal., speaking of the great mill of Hanson & Co., at Tacoma, W. T., says: This mill is situated on the headwaters of Puget Sound, and is one of the largest and most complete on the coast. It is 450 feet long, 80 feet wide, and has a capacity of 225,000 feet of lumber and 60,000 lath per day. It has all the latest improved machinery, including steam feed gangs, scantling machines, lath rollers, etc., known to the lumber manufacturing community. In this mill timber 160 feet in length and of the largest size can be sawn as readily as a lath, so complete and perfect are all its workings. On the Tenino and Olympia railroad the company control numerous logging camps, from which is procured the finest timber and spars in the world. There is now being shipped from this mill a full cargo of spars for the Chinese market, this cargo following a former one of sawn timber from 12 by 12 to 26 by 26, seventy feet long and upward, from same mill and for same market. At Tacoma they own fifty-four dwelling-houses, occupied by their employees. These houses are built with all the modern conveniences, and partake of the attractiveness of a well-regulated home. The company also run, in connection with their lumber business, a mammoth store, carrying an immense stock of dry-goods, groceries, hardware, boots and shoes, shipchandlery, etc. In connection with the office of the mill and store is a telegraph office, giving them all the wire accommodations of the day. Four vessels, ranging from 700 to 1,200 tons, belonging to them, are engaged in carrying lumber to different ports, while from four to six vessels loading for foreign ports are constantly at the wharf, carrying in quantity from 500,000 to 1,500,000, and the steam tug Tacoma, the strongest tug on the waters of the sound, is kept busy. The firm also has a fine mill at Redwood City, which has a daily capacity of 20,000 feet. In all of this firm's enterprises over 1,000 men are constantly employed the year round. This gigantic business, with all its branches and workings, is managed, conducted and handled by one man, Mr. Charles Hanson, the founder of the enterprise, and the only person composing the firm of Hanson & Co.

POWER FROM NIAGARA FALLS FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT.

The correspondent of the *New York Sun* has received a letter from Leonard Henkle, inventor and electrician, of Rochester, saying that although the action of the New York Legislature in favour of the National Park compels him to abandon Prospect Park and the American side of Niagara for electric lighting purposes, he has nevertheless negotiated for the purchase of land on the Canada side of the river and for power from the great Horseshoe Fall for carrying out his original plan. That plan contemplated the lighting of sixty-five American and Canadian cities, connected by means of underground cables with electric lights generated at Niagara. The plans are all drawn for ten hydraulic engines of 200,000 horse power each, and gigantic machinery. That Henkle himself means business is attested by the fact that he will soon open an office on the Canada side of the river, and endeavour to complete arrangements with capitalists, whom he expects to furnish \$22,000,000 for the undertaking.

UNITED STATES FORESTS.

The *New York Commercial Bulletin*, speaking of the value of the forests of the United States, says the same influences are at work in that country as R. W. Phipps have shown have led to such unfortunate results in the forests of Canada. Valuable timber, either through ignorance or criminal carelessness, has been outrageously wasted, and more rational views as to the immense value of the forests are urgently needed. The forest wealth of the United States at the lowest calculation outmeasures the value of the entire corn crop of the country, is a third more than the value of the wheat returns, exceeds the aggregate value of the hay, rye, oats, barley, buckwheat, potatoes, and tobacco, and is ten times as valuable of the product of all the mines of gold and silver in the country.

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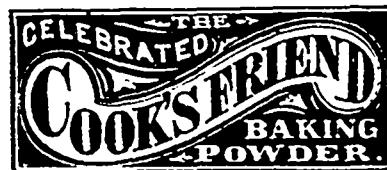
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FOREST DENUDATION AND WATER POWER.

The effect of forest denudation at the head waters of the Hudson river shows itself even earlier this season than it did last, and is seriously interfering with the water power along that stream. The *Glens Falls Republican* says:—"The first trouble occurred on Tuesday night, June 1, when one mill on the south side of the river was compelled to stop for lack of motive power. Since then they have run a majority of the time, but at periods quite slowly. After the rain on Tuesday matters mended somewhat but not permanently. Last year the mills continued in full operation until about July 15. The dearth of water began this season earlier than ever before, according to the recollection of a veteran sawyer who speaks from 25 years' experience. The necessity of building reservoirs at the head waters of the streams which feed the Hudson becomes every year more apparent." The safest and best reservoir which can be built in the Adirondack region is to prevent any further forest denudation there, and re-forest that portion already denuded.—*Lumberman's Gazette.*

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