Lumbering,

The Fort William Echo thus refers to the Immber interests of that district :- Fort William is the centre from which radiate all the great lumbering enterprises of Algoma West. Each winter camps are established in every direction, and from the almost boundless timber imits which surround it the products are culled and prepared for their voyage to the Fort in the spring. Most of the timber employed by the C.P.R. Company in their many and vast enterprises is procured by companies having their headquarters here. From the mills of Messrs. Carpenter and Graham, Horne & Co, it is an almost daily occurance to see car loads of timber and lumber of all descriptions and dimensions proceeding east and west, intended either for their of old works or construction of new ones. Customers for the manufactured material are found as far west us Calgary, as far east as Sudbury.

At Montreal, the Gazette finds the lumber trade to be in a satisfactory condition. An active business has been done at steady prices, while the compilation of August sales by many dealers shows an increase of 50 per cent. over August 1885. At the yards the demand has been good, and carloads have met with an equally good enquiry. Advices from the primary points are encouraging and indicate that the cut during the approaching zeason will be larger than last. There appears to be a healthly tone in the Toronto lumber market, and prices are quite firm all round. United States buyers have been in the city, and some enquires for good lumber have resulted in sales. Old dealers say that not for some years have appearances been so hopeful, stocks are light and millmen show more indipendence. In the Midland district the mills are fully employed, principally on orders. The demand for bill stuff is considerable, and the gradual depletion of our forests makes it somewhat difficult to acquire supplies of logs. Hemlock, is gradually working its way into favor for dimension lumber.

Grain and Milling News.

C. W. Speers, of Griswold, has sold his entire stock of wheat, 1,800 bushels, for 54c per

Work has commenced on a new elevator at Boissevain. It will be finished by October.

The Manitou joint stock elevator has been purchased by Mulholland Bros., and Brown & Rutherford, the principal creditors.

Wheat was quoted at 52 to 53c at Brandon last week, with very little coming in. All offered would grade No. 1 hard.

From \$2 to \$2.25 per acre is the charge in the Edmonton district for cutting grain with self binders. Binding twine sells at 20c per lb, a reduction of 5c from last season. A self binder costs \$277 cash delivered at Edmonton.

A Sioux Indian living near Beulah, north of Elkhorn, Man., whose name being interpreted into English means One Dog, has this summer raised 52 acres of red fyle wheat. He was one of the first to arrive at the flour mill at Virden, this season, with a load for gristing, which he

brought in on Monday, Aug 30th. The sample would grade No. 1 hard.

At Portage la Prairie the oat market is lively -black oats bringing 25 cents and white 27 to 28c. Business at the oat meal mills is rushing. Old oats are in demand yet. Barley brings from 30 to 35c per bushel at the brewery. The crop of barley this season is first class, and the new sample is coming in fairly. Fifty-five cents is the highest price paid for wheat, farmers are keeping back their crop.

A new wheat tariff has been introduced on the C.P.R., which makes a reduction of about 2c per 100 pounds from some points on the main line in Manitoba and the territories to Lake Superior ports. The new rate from Winnipeg, will be 28c; from Reaburn to Portage la Prarie, inclusive, 29c; Burnside to Brandon, inclusive, 30; Alexander to Mousomin, inclusive, 32c; west of Welseley, to Calgary 33c. The rates on the Southwestern have been fixed at 28c from Morden; 30c from Manitou, Clearwater and intervening points, and 31c beyond Clearwater, to the end of the track. Points between Winnipeg and Emerson, inclusive, get the 28c rate, and the Stonewall and Selkirk branches the 29c rate. The through all rail rate from Winnipeg to Montreal has been fixed at 50c for wheat and 42e for oats and barley, and from Brandon 52c for wheat and 44c for oats and barley.

A PERMANENT colonial exhibition, in London, is very likely to be the outcome of the colonial exhibition of this year.

C. W. Maloan, hardware dealer and manufacturer of tinware, Carberry, has added machinery for repairing engines, etc.

THE pronunciamento against the Knights of Labor by the Pope is declared by authority to be absolute and that it must be obeyed in all parts of the world.

There is talk of a branch of the Bank of British North America being opened at Vancouver. The manager of that institution was here last week prospecting for an opening.

Australia has gone into the orange growing industry. A shipment of Australian oranges has arrived in London in good condition and the fruit is said to be a good sample.

E. L. Christie, who has lately bought out W. Farr, stationer, Brandon, writes to THE COM-MERCIAL stating that his purchase of the said business is a bona fide one, and not a turn over, as had been rumored.

A .CORRESPONDENT from Wolseley, Ass., writes THE COMMERCIAL, giving some of the wants of that town. They have at present neither a doctor, furniture dealer, shoemaker nor barber at Wolseley, and our correspondent thinks that there is a good field there for each one of these lines. Don't all apply at once.

Since the amalgamation of the Corn Exchange and the Board of Trade of Toronto, about three years ago, the membership has increased from about 100 members to over 900. The entrance fee to the Toronto Board of Trade is \$100, and \$50 is freely bid for membership transfers. The annual dues are ten dollars.

THE United States export locomotives to the value of \$3,000,000 annually.

SINTY manufacturers between Quebec and Halifax have promised to send samples of their wates for display in the show-rooms and warehouse which Mr. Woods, agent general for Canada, will open in Sydney, N.S.W.

THE American Bankers' Convention at Boston was chiefly remarkable as showing the views entertained by men from all sections of the country upon the question of maintaining urimpaired the solid gold standard in all banking transactions.

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