

### THE LOGGING SITUATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Last year out of a total cut of about 140,000,000 feet of logs on the St. John river, in New Brunswick, 11,500,000 feet were hung up. This year the cut has been 133,000,000 feet, and of it no less than 31,000,000 feet have failed to come down. The drives which were hung up last year were 5,000,000 feet of Kilburn's logs and 6,500,000 belonging to the Woodman estate. This year the 31,000,000 feet are divided among different lumber operators, nearly every one having some interest in them.

Of the drives which have failed to come down, 25,000,000 is regarded as being in danger, while the other 6,000,000 is safe. On the main river, just below Eel river, are 10,000,000 feet of the lower corporation drive. The tail of this drive is twenty miles below Woodstock and thirty miles from the boom limits. It belongs to Geo. Kilburn, W. H. Murray, Cushing, Stelson, Cutler & Co., Charles Miller, N. H. Murchie, Randolph & Baker, Cunliffe Sons, and Dunn Brothers.

Another 10,000,000 is on the main river above Grand Falls. It is owned chiefly by W. H. Murray and is what is known as Kilburn's drive.

The balance of the 25,000,000 which is regarded as being in danger, consists of

5,000,000 feet at present situated at the head of the Aroostock Falls. It is part of the big drive now below Eel river, which failed to get into the main river. This drive is owned by N. H. Murchie, Dunn Bros. and Robert Aitken.

Besides these drives there are 6,000,000 feet lying in safety at three different points. One drive of 2,000,000 is on the Fish river; another of 3,000,000 on the Northwest river, both of these being owned by W. H. Murray. On the St. Francis river there is a small drive of 1,000,000 feet, owned by Charles Miller.

The 25,000,000 feet are so situated that if in the spring the ice runs out as it does four times out of five all the logs will be saved. It is hoped that there will not be a rise in the water, for if this should occur the logs up river will be liable to be brought into almost certain danger. In the position in which they now lie they will be quite easily saved, but a rise in the water or a sudden running out of the ice in the spring will make their loss almost certain.

The cut this year was estimated at 135,000,000 feet and the returns to date show this estimate to be a very correct one. There have been rafted from the Fredericton booms 35,332 joints, containing a little over 67 tons of timber. This is made up of 119,000 feet hemlock, 6,417,000 feet cedar, 3,168,000 feet pine, 81,093,000 feet spruce, in all 91,917,000 feet.

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