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BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)
VANCOUVER, May 23rd, 1904. Until there is some relief in the way of duty, prices will not amount to much in connection with the trade with the Territories. So much lumber is being dumped into that market that it is completely demoralized, and as the Americans are selling for what it will bring in most cases, prices cannot be maintained by the British Columbia lumbermen. The American wants cash, and he considers it a snap to be able to dispose of the large surplus of rough lumber in some market other than his own. What he loses on that he makes up on the finer grades, for which there a ready demand and good prices in his own country. Then, too, the difference is made up in the

middle western states, where a sufficient increase is put on rough lumber to offset the loss of disposing at a sacrifice in the Canadian Territories. What trade comes to this province is only in competition with the ruinous prices inaugurated by the manufacturers in Washington state. This is one of the reasons that the Hastings mill, the largest establishment of the B. C. Mills, Timber & Trading Company, has shut down, and more will follow very soon.

All the Boards of Trade on the Coast, assisted by many in the interior, have taken the matter up, and memorials which have been addressed to the government at Ottawa since 1896 have been supplemented, and a representative deputation will wait on the Government this week to ask for an equalization of the tariffs. Free trade they prefer, but at least an equalization. This deputation is composed of Mr. John Hendry, president of the B. C. Mills, Timber & Trading Company, of Vancouver; Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, of Victoria, and Mr. Harry Watson, a prominent member of the Vancouver Board of Trade. They will be presented and assisted by the British Col-

umbia members, all of whom favor the lumbermen's requests.

Mr. George McCormick, of Orillia, Ontario, one of the stockholders of the Pacific Coast Lumber Company of this city, and one of the principals in the Kamloops Lumber Company, which has recently been re-organized, was in the city last week. The reputed cause of his flying visit to the coast was to tender the payment of dues on timber on land which was to be auctioned by the Government. He had held it for a number of years, knowing that the Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon railway was to go through, and would afford him transportation facilities to get the timber out, and now when the time has arrived, and the railway under course of construction, his dues are refused, and the land with the timber on it will go.

New freight schedules on lumber and shingles have been issued by the C.P.R. to the manufacturers in the Kootenay, who are organized into the Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' Association. A reduction of 2 cents per 100 pounds has

been granted. As green lumber weigh about 3,000 pounds to the 1,000 feet, the reduction amounts to 60 cents per 1,000 feet on green lumber, and less on kiln-dried lumber. In return for the concession the lumbermen have agreed to sell their product for \$1 per thousand less to the settlers. The reduction is 40 cents to the lumbermen per thousand.

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