

**Trade with Australia.**

The Montreal correspondent of the *Mail* writing on July 24th says:—Mr. G. W. Sharp, of Sharp & Sons, Lumber Merchants, Melbourne, Australia, is in town. Hitherto they have imported from the United States and from Canada indirectly, inasmuch as New England lumber merchants purchase Canadian lumber to resell in the Australian markets. They were not satisfied, and the object of Mr. Sharp's visit is to establish a direct trade if possible. The Hon. Mr. Skead has shown all that is to be seen in his locality, and Messrs Gilmour, Eddy, and other lumber kings of the Ottawa have done likewise. Mr. Sharp states he was greatly pleased with all he saw, and he was most unfavourably impressed with what he saw of the United States trade. He has already made arrangements for direct business being done in lumber, as also in other staples, particularly in dried fish and petroleum, which are now almost entirely supplied by the United States in very large quantities. Petroleum could be very profitably shipped to a very large extent.

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**ABOUT A STUMP.**—Alex Bulley and Joseph Gamanches own land near Anoka, Minn., which lies along the Mississippi river. On this land, at the water's edge, is a stump. The Rum River Boom Company tied to this stump a raft, containing 300,000 feet of logs. Prompted by some meanness, the owner of the land cut the raft loose, and let it go wild down stream. The company sued for damages, and the plaintiff's attorney held that, inasmuch as the stump belonged to the defendant, they had a right to cut the raft loose, and moved the dismissal of the case. The court failed to see the matter in that light, and the defendants were held to the court above in their own recognizances. *Northwestern Lumberman.*

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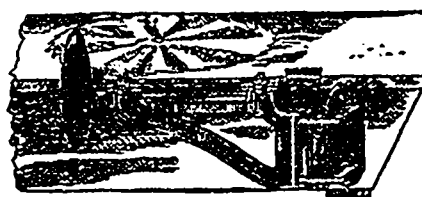
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