water-wheel of fifty horso-power, which drives the planing and such like machinery, while a low pressure engine 750 horse-power drives the A very ingenious edger is in uso here, with which, being adjustable, a wide board can be cut into any width desired while passing through, as there are no less than twelve small circulars in the mandrel, or shaft. Logs were brought in on the gangway at one end of the mill in our presence, and sent out at the other, and into the hold of the vessels, of which there were two loading, one for China and the other for South America, each having a carrying capacity of 1.500,000 feet. The lumber was cut to fill a bill, none of it being less than twentyfour feet in length, principally thirty-six and sixty, and some equare timber as high as 120 free, which will give your readers some idea of the length of the carriage ways. The company owns all the houses and ground at Moodyville, and no liquor is allowed to be sold on its property.

There is an abundance of timber on Burrard's Inlet, to last for many years' cutting. The land is of an inferior character for agricultural purloses, where such heavy timber grows, and very expensive to render fit for cropping, as the shamps are such monsters that thousands of dollars would be required to remove them from even an acre of ground. The delta lands of the Fraser are generally everflown by water in the summer, and during the high tides in December. They afford very good pasturage for stock, and as considerable rain falls on the mainland west of the Cascade range, pasture is good from early spring until late in the falt. Plenty of lumber is procurable for fencing purposes, while plenty of timber for building can be procured at any of the mills at Westminster, Emory, or Popham, and landed anywhere on the river's bank. The streams pouring down the mountains afford ample mill sites, and as these streams are never failing, no fear need be entertained of failure in the supply of water. - Northwestern Lumberman.

THE AUSTRALIAN TIMBER TRADE.

Messrs. Gemmell, Tuckett & Co., in their monthly timber report, dated Melbourne, June 6th, state that the improved demand for all descriptions of building materials has been maintained during the past month, and the list of ales by auction shows that a large amount of business has been carried rhrough.

AMERICAN LUMBER.-Sales ox Titan, Edmund Phuny, Great Surgeon, from the United States, and Trevellyan and Cedric the Saxon, from London. Michigan clear pine brought £18 2s. 6d. to 187s. 6d. for fair quality, and £15 2s. 6d. for inferior; Canadian clear, £17 10s. to £17 5s., 11×3: Canadian clear, from London, good condition and fair quality, £15 15s. to £15 5s.; 7 × 3 to 17 . 3, coarse and in bad condition, £5 12s.6d. £7 28. 6d.; w. p. shelving, 12 mehes wide, £12; da. wider. £11 15s. to £11 12s. 6d.; clear do.; wide, £14 5s.; w. p. t. and g. ceiling, £9 2s. 6d. to £8 17s. 6d. per thousand feet, super; market doing firm at these rates, with good demand.

Suip-Building

Halifax, N. S., August 22.—There seems to be quite a "hum" in ship-building in Nova Sotia. The following vessels will be launched next month: -1,000-ton barque, by Osmond & Brien, Noel; 800-ton barque, by Dr. Brown, Maitland; 1,300 ton ship, by Capt. Cox, Maitland; 1,000-ton harque, by McLellan & Black, of Great Village. Alfred Putnam, of Maitland, is about laying the keel of a 1,100-ton ship, and Capt. Ellis, of the 2,500-ton ship, W. D. Lawrence, is about to commence a sister ship at Maitland. R. P. Crickter, of Kinsport, has taken the contract for a 2,100-ton ship for C. R. Burges & Co., Cornwallis; the vessel to class Hyears and to be launched in July, 1882. At the same place Vaughan & Power have laid the Leel of a 1,800-ton ship for R. M. Rand and others. Messrs. Churchill & Sons, of Hantsport, here just launched the Shelland, of 1,530 ns, the largest barque over built in Nova Scotia. They are also beginning to build an-

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