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Lumber Cuttings.

The late heavy rains have floated the 3,000,000 feet of logs hung up on the Bird Tail Creek, at Birtle, and it will now be possible to get the logs down to Brandon this year for sawing.

Fader Bros. have commenced the erection of their new saw mill at Vancouver, B. C. It will have a capacity of 80,000 feet per day. The machinery has been purchased at Brantford, Ontario.

Six ships arrived at Burrard Inlet, B. C., during May, to load lumber for export, four for Australia and two for South America. Four were for the Moodyville mill, and two for the Hastings mill. Two ships cleared with lumber during the month, both from the Moodyville mill, one for Australia, and one for South America.

Mississippi Valley Lumberman: Unless there is some unforeseen accident, more lumber will be made in Minneapolis this year than in any preceding year. The total cut ought to run considerably over 300,000,000. If some of the plans now under consideration are carried out, the mill capacity in Minneapolis will be increased before another season. Under these circumstances there is a prospect that Tom Shevlin's prophecy that the day is not far distant when 500,000,000 feet of lumber will be made in Minneapolis is not wide of the mark.

Duluth has been on the wane as a lumber town of late years, some of the mills having been moved to other points. This year, however, through an accident, the quantity of logs at Duluth has been increased 40,000,000 or 50,000,000 feet. Owing to the floods, booms up the river were burst, and the logs have been carried down to Duluth. The quandry now is, what to do with the logs, as it will not pay to haul them back to the mills up the river, and there are many more logs than can be sawn at Duluth. It is thought electric lights will be put in and the mills run day and night.

Over 20,000,000 feet of logs have been swept from the booms on Rainy river, by the high water, and carried down into the Lake of the Woods. This will be a great loss to the lumber firms on the lake, as the work of picking

up the logs will be costly, and involve a considerable loss of time. It may also interfere with the running of the mills. The following firms are interested to the extent given:—Keewatin Lumbering and Manufacturing Co., 10,000,000 feet; Dick & Banning, 2,000,000 feet; H. F. Holmes, 300,000 feet; Minnesota & Ontario Lumber Co., 5,000,000 feet; Rainy Lake Co., 4,500,000 feet; Hughes & Keunedy, 100,000 feet. The water in the Lake of the Woods is now very high, and above the high water line of 1892. The high water is caused by the excessive rains in the Minnesota district, which is drained into the lake and the Rainy river. The logs are mostly from Minnesota. It has been customary to boom the logs in the Rainy river, before towing in rafts to the mills, at the northern end of the lake.

Canned Salmon.

The distribution of salmon at the moment is not showing any special action, the demand not getting beyond the proportion of jobbing. Some in the trade are inclined to the belief that present prices are an obstacle to a freer sale, and though this impression may be in a measure correct, yet the value is established upon a strong basis, and there is no probability of any change in the immediate future, or for that matter during the entire season. The run of fish on the Columbia is below that of last year, and the prospects for a pack equal are not regarded as very favorable. Fish are said to be so scarce on the river at present, that among the canneries each day resembles a Sunday. The fish are said to be about ten days earlier than usual, hence some are of the belief that the month of July will not pan out the accustomed quantity, and that probably the latter days will give no employment to the canners. Alaska it is said will yield a poorer return than was expected, and British Columbia, from recent advices, will not pack heavily, in fact some brands of the latter have again been advanced to-day to \$1.47½ f.o.b. European shippers are yet showing interest on the Pacific coast, with recent sales of Columbia river at \$1.70, and Coos bay and Coquille, \$1.40 at San Francisco—*N. Y. Commercial Bulletin.*

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