

Lumber Trade Notes.

R. J. Wilson is opening a lumber yard at Elgin, Man., a new point on the Northern Pacific extension, west of Baldur.

Men and supplies for the winter lumber camps have been sent to the woods. Some of the camps have been established for some time.

The Rat Portage Lumber company's box factory is very busy at present. They have been supplying the Canadian Pacific railway with grain car doors at the rate of one car load per week.

A lodge or whatever they call it, of the Hoo-Hoo's will be organized in Winnipeg. Platt B. Walker, of Minneapolis is coming up to start off the thing. This is a social order which is very popular in the lumber trade south of the border.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says: White pine siding is now feeling the effects of a fight waged on the coast between its brethren in the redwood cedar districts. Since August the price list of red cedar siding f.o.b. Minneapolis has dropped from \$18.25 to \$15.50. White pine C siding of like grade with the cedar is \$19.25 f.o.b. Minneapolis mills. Red Cedar at mill points is \$12. Redwood siding which is practically unknown here in Minneapolis territory is \$11.75 at California mills.

The big fall trade looked for in lumber this year, has not materialized, but this is not to be wondered at. It is the unexpected which has happened. No one expected a wet harvest in Manitoba, but we have had it. The bad weather has prevented farmers from getting their grain threshed and turned into money, while the roads have been too bad for hauling lumber. Some contemplated buildings have been dropped on account of the bad roads. Considering all the adverse circumstances, the demand for building material has not been at all bad.

The Hastings saw mill at Vancouver, one of the land marks of the British Columbia coast, was burned on Oct. 26. The mill did a large export trade long before Vancouver came into existence, or before the great trans-continental railway, which called the city into existence, was thought of. It was established at a time when the shores of Burrard Inlet were covered with heavy forest. Some years ago the mill became the property of the British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading company, and it was entirely remodelled and supplied with modern machinery. The mill had a capacity of 250,000 feet per day of 24 hours. The mill will probably be rebuilt. The loss will be very heavy. The mill was engaged principally in the export trade.

Freight Rates.

The arbitrators to decide whether the Canadian Pacific railway is entitled to a differential under the rates made by the United States lines on freight traffic between San Francisco and eastern points, on or east of the Missouri river, have rendered a decision to the effect that the Canadian Pacific railway is not entitled to a differential.

A sharp advance in lake coal freights is reported.

The Joint Traffic association has ordered an advance on November 1 on grain except corn, from 18c to 20c, Chicago to New York.

Ocean freights are strong at 5d on grain from New York to Liverpool, the highest in years, and 3 1-2d over the low point thirty days ago.

The through rate on wheat from Chicago to Liverpool is 20c per bushel. Flour is \$3.28 to \$4 1-4c per 100 pounds.

Lake rates from Chicago to Buffalo were higher, with a good business at 3 1-4c on wheat, 3c on corn and 2 1-2c on oats and 6 1-4c for corn to Montreal.

Northwest Ontario.

Port Arthur people are interesting themselves in a railway from that place to Hudson Bay. A charter will be applied for. It will be called the Port Arthur, Nipigon and Albany railroad.

Robt. Murray has his new machine shop at Rat Portage about finished. It is associated with Dickard Hall's new marine slip. The entire plant will cost upwards of \$10,000.

British Columbia Items.

James Lawson, of the British Columbia box factory at Vancouver, is about to start a new industry in the manufacture of cigar boxes. Machinery has been ordered from San Francisco, as it was not obtainable in Canada. The capacity will be 1,000 boxes a day. This will be the only cigar box factory west of Toronto. Honduras cedar will be used in making the boxes.

The completion of the Crow's Nest Pass railway has opened a field for the development of the enormous coal deposits at Fernie, and in November 150 miners and their families will leave for the place from Sydney, N. S.

Clearing house returns for the week ending October 27, were \$587,665.

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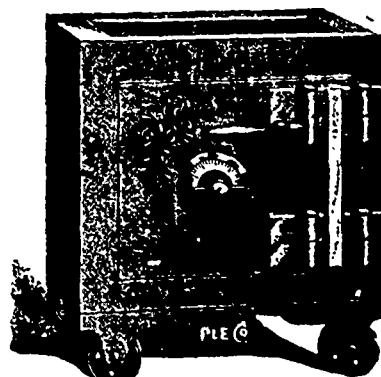
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