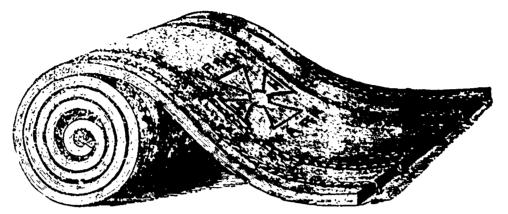
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TIMBER RESOURCES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

The extension of railways into wild and re mote regions is the most practical way to develop their resources, whatever they may be. One country has a surplus of what another often very much requires, and the easy and rapid transit by railway enables commercial men and capitalists to visit places where the material they require, or the markets in which to sell. may be abundant. Lines of railways crossing over plains and mountains frequently save to the traveller thousands of miles, and reduce to the consumer the prices of commodities, that under other conditions would be very dear. In this moralizing the writer has before his mind the three or four great lines crossing the continent of America, the largest and most direct of them being the Canadian Pacific Railway, which traverses entirely British territory, and extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, a distance of 3,506 miles. In its course this great road cuts through many mighty forests, especially in the comparatively unknown timber country northwest of the noble Ottaws, and along the banks of the picturesque Rainy river, where our "only General" made his first reputation. The lumbering resources of this vast area are very great, and to some extent will doubtless before long be unilized; but compared with those further on in British Columbia they are almost insignificant. Unfortunately where there is an abundance of anything there is also a tendency to waste, and certainly that is the case with timber in all parts of Canada, more of it being burned and otherwise destroyed than reaches the market. England receives yearly from Germany, Sweden, Norway, and other European countries, large quantities of manufactured timber goods, which, with the cheap and easy transit there is now to the Atlantic coast, and then by rapid steamers to different points in the United Kingdom, might be readily supplied from the so-called waste of Canadian forests.

We are next summer to have in London a

any idea calculated to increase the volume of trade between England and her dependencies will at this great gathering, from all who are interested, receive due consideration. Canada is keenly alive to every thought and circumstance likely to be to her interest, and this question of nianufacturing the goods rather than sending the raw material, is one to which she will probably give some attenti. n. It is, however, with the almost limitless forests of British Columbia and their giant timber, that in this article we chiefly intend to deal. The entire length of that salubrious, but comparatively unknown Province, is now traversed by the Canadian Pacific railway, which, from the fertile prairies of Manitoba and the Northwest, crosses the Rocky Mountains, and enters British Columbia on its eastern border, descending the western slope to Port Hardy, on the Pacific Ocean. The iron horse now screeches through British Columbia forests, the timber of which is the largest on the surface of the globe, logs frequently squaring 40 inches at the Port Moody Mills. The following extract is from a popular workon this lumber:-"It is a tough, strong wood, well adapted for heavy beams, but it is also good for planks and deals. It makes excellent masts and yards, and is used for shipbuilding and housebuilding. It grows to the height of from 150 to 250 feet, and attains to a thickness of six to nine feet, and carries its size well up. Dressed masts of from 36 to 45 inches in diameter, at one third from butt, and with proper tions for the required length, have been supplied from the Douglas fir forests of British Columbia. In Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain, this timber is known as Oregon pine, though Oregon does not export it to those maracts. At present the chief seat of its export is British Columbia and Puget Sound, on the opposite shore of the Gulf of Georgia and on the bays and indentation along the Straits of San Juan, which a few years ago were in dispute between England and the United States, but on the award of the present Emporer of Germany. then King of Prussia, was given to the latter great Intercolonial Exhibition, and doubtless country. This magnificent timber is chiefly

found on the outside or Pacific coast front of the western range of the Cascade Mountains, as it would seem to require for its growth the warm, moist and salubrious climate peculiar to the sea line of those mighty hills. The Douglas pige forests are now difficult to explore, but being tapped by the railway, together with the general advance of progress, will doubtless soon overcome that difficulty. The railway will carry the manufactured lumber to the east of the Rockies, where it is very much wanted by settlers, who are now rapidly filling up Mani tobs and the vast plains of the Northwest. Hitherto the product of British Columbia could only be brought to the eastern markets of America or to Europe by ship, coming around Cape Horn, or through the straits in the extreme south of Magelan, but now the Canadian Pacific railway is a direct communication between the forests of the Pacific coast province and the Atlantic ports, as well as to all the markets of Canada and of the United States east of the Rocky Mountains. In the valley of the Fraser, the largest river in British Columhis, there are many kinds of timber, but up to the present, commercially, they were of little value, simply because there was no outlet except by ships to countries on the other side of the Pacific ocean or to Europe. Now, however, a deal of this timber, which consists of oak, ash, spruce, cedar and fir, will be taken by the railway to the Manitoba plains, where it is much wanted, and some of it may even reach Quebec for shipment to England. To anyone anxious to preserve the world's timber supply, how sad to see its rapid destruction, often wantonly, by squatters and others in those countries where it is now so abundant. The great thing is to clear the soil, and a settler who may take up land on which there may be heavy timber, will often get rid of it the following cruel but some what ingenious fashion. He will take a large auger, and bore two holes into the heart of the giant tree, one hole slanting up, the other down, and meeting inside in the great trunk. Then he will fill into the upper one small pieces of an inflammable substance and set fire to them. The

ree will soon catch, and the lower auger hole, acting as a blast pipe, will cause the fire to hise and roar in the body of the doomed tree until it is destroyed. Let us, however, hope that the rapid settlement of population on the fertile prairies of Manitoba and the Northwest, and the growing requirements of civilization, will find other uses for this article so necessary for homes and comfort rather than in such a merciless way reduce it to ashes. With the depres rion existing in almost every branch of English trade, many a young fellow with a little capi-tal, and a knowledge of the timber business, would do a worse than take a trip to British Columbia to see if its mighty forests do not offer a field for profitable investment in the near futuro. — Timber.

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The following is a comparative statement of Timber, Masts, Bowsprits, Spars, Staves, &c measured and culled to date :-

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	1883.	1884.	1885
Waney White Pine	3,781,742	2,198,547	2,870,763
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Red Pinc	498,111	327,735	73,766
Uak	1,910,822	772,260	1,566,988
Elm	809,631	657,919	1,018,932
Ash	262,448	451,984	287,695
Basr rood	2,244	4,514	\$6
Butternut	1,118	2,134	3,265
Tamarac	37,736	19,289	3,622
Birch & Maple	138,803	202,440	381,085
Spara	— p⇔	41 pcs	17 pcs.
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