A Minneapolis Syndicate Formed to Control the Output of the Forests of Minnesota.

The lumber tirms of Minneapolis, who have heretobefore worked on reparate lines, have at last chosen to consolidate and to concent ate their interests, and have now about consumma ted a large deal of pine timber on the upper Mississippi.

It is understood now that a deal has been nearly completed for the purchase of the Walker & Akeley, and the Pillsbury timber, in the Leach lake and Cass lake regions, amounting to probably fifteen hundred millions of timber.

This will also take the railway built by the Northern Mill company from Brainerd northward toward Leech lake, and then will extend the same during this year to Leech lake, and will be ready to operate the same during the latter part of this year to curry the Leech lake timber across and deliver it into the Mississippi river at Brainerd, and save the time that would be otherwise consumed in driving from Leech lake around the circuitous route of the Mississippi river. This railroad line will also be extended up to Cass lake, so as to bring the timber in the Mississippi and Turtle rivers, tributary to that point, over the same line to Brainerd. The Brainerd mill, it is also understood, is included in the same deal, and will be operated by parties from the lower Mississippi, who will have a share of the logs cut under this new deal. The arrangement will be a good thing for Minneapolis, furnishing many years supply of logs for its mills, as well as prospectively a very profitable one for the par

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It is probable the most extensive pine land deal ever consummated in the northwest. This same timber has been under negotiations, particularly that of the Pillsbury's, with other parties for the past year or two, and it was thought last summer that Mr. Walker had disposed of his large holdings and the deal would probably have been consummated had not the panic upset the presuctive sale.

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The parties selling the timber have held the same from 15 to 25 years. The price to be paid for this timber is to be very moderate, under the circumstances, although it will when paid for amount to a large sum of money, aggregating several millions of dollars.—Minneapolis Lumberman.

Irrigation Favored.

The artesian well and irrigation convention closed a two days' session at Huron, South Dakota, on March S. The sentiment of the convention was pronounced in favor of sinking artesian wells for irrigation purposes. Although irrigation is not absolutely necessary to secure crops, it has been demonstrated that irrigation insures a more abundant yield and insures protection against loss by hot winds. Several wells will be put down the present season. A committee was appointed to prepare an address to the people of South Dakota on the subject of artesian wells and irrigation. Plans were outlined to secure state and national aid in perfecting a practical system of irrigation for South Dakota, and for filling low places, take beds and streams with water from artesian wells.

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