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in order to get a minimum price as well as the best value in lumber, leave all lengths except dimension timbers to the lumber company to fill. Window and door frames can be purchased to advant-These age ready to place in the house. are made accurately to fit the size of windows on the order, but care should always be taken to mention whether $2 \ge 4$ or $2 \ge 6$ studding is to be used. If special sizes are required in windows or doors or woodwork of any description, all large mills are equipped to supply same at short notice.

Ready to Erect Houses

The ready to erect building is receiving considerable attention at the present time, but so far the project is too new to allow of a definite opinion as to its merits being made. Most firms at present believe that unless the purchaser lives reasonably close to the place where the building is made; so that a representative can be sent out to supervise the building this method out to supervisē the building, this method is seldom satisfactory. At any rate it can only be done to advantage at a mill where there is a large duplication of the same building. In the majority of build-ings the owner decides to change the style of construction or make some difference in the layout while the building is being Any such alterations cannot be erected. done without more or less waste of material and in a ready to erect house any-thing like this would considerably increase the cost by making it necessary to purchase more new material

Most lumber firms will gladly figure on a bill of material for any structure if supplied with complete plans, but since the quantity of lumber required for the erection of any building greatly depends upon the ability of the contractor, by far the best way is for the intending builder to get his contractor or carpenter to make out a list of lumber required and offer this to the lumber firm for a price quotation unless this list has already been furnished by the architect.

The mill to consumer method of doing business introduces several distinctly good features into the farmers' business and by no means the least of these is the



Cedars, near Harrison Lake, B.C.

cash system of payment. Credit, with its accompanying high rates of interest, is one of the factors which has done so much to keep farmers generally from placing their business on a substantial dividend paying basis, and the benefits accruing to the principle of paying cash for every purchase, large or small, cannot be too often driven home. Most lumber firms expect a deposit of from \$25 to \$50 with order as evidence of good faith and the balance is paid on a sight draft attached to the bill of lading.

Time Taken to Ship

The time taken to ship carloads varies somewhat. When grain is moving in the fall it is often difficult for mills to get cars just when wanted. Most mills are equipped to fill orders immediately and when



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