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TIMBER AND FORESTRY EXHIBIT.

A representative of the CANADA LUMBERMAN who is now in Great Britain has forwarded two photographs of the Canadian timber and forestry exhibit at the Glasgow Exhibition. The photographs, of which reproductions appear in this number, are believed to be the best which have yet appeared in print, and give a good understanding of the variety of timber products on exhibition. The timber is shown in all stages of development, from the rough trees as they are cut in the forest to the highly polished furniture into which they are ultimately transformed. We are informed that the exhibit has attracted much attention, the visitors including many users of timber in Great Britain who have heretofore known little of the timber resources of Canada.

WHITE PINE CONDITIONS.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association, held in Minneapolis on August 20th, a most important report on market conditions was presented by the secretary. As this Association represents the majority of manufacturers in the leading white pine district of the United

States, the statements presented will no doubt interest many of our readers. The report is therefore given in part below:

At the close of the year 1899 the country thought that the climax of prosperity had been reached and that the pendulum would begin to swing in the other direction. While it is true that 1899 broke all records in the production and consumption of lumber, yet the year 1901, if it maintain anything like the record it has already achieved, will prove a close second if indeed it shall not set a new high water mark in point of demand at least.

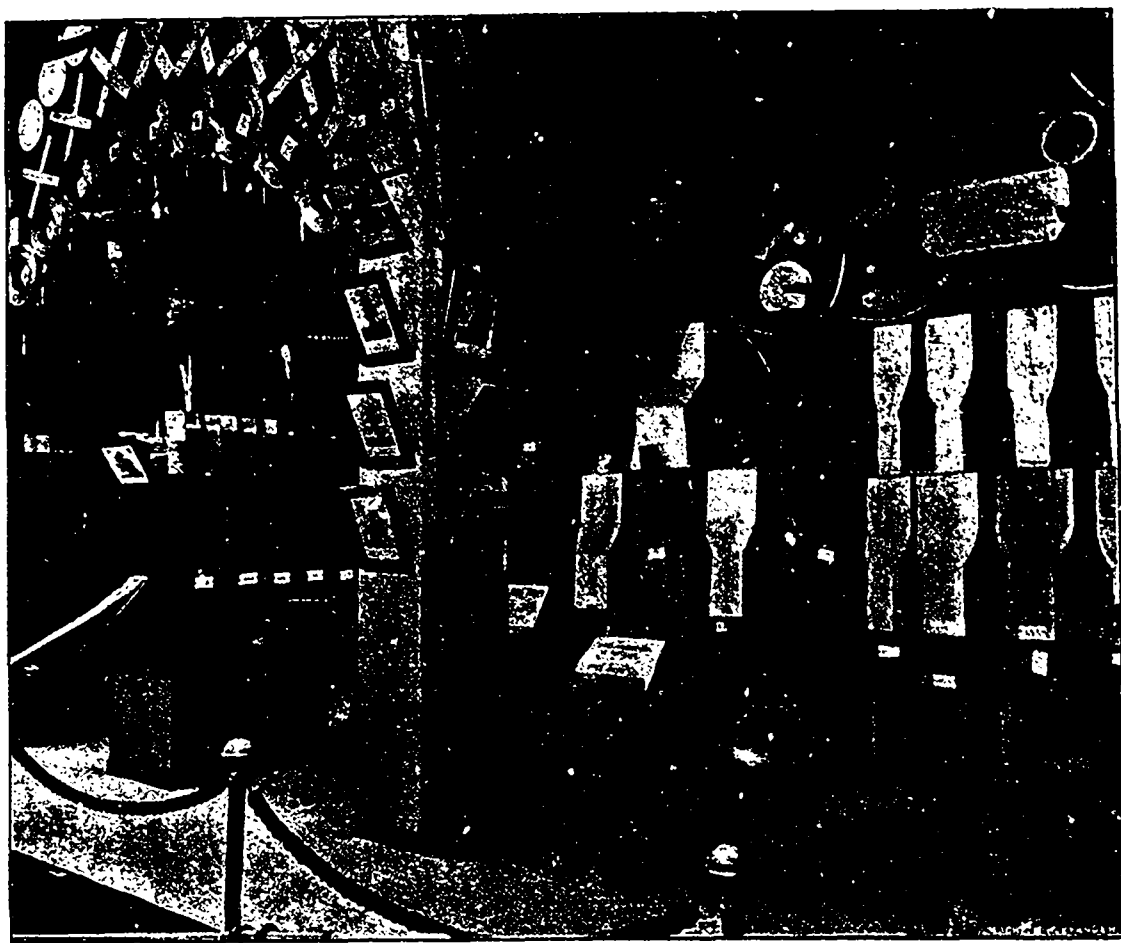
Following the restoration of confidence last November it became evident that the pendulum of prosperity was not likely to begin on its

backward journey at once. The movement of lumber since the first of the year has increased monthly. Shipments by the manufacturers of the Mississippi and Wisconsin valleys for January, 1901, were 126,239,302 feet. In July, 1901, they were 258,405,860 feet, an increase of 132,166,558 feet, or 105 per cent. in seven months. In January, 1900, the shipments by the same manufacturers were 114,255,775 feet, and in July, 1900, they were 188,887,489 feet, an increase of 74,631,-

The very satisfactory demand of the year has come largely from the country and indicates the extent of the building activity in the whole Mississippi valley. The greater part of the lumber sold in 1899 was used for special purposes, manufacturing plants of all kinds being large consumers and the demand for box lumber being unprecedented. While the demand from this source has been large this year, owing to the general prosperity of the country, yet the demand for actual construction

has never been as great. This is a most pleasing phase of the situation, as it indicates the material development of the country.

In order fully to understand this heavy movement of our product, it must be noted that our competition with other woods has never been less. A large grain crop in the southwest last year, followed by a good crop of cotton for which more actual money was realized than any previous cotton crop the south ever raised, put the business of the yellow pine producers upon a very satisfactory basis. Nearly as much cotton and cotton products were sold abroad during the year as all the provisions and breadstuffs combined, and a price of 10



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714 feet, or 65 per cent. Shipments for the seven months of this year were an even 25 per cent. greater than for the same months last year, or an increase of 270,000,000 feet. Shipments to date are as large as during the first seven months of 1899. Exact figures for that year are not obtainable, but it will be remembered that the heavy volume of business of 1899 was during the latter half of the year. A possible increase in the production of this season over last year can have but little effect upon the market in view of the largely increased sales. There is no doubt that shipments to date would have been considerably larger had manufacturers' stocks been in condition.

cents for cotton has resulted in a general development of the whole south country, with a consequent good demand for lumber.

The reports of the yellow pine clearing house for the first five months of this year are exceedingly flattering. During that time last year this cut exceeded the shipments by 63,000,000 feet, while the shipments this year for the same time exceeded the production by 92,000,000 feet; and this in view of the fact that the cut this year was greater by 64,000,000 feet.

The production of hickory for the season may be somewhat less than for last year, but the aggregate is not sufficient to cut any serious competition at any time.