

Lumber.

KNOCK-DOWN HOUSES.


The Bay City *Call* calls for somebody in that wood-working city to engage in the manufacture of houses in the "knock-down," and suggests particularly the probability that a good business in this direction can be done in furnishing ready-made houses for summer resorts. The suggestion is a good one. It has come to be such a fashion for people of independent means--and some whose means are not so very independent--to "resort to the eligible sites on the shores and islands of the great lakes for a summer sojourn, that there is a great demand for light structures in which to live during the season of relaxation. Doubtless many more people than hitherto would seek a summer retirement if a handy means of obtaining a neat and comfortable pavilion were provided. A ready and sufficient supply always creates a demand greater than would otherwise exist were there no such supply. Now that the summer-resort boom has grown to such considerable proportions, it seems as if the furnishing of ready-made cottages on a large scale could be made a profitable business. The same scheme might embrace the supply of necessary light, portable furniture. Then a resorter could order his outfit of the knock-down house factory, have it shipped to the designated locality the same as he would his trunk, and in a day or two after arrival he would be living comfortably under his own roof by the lakeside. If the scheme were once under full headway, it would become very popular, and develop an important industry in the preparation of portable summer cottages. --*N.W. Lumberman.*

Mr. Joseph Buckler, of Ridgeway, N. B., has a steam saw-mill in his lumber woods, instead of having the logs hauled out and floated to the mill. He purposes sending a car-load to Annapolis.

The British and Canadian Lumbering Co., head quarters in this city, have purchased the extensive saw-mill, near Ottawa known as Skead's mill. The sum is said to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. --*Toronto World.*

A Quebec despatch says that Mr. P. Ouellet, of Levis, has purchased from the Bank of Montreal more than a million feet of timber belonging to the estate of the late Leandre Mohot, of Cap St. Ignace. Mr. Vachon has purchased all the timber on the seignory owned by the seminary of Quebec. Over one hundred men are engaged in cutting timber and building a dam on the Montmorency River, about half a mile above the Natural Steps. Part of the mill is expected to be in operation in June next. Mr. Vachon leaves for London on the 6th inst., in connection with the above and other important business.

The largest lumber firm in Trenton, Canada, and one of the largest, if not the largest in the dominion, operating one of the largest mills on the continent, have published their list of wages as follows. Men for the woods, from \$18 to \$20 per month and teams \$1.25 to \$1.75 per day; and yet Mr. Little has the assurance to tell us that the manufacture of lumber in Canada costs more than in Michigan where men's wages are 50 per cent. higher, and teams 100 per cent. higher, or precisely double, and all the supplies bear about the same proportionate rate as wages. We can only express our astonishment at Mr. Little's assurance, in the face of such facts. It looks very much "like a whale," that free trade yarn of his, to every person acquainted with the facts, but he is extremely foolish to shatter his reputation by such a pamphlet as he has seen fit to father. --*Lumberman's Gazette.*



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