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LUMBER AND TIMBER NOTES.

The forest fires which have raged for days in various parts of the United States resulted in destroying not only thousands of acres of standing timber, but lumber camps, oil rigs, grain fields, etc., in Pennsylvania, bridges and villages in Wisconsin. Traffic on railways in Michigan and Wisconsin was stopped by them. We do not hear of such devastation of any Canadian forests yet, but possibly this may come. It is the pine forests in the more southern localities that are burned. On the "Soo" road it is said to be cedar that suffers.

British Columbia is rich in timber, and in this respect no other province in Canada can compare with it. So says the *North-Western Lumberman*, and adds: The finest growth is on the coast and in the Gold and Selkirk ranges. Millions and millions of feet of timber, looked up for centuries, have now become available for commerce. The Canadian Pacific railway passes through a part of this, and crosses streams that will bring untold quantities to the mills and railway stations. The capacity of the mills at Vancouver has been raised to 210,000,000 feet yearly, and the actual capital invested represents \$1,750,000. For the year the actual cash value of the output was in round numbers, \$1,000,000, and the output in feet about half the capacity, namely, 100,000,000 feet. The number of men employed by the various mills at Vancouver is 1,900.

We have often been puzzled by the very habit of which our Chicago contemporary complains in his last issue. It is that disposition of New Brunswick newspapers, or their correspondents, to speak of logs as lumber. Thus we read that some operator put in so many feet of lumber on such a river the past season; or that lumber is coming out of such or such a stream in good shape. There is certainly a very marked difference between logs and lumber. To any one who is trying to gauge the output of a district or to estimate a season's product of sawn wood, it is awkward and annoying to have to grope about to find the meaning of such slipshod writers.

A telegram of Tuesday last from St. John, N.B., says that heavy rains have set in along the upper St. John valley, and the river is rising rapidly, to the joy of the lumbermen. The outlook on the Mirimachi is not so bright and many large drives of logs are still hung up there.

There is trouble in New York city over the lumber-trade boycott. The chairman of the Lumber Trade Association executive committee states this week that eighty lumber yards belonging to members of the association have already complied with the terms of the agreement formulated for the concerted attack of the employers upon the labor unions and have looked out their union employes.

Every person should have within himself resources sufficient to enable him to lie under a tree and gaze up at the blue sky for a whole day without becoming discontented.—*Dallas News*.

A certificate of partnership was registered on 1st May in Hull, and on May 2nd in Aylmer, which amalgamates several large lumber interests. The firms amalgamating are Messrs. White, Avery & Co., Messrs. Buell & Orr, of New York and Burlington, and Messrs. Hurdman, of Ottawa. The new firm

is to be known by the name and title of Buell, Orr, Hurdman & Co., in Ottawa, and as Buell, Orr & Co., in New York. The partners are Messrs. A. A. Buell, of Burlington; J. C. Orr, New York; F. W. Avery, W. G. White, Robt. Hurdman, C. S. Read, W. H. Hurdman, C. G. Hurdman, and W. H. Hurdman, jr. Mr. C. S. Read will act as financial manager. Mr. Hurdman tells the *Ottawa Journal* that the new firm will not cause any increase in the output this year. The change will affect it afterwards. The new firm, besides manufacturing, will launch into the general lumber business. It is expected that its operations in the Ottawa valley will be increased.

PARCELS FOR GROCERS.

"Did you see the notice I gave you?" said the editor to the grocer. "Yes; and I don't want another. The man who says I've got plenty of sand, that the milk I sell is of the first water, and that my butter is the strongest in the market, may mean well, but he is not the man I want to flatter me a second time." —*Harper's Bazar*.

Mr. J. H. Brandon, of Fenelon Falls, shipped, Tuesday last, no less than thirteen carloads of potatoes to the New York and New Jersey markets. Since his first purchase of tubers for shipment in the early part of the winter, he has shipped no less than 118 carloads.

In a well-appointed grocery store on Spadina avenue, in this city, a sign informs the customer that one of the commodities kept in stock is "mackerony."

Creditors would not accept the offer of 13c on the dollar made by G. A. Hyndman, grocer Exeter, and the stock was ordered to be sold.

A good tea is like a perfectly good painting. The color and the drawing must be right.

The *Huntingdon Gleaner* tells of one dealer in that village who has sold 3,000 gallons of maple syrup, and some hundreds of pounds of maple sugar this year.

The *Chemist and Druggist* believes that the continued lowering of the price of glycerine is due, to some extent, to the recent improvements in the process of manufacture.

There are some twenty places in Ontario where pork is packed, and the total put up in the season 1890-91 is estimated by the Cincinnati *Price Current*, at 155,000 hogs as compared with 126,000 in the previous twelve months. The principal places are Toronto, Hamilton, and Ingersoll, but St. Thomas, Peterboro Woodstock and Brantford are on the increase. We append a list:

Ontario.	1890-91.	1889-90.
Aylmer.....	2,500	2,500
Barrie.....	1,400	1,350
Brantford.....	3,090	1,200
Chatham.....	2,800	2,000
Collingwood.....	4,000	3,810
Guelph.....	3,000	4,000
Hamilton.....	20,600	22,000
Hensall.....	1,250	1,015
Ingersoll.....	13,320	12,928
Lindsay.....	1,850	1,800
London.....	4,800	4,500
Mitohell.....	2,000
Mount Forest.....	1,000
Newmarket.....	2,000	1,239
Orillia.....	1,000
Owen Sound.....	1,200	1,200
Peterboro.....	6,000	5,000
Port Hope.....	500	400
St. Catharines.....	3,000	3,000
St. Thomas.....	7,450	5,251
Toronto.....	61,400	46,380
Woodstock.....	3,700	1,300
Other places.....	7,000	5,000
Total.....	155,200	126,000

FOR BOOKSELLERS AND STATIONERS.

The combination stores now so popular in large American cities are not only interesting places to visit, but the bills rendered to patrons are frequently worthy of attention as curios.

One which has come to the notice of *Harper's Magazine* was made up somewhat as follows:

The essays of Emerson.....	\$0 69
1 pair hand-made Oxford ties..	1 29
1 plaid silk Fedora.....	5 96
1 Faust, by J. W. V. Goethe....	69
2 bangles.....	48

This juxtaposition of Emerson and a plaid silk Fedora would be unique were it not for the equal absurdity of the divine Goethe next line to trivial trinkets. The same house advertises "800 handsome padded poets at 98 cents."

Printer's Ink says there are nearly twenty thousand (19,373) newspapers of different classes in the United States and Canada, a net gain of 1,613 over last year's record. At no time since the publication of the "American Newspaper Directory" was begun has the increase been so large. New York State still holds the lead, having 1,958 papers as against 1,778 for last year. Illinois, Pennsylvania and Ohio follow in the order named. The fifth and sixth places are held by Iowa and Missouri, whose gain in new newspapers has been large enough to put them ahead of the Dominion of Canada and Kansas, who held these positions last year.

John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, has sent us a copy of his monthly *Book News*, which gives information about new books, their prices, and scope, for 50 cents a year. The present issue for May is devoted largely to the subject of University Extension, and contains articles on that live subject from Edmund J. James, Ph. D., Wm. Houston, Toronto, and many college professors and others. It contains a portrait of Prof. R. G. Moulton, of Cambridge, who is at present on this side the Atlantic, and has the good sense to be pleased with his surroundings.

We gather from *Night and Day*, the interesting monthly issued by Dr. Barnardo from his children's homes in London and elsewhere, that the annual meeting of these homes is to be held in that enormous building, the Albert Hall, on June 3rd next, when the Marquis of Lorne will be in the chair. The proportions of Dr. Barnardo's work may be understood when we say that his family now numbers 4,300, and the expenditure for food and fuel alone reaches £120 to £140 per day. And the marvellous thing about this great rescue work—which some of the church authorities not only will not touch with the tips of their gloved hands, but actually decry—is the way it is supported by voluntary contributions from all over the world. Dr. Barnardo says: In the year 1889 I received 75,748 separate donations, of which no fewer than 74,110 were in sums under £10 each, leaving only about two per cent. of £10 each and upwards.

We are told that the new edition of that standard work "Men and Women of the Time" contains no less than 2,450 sketches.

A guide book to the Maritime Provinces has just been revised by Sweetser to date, and will be re-published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

The sales of Helen H. Gardner's book, "Is this your Son, My Lord?" are said to have reached 25,000 copies.

A Boston letter by Nathan H. Dole says that the long strike of the stereotypers in that city is practically ended, it being found easier