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AUSTRALIAN TIMBER.

A board appointed to inquire into and experiment on the best kind of timber grown in the Australian colonies, and adapted for the construction of railway vehicles, has sent in its report. Among woods which the commissioners mention as suitable are blackwood, mountain ash, bluegum, and Gippsland mahogany. Under test the blackwood presented results which were superior to any other timber. The mountain ash was second to the blackwood for railway purposes. It should be felled, the commissioners think, during the winter months, when it has attained maturity, and is between four feet and five feet in diameter, and it might remain felled for six months before being broken down into planks for seasoning. Bluegum should be treated in the same manner. Going somewhat beyond its reference, the board deals with the question of timber licenses, and recommends that getters be compelled to pay for the timber felled, and to confine their operations to a given area, or otherwise that selected lots of trees be sold by tender. It is also strongly recommended that a forest board should be called into existence.

A COMPETITOR.

The Thunder Bay *Sentinel* says:—We are glad to notice that the Winnipeg and other papers have taken up the question proposed by us in connection with the establishment of Port Arthur as the great lumber handling centre for the western market in opposition to St. Paul. As is well known the material furnished from the pineries of Northern Wisconsin and Southern Minnesota cannot be beaten in point of quality in the States, and as its price at Ashland is lower than at St. Paul and the cost of shipping it to Winnipeg and the Canadian Northwest considerably lower than by the St. P. M. & M. line, the advantages we have over St. Paul, the present distributing point, must be apparent. Besides, our own railway would get a 428 mile haul instead of the run of 68 miles from Emerson to Winnipeg as now. We hope shippers are taking note of these facts and that the question is being laid before the C. P. R. authorities.

AN AWFUL FATE.

OTTAWA, Aug. 26.—A terrible story comes from Shrewsbury, Province of Quebec, which will long be remembered in that village. A short distance from Shrewsbury there resides a farmer named Leblance, a French Canadian. On leaving home a few mornings ago to work in the woods, he told his wife to send their daughter, who was 12 years old, with his dinner at noon. After waiting until 3 o'clock in the afternoon he concluded to go home, as no dinner had arrived. He shouldered his gun and started, but before he had gone far he noticed an immense bear apparently eating something. He watched it for a moment and fired, missing his mark. While reloading he could see that it was a human being the bear was devouring. He then rushed up to within easy gunshot, discharging his rifle into the bear, which rolled over, to reveal the body of his little daughter, disfigured and almost beyond recognition. The flesh had been torn off her legs and face, while she still held in her little hand the tin can containing her father's dinner.

The Crushing Capacity of Brick.

Rather a soft brick will crush under a weight of about thirty or forty tons per square foot, while a first-rate machine pressed brick will require from 300 to 400 tons per square foot; this last is about the crushing limit of the best sandstone, or two-thirds as much as the best granites or roofing slates. But masses of brickwork will crush under much smaller loads than single bricks, thus, small doubled masses only nine inches each side, laid in cement, crushed under twenty-seven to forty tons per square foot; others, with piers nine inches square and two feet four inches high, in cement, only two days after being built, required forty-four to sixty-two tons per square foot to crush them, cracking and splitting usually under about one half the crushing loads.—*Industrial World*.

The Congo Country.

LIBBON, AUG. 29.—The King of the Congo district, on June 16th, made a formal protest against the treaties entered into by the Falls Bolla Princes with the African International Association. They had, says he, no right to cede territory to the Association.

DULUTH ON FIRE.

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 23.—About 6:30 this evening the large saw mill of Little & Peck caught fire and was totally destroyed. Then the large lumber yards caught and were consumed, and at this hour (10:30 p. m.) the fire is in the mill of G. W. Peck & Son, which will be destroyed. Other property is in danger, and it looks now as though the fire could not be stopped till it has swept away the Barner Lumber Company's mill, and a large quantity of lumber in addition to what is consumed. The origin is not known at this hour. The loss is already estimated at over \$100,000.

Keeping Wood in Moist Ground.

A Brooklyn, N. Y., carpenter writes us that, in 1864, he laid down some old painted half inch door panels as a flooring for a coal bin at the rear of his yard, and that, on taking them up seven years afterward, they were just as sound as if they had been but recently cut from a thrifty living tree, although so pliable with moisture that he could have bent one of them around a six inch stove pipe. Our correspondent suggests that the painting of railroad ties, or coating them with white lead and oil, would be very efficacious for their preservation.

Advice to Mothers.

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Printed forms of tenders, containing full particulars, may be obtained from the Department at Ottawa and at the following Militia Stores, where also sealed patterns of all articles may be seen, viz:—The offices of the Superintendent of Stores at London, Toronto, Kingston, Montreal, Quebec, and St. John, N. B.

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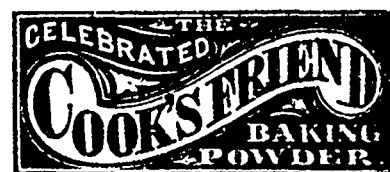
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Deputy of the Minister of Militia and Defence
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