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THIS PAPER REACHES EARLY THE PRINCIPAL LUMBER MERCHANTS AND DEALERS THROUGHOUT CANADA, AND WHOLESALE BUYERS IN GREAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, AND OTHER FOREIGN MARKETS.

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The Weekly Lumberman - Published every Wednesday, contains reliable and up-to-date reports of market conditions and tendencies in the principal manufacturing districts and leading domestic and foreign wholesale markets. A weekly medium of information and communication between Canadian timber and lumber manufacturers and exporters and the purchasers of timber products at home and abroad.

The Monthly Lumberman - A 32-page journal, discussing fully and impartially subjects pertinent to the lumber and wood-working industries. Contains interviews with prominent members of the trade, character sketches and portraits of leading lumbermen, etc. Its special articles on technical and mechanical subjects are especially valuable.

WANTED AND FOR SALE

Advertisements will be inserted in this department at the rate of 15 cents per line each insertion. When four or more consecutive insertions are ordered a discount of 25 per cent will be allowed. This notice shows the width of the line and its set in Nonpareil type; 12 lines make one inch. Advertisements must be received not later than 4 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday to insure insertion in the current week's issue.

WANTED

To Correspond with Manufacturers of Hardwood Lumber with a view of purchasing 1904 Cut.

We also want few cars of Ash and Basswood for immediate shipment.

HURDMAN & ELMITT,
Ottawa, Ont.

FOR SALE

About 1144 acres of land in the Township of Melbourne, Richmond County, P. Q., Range No. 1, Lots No. 25 and 26; Range No. 2, Lots No. 25, 26, 27 and 28; lot No. 22.

The property is all under wood of various kinds. There is a well defined band of slate about one hundred feet in width throughout its entire length, and believed to be of the same character and high quality as the adjoining property operated for many years by the New Rockland Slate Company.

It has also adjoining it an unfailing water supply, which could be made available for power.

This property therefore possesses the threefold combination of an available supply of wood, slate and water, which might be used so as to produce good investment. It is also convenient to railroad station.

The lowest cash price to a prompt buyer for the whole property has been placed at five dollars per acre, which is the price now asked by the Quebec Government for bush lots in remote districts.

Further particulars or plans of the property may be obtained on application to

MR. WILLIAM SMAILL,
Care The Canada Horse Nail Co.,
Montreal, Que.

WANTED - ONE OR TWO CARS 1 1/2" DRY Maple, Beech or Birch for factory flooring LAKING PATTERSON & Co., Hamilton Ont

WANTED - CEDAR POSTS AND 1" AND 1 1/2" Tamarac for next winter's delivery Dry hardwood lumber for immediate shipment. R. E. KINSMAN, Hamilton, Ont.

HAVE YOU ANY STOCK WHICH YOU wish to sell? If so, make the fact known to probable buyers by placing an advertisement in the Wanted and For Sale Department. Address, CANADA LUMBERMAN, Toronto.

WANTED - THREE OR FOUR CARS OF dry kindling wood, at least one car for immediate shipment. Also before 1st March 4 or 6 cars sawdust. Quote best cash price f.o.b. Stratford. A. J. McPHERSON, P. O. Box 494, Stratford, Ont.

LOGS WANTED.

FIVE TO TEN MILLION PERT WHITE Pine Logs on Georgian Bay. Box No. 143. Care CANADA LUMBERMAN.

WANTED

So to 100 h.p. Second-Hand Circular Saw Mill in good condition, all complete. Quote lowest price, f.o.b. care. Apply Box 75 CANADA LUMBERMAN.

WANTED - LUMBER OR SHINGLE SAWING FOR ONE OR MORE SEASONS CUT CAPACITY to 10 M per day; situated on the south-east of the Georgian Bay. Shipments by rail or water good harbor for logs. For further particulars Address Box 16 CANADA LUMBERMAN.

TIMBER LIMIT FOR SALE

BERTH NO. 1 SITUATED ON THE SOUTH WEST corner of the township of Creelman comprising lots number 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in the first, second and third concessions; good location, Vermillion river running through centre. For terms and particulars apply to W. RYAN, North Bay.

MACHINERY FOR SALE

1 Large 4 Sided Sticker; 1 10' Buzz Planer; 2 Improved Mortisers; 1 24" Surface Planer; 1 Cowan Masher; 1 Band Saw; 1 Shaper; 1 Turning Lathe; 1 Jig Saw Machine; 1 Tension Machine for doors and windows; 1 Tension Machine for blinds; 1 Mortiser for blinds; 1 Staple Driver for blinds; 2 Saw Tables. A. H. COMMING & Son, Coaticook, Que.

FOR SALE

White Pine Good Dressing:
4 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 6 1/2" x 4" up x 6 1/2" Shorts
" " " " x 4 1/2" x 12 1/2" Strips
" " " " x 5" up x 12 1/2" Siding

Common White Pine:
4 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 6 1/2" x 4" up x 6 1/2" Shorts
4 1/2" x 5" up x 12 1/2" Siding

White Pine Mill Run, Box Out:
4 1/2" x 5" x 12 1/2" Stock

White Pine Shipping Cull:
4 1/2" x 4" up x 6 1/2" Shorts
4 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 12 1/2" Strips

White Pine No. 1 Mill Cull:
4 1/2" x 4 1/2" x 6 1/2" x 4" up x 6 1/2" Shorts
" " " " x 4 1/2" x 12 1/2" Strips
" " " " x 5" up x 12 1/2" Siding

Write for particulars and quotations
A. P. BURY AUSTIN,
Wholesale Lumber & Timber Merchant,
Montreal

SITUATION WANTED BY FIRST CLASS Hard Saw Filer, in large saw mill. Address Box 21, care CANADA LUMBERMAN.

WANTED - TO CORRESPOND WITH PARTIES having Pine and Hemlock Timber Land for sale or exchange. One hundred to five hundred acres. Address Box 76 CANADA LUMBERMAN.

WANTED

A GOOD SECOND HAND ALLIGATOR Apply stating length, age, etc. to RIOR 108 PAPER MILLS, Limited, Wood Supply Department, Hawkesbury, Ont.

FOR SALE - 100 ACRES STANDING Timber in Township of Johnson district of Algoma well timbered with Maple, Birch, Hemlock and Cedar Clear title to land. No Government dues to pay on timbers. Address R. D. MORRISON, Dalhousie Mills, Ont.

WANTED - 10 CAR LOADS OF COMMON and Better White Winter Cut Basswood, cut 1 1/2" from the saw or good plump 1" when dry; will take it 3" wide and up, 4 ft. long and up; can ship in car lots from any part of Ontario or Quebec. Address Box 84, CANADA LUMBERMAN.

SITUATION WANTED

Hardwood export business; as bookkeeper, correspondence clerk or general office work. Six years' experience Glasgow brokers' office, two and a half London, Eng. Address JOSEPH ELRICK, Trenton, Ont.

Mortgage Sale

Of Valuable Mill, Mill Site, Timber Limits, Farm and Dwellings.

Under the powers contained in certain Mortgages made by John J. Wilson and Josiah Keen (Wilson & Keen) which will be produced at time of sale, there will be offered by Public Auction at their mill premises, Pelee Island, County Simcoe, Ont., on WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17th, 1904, at 2 o'clock p.m., the lands more fully described in said mortgages, but briefly known as follows:

Parcel No. 1 - The J. J. Wilson farm of 64 acres more or less, part of lot 5, Con. 11, Township of Tav, with comfortable dwelling house and out-buildings thereon.

No. 2 - The mill, mill machinery and mill site of "Wilson & Keen," being part W 1/2 lot No. 5, Con. 12, Township of Tav, 5 acres more or less, lying between the Midland Railway and Georgian Bay. This mill site is most conveniently situated as to railway and water ways for shipping and getting in stock and is well fitted up and in good running order, with a capacity of 20 M per day. Also complete shingle, lath and hoop outfit in connection (engine 60 h.p. and boiler No. 11 Tube, with Cook furnace). On this parcel there are also two comfortable frame dwelling houses, blacksmith shop, store house, stables, offices, etc., all in good order.

No. 3 - A small strip of land 108 feet x 42 feet adjoining the mill site aforesaid, being part S. 1/2 of west part lot 6, Con. 12, Tav, with sheds used for piling hoops, shingles, etc.

No. 4 - Timber and trees on lots 25 and 24, Con. 6 Township of North Orillia, held under timber contract expiring 1st April 1910.

No. 5 - W 1/2 lot 22 Con. 5, North Orillia (land and timber), 100 acres more or less.

No. 6 - Lot No. 2, Con. 6, Matchedash, 200 acres more or less (land and timber).

The timber lands are said to be well wooded with mixed timbers and are conveniently situated near North River for driving to the mill and other Georgian Bay points.

The properties will be offered subject to reserve bid, and sold in bloc, or in parcels to suit purchasers.

Terms - 10 per cent of price on day of sale, balance within one month thereafter. Further particulars and descriptions will be made known on day of sale, or in the meantime on application to

J. L. ROSS & CO., Mortgagee

of to

J. C. BROKOVSKI, Solicitor for Mortgagee

Dated Coldwater, Ont., Jan. 12th, 1904.

WANTED - A QUANTITY OF INCH BASSWOOD. Apply "W & S", care CANADA LUMBERMAN

FOR SALE - 20 H.P. PORTABLE BOILER and Engine price \$700, also Saw Frame and Carriage, price \$100. Address Box 95, CANADA LUMBERMAN.

FOR SALE - TEN SETS OF HEAVY LOG and one set of Tank Sleighs, almost new. Lumber would be taken in payment. A. H. BERRY, Warton, Ont.

WANTED - TEN THOUSAND CORDS Hard and Soft Wood; also same quantity of Slabs, SIMCOE WOOD AND LUMBER CO., 51 Yonge Street Arcade, Toronto.

WANTED - SITUATION BY FIRST CLASS bench hand in factory, understand plans well reference furnished. Address Box 200, care CANADA LUMBERMAN

WANTED - ABOUT ONE MILLION FEET of Hemlock logs assorted lengths on shore or in bays Georgian Bay. Quote price and particulars to Box 163 Midland, Ont.

FOR SALE

1 first-class Pine Tank, practically new, 14,000 gallon capacity; 1 Windmill with iron stand, latest pattern. C. PICKARD, Sackville N.B.

STOCK WANTED.

ABOUT 3 CARS MILL RUN 1" SPRUCE, 2 cars common and better 1" Birch, 2 cars common and better 1" Maple, February shipment. Apply B. B. W., care CANADA LUMBERMAN.

\$3,000 WILL BUY A MUSKOKA SAW and Shingle Mill. Tramways 6 Dwellings Barns, Blacksmith Shop etc. Saw mill 100 horse power, capacity 24 to 30 M per 10 hours. Good locality for cutting hardwood and hemlock. We could supply a stock of logs for next season; also have some standing timber for sale cheap. Plenty of timber in the vicinity. Address Box 86, CANADA LUMBERMAN.

WANTED

Large number of Round Piles, for dock work, in Spruce, Pine, Tamarac or Hemlock, 45 feet long, not less than 16 inches at butt end, and 10 inches at top. Address, RANDOLPH MACDONALD Contractor, Three Rivers, Que.

FOR SALE

FACTORY FLOORING

KILN DRIED BIRCH, ABOUT 60 M. BOX 417 CANADA LUMBERMAN

TIMBER LIMIT FOR SALE

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MILLION feet of good sound healthy timber. About 10 million white pine, 40 million cedar; balance hemlock. For particulars apply to P. J. GALLAGHER, Rosbery, B. C.

Mill Machinery For Sale

CIRCULAR SAW FRAME CARRIAGE WITH Track 1 Saw Edger, Slab Slasher with 5 Saws, Trimmers, Double Lath Mill, Shingle Mill, endless Chain and Bullwheel, 4 Water Wheels, Shafting, Pulleys, Gears, Belting, Conveyor Chain, Giant Planer, Hashing Mill, Iron Turning Lathe. JOHN KNIGHT, Douglas, Ont.

The Arthur Hill Company Limited, of Saginaw, Mich., has disposed of all its property at private sale and is no longer in business. This company purchased about 200,000,000 feet of timber in the Georgian Bay district several years ago, which was cut and manufactured at Midland, Ont.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

Orders for lumber have been a little more plentiful during the past week, but shipments have been retarded by scarcity of cars. Several manufacturers have a large number of orders waiting to be shipped out, which will reduce the stock of unsold lumber materially. Of a comparatively light stock in mill yards, there is less box and mill culls than other grades. The outlook for spring trade is considered satisfactory. The pine manufacturers are in some doubt as to the extent to which the demand will be curtailed through the presidential election in the United States, but apart from this factor there are no present nor prospective unfavorable conditions. It is expected that the home consumption will absorb almost the entire production of hardwood lumber, which as a result will be little affected by the conditions which may exist across the border. There seems to be a determination to endeavor to obtain an advance of one dollar per thousand feet for hemlock as compared with the prices which ruled in 1903. Logging has been very expensive and excessive depth of snow is resulting in a very light input of logs. In some sections of the Georgian Bay district there are four feet of snow on the level.

Information comes from Ottawa that Messrs. Sharples & Company have purchased the deal output of the mills of W. C. Edwards & Company and the Hawkesbury Lumber Company. The prices, as in previous sales, are said to represent an advance of 10 per cent. over those realized for the production of last year. In the Warton district as high as \$12 per thousand is being paid for maple logs. These circumstances point to a firm lumber market.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The customary dullness which generally marks this season in the lumber trade is quite pronounced in respect to spruce. No sales of deals for the British market are as yet reported, buyers being very cautious about entering into contracts until the course of events in Great Britain becomes more certain. Stocks carried by the mills, however, are lighter than one year ago; in some parts of Nova Scotia the yards are completely sold out. The log cut this winter is likely to be smaller than last season. On the Restigouche and Miramichi rivers the decrease is estimated at 20 per cent. Cedar will be very short in supply owing to the uncertainty of the United States market. Cedar shingles are barely steady, prices ranging from \$3.35 to \$3.45 for extras and \$2.85 to \$2.95 for clears, Boston delivery.

UNITED STATES.

Interest in white pine circles has centred upon the action of the price list committee of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association, which met last week to revise the list. In some quarters it was predicted that an advance would be made on several lines, including dimension timbers. However, a conservative policy was pursued and such advances as were decided upon were offset by reductions on other grades. The list as it now stands represents current selling prices. The advances were on No. 1 boards and products, 13 inch and wider, \$2 per thousand feet; 12 inch and wider, \$1. No. 1, 8 inch, 18 and 20 feet long, \$1.50; No. 2, 8 inch, 18 and 20 feet, \$1.50. Small timbers, 12, 14 and 16 feet, 50 cents. Reductions were made on inch selects, C norway and thick

selects, also flooring and siding. Mixed and No. 2 lath were reduced 25 cents. A canvass of the situation showed that stocks of lumber on hand are practically the same in amount as at this time last year, but there is a scarcity of low grade boards. The curtailment in the log crop this winter will be about 20 per cent. and the majority of the large plants which operated night and day expect to run days only during the coming season. The present outlook is that there will be a large amount of building during the year, and many manufacturers and dealers believe that prices of lumber are likely to advance. Several important sales of white pine to be cut as soon as the mills resume operations are reported. A decline of about \$2 per thousand in the price of oak lumber is about the only change in the hardwood situation. There is a fair demand for elm, basswood and birch. Dealers are now accumulating stocks as fast as possible in anticipation of a brisk demand from consumers early in the spring. In the Saginaw valley a large supply of maple is reported.

GREAT BRITAIN.

In Great Britain the new year has not opened auspiciously for the lumber trade. The uncertainty regarding the fiscal policy and the fear of war in the East are two factors not calculated to inspire confidence. On the other hand the stocks of lumber at the leading ports are not excessively large and in many cases are represented largely by the lower grades. These are frequently sold under the hammer and consequently the prices realized are apt to convey a wrong impression as to the current market prices for regular shipments. Spruce and pine deals are in the hands of firms who are financially able to hold for an indefinite period which fact has had much to do with the exceptional strength of these classes of lumber during the past few months. Ireland is taking considerable quantities of 9 inch spruce deals. White pine deals of best quality sold last year as high as £40 per standard. There has been a slight falling off from this figure, but prices are still high. As soon as the political situation becomes more settled there will no doubt be a revival in trade, in which lumber is likely to share to the full extent.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Extensive logging operations are being carried on in the vicinity of Musquash, N. B.

The Standard Lumber Company, of Buffalo, reports a good trade in maple and plain red oak.

Log run maple is quoted in the Saginaw valley at \$17.50; ash, \$22; birch, \$19 to \$22; elm, \$21 to \$24; basswood, \$25 to \$27.

Sixty acres of timber lands in the parish of St. Mary, Kent county, N.B., were last week purchased from the Government by the M. McLachlin Company at \$129 per square mile.

The logs comprising part of the Higgins estate, Vancouver, B.C., were recently sold by auction to the Pacific Coast Lumber Company, who had already advanced money on them.

Men for the woods are becoming more plentiful and in consequence wages are coming down. Bushmen a few months ago could command \$32 per month can now be engaged for \$28.

The Department of Railways and Canals at Ottawa will receive tenders up to February 20th for the supply of British

Columbia Douglas fir timber required for the Rideau canal this year.

Duncan Graham and G. B. Ferguson, of Renfrew, Ont., who purchased 25 square miles of timber limits at the recent timber sale in Toronto, have started a camp near North Bay and are taking out square timber.

C. K. Eddy & Sons, of Bay City, Mich., who own approximately 500,000,000 feet of pine timber in the Georgian Bay district, are not cutting any logs this winter, believing that the timber is a good asset to hold.

Slack cooperage stock prices are said to be slightly easier, although there is still a scarcity of No. 1 staves. Flour barrels are quoted at Buffalo at 50 cents for 6-hooped and 52 1/2 cents for 8-hooped. Jobbers quote No. 1 dry elm flour barrel staves at \$13 and No. 2 at \$9.50; No. 1 basswood heading, 10 1/2 cents; No. 2, 6 cents; coiled hoops, \$9.25 for 5 1/2 feet and \$9.75 for 6 foot.

Calls for all kinds of hardwoods are increasing and the business shows a small gain over previous weeks, says the Mississippi Valley Lumberman. There has not been much disposition to take hold, and now that the holidays are over and the factories have a moderate number of orders on hand, they are inclined to take a little stock and start up factories. There is no pressure of any kind of stock on the market and the reverse condition prevails in most varieties.

WHITE PINE PRICE LIST.

The new price list on white pine adopted by the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association took effect January 6th, 1904. The prices are f.o.b. Minneapolis, based on the new standard grades. For joists, scantling, common boards, etc., the prices are:

JOISTS, SCANTLING AND TIMBER, ROUGH.—2x4, 6 ft., \$11; 8 ft., \$14; 10 ft., \$15; 12, 14 and 16 ft., \$15; 18 and 20 ft., \$17; 2x6, 6 ft., \$13.50; 8 ft., \$14; 10, 12, 14 and 16 ft., \$15; 18 and 20 ft., \$17; 2x8, 6 ft., \$13.50; 8 ft., \$14; 10 to 16 ft., \$15; 18 and 20 ft., \$17; 2x10, 6 ft., \$13.50; 8 ft., \$14; 10 to 16 ft., \$15.50; 18 and 20 ft., \$17.50; 2x12, 6 ft., \$14.50; 8 ft., \$15; 10 ft., \$18; 12 and 14 ft., \$17.50; 16 ft., \$17; 18 and 20 ft., \$18.50; 2x14, 10 ft., \$19; 12 to 16 ft., \$17.50; 18 and 20 ft., \$20; 3x8 and 3x10, 10 ft., \$18; 12 to 16 ft., \$16; 18 and 20 ft., \$18.50; 3x12, 10 ft., \$18.50; 12 to 16 ft., \$17.50; 18 and 20 ft., \$19; 4x4 to 8x8, 10 ft., \$18; 12 to 16 ft., \$16.50; 18 and 20 ft., \$18.50. For No. 2 dimension deduct \$1.50 and for No. 3 dimension deduct \$3. COMMON BOARDS, ROUGH.—No. 1, 13 inch and wider, 12 to 16 ft., \$25; 18 and 20 ft., \$26; 12 inch, 10 ft., \$25.50; 12 to 16 ft., \$24; 18 and 20 ft., \$26.50; 10 inch, 10 ft., \$21.50; 12 ft., \$20.50; 14 to 16 ft., \$19.50; 18 and 20 ft., \$22.50; 8 inch, 10 ft.,

\$17.50; 12 and 14 ft., \$19.50; 16 ft., \$20; 18 and 20 ft., \$21. No. 2, 13 inch and wider, 12 to 16 ft., \$19; 12 inch, \$20.50; 18 and 14 ft., \$21; 16 ft., \$21 and 20 ft., \$22.50; 10 inch, 10 and 12 ft., \$18; 14 and 16 ft., \$17; 18 and 20 ft., \$19.50; 8 inch, 10 ft., \$17.50; 12 ft., \$16.50; 18 and 20 ft., \$18; 3, 12 inch, 10 and 12 ft., \$17.50; 16 ft., \$16.50; 18 and 20 ft., \$18; 10 inch, 10 to 16 ft., \$15; 18 and 20 ft., \$15.50; 8 inch, 10 ft., \$14; 12 to 20 ft., \$15; 4 inch and wider, 10 ft., \$13.50; 12 ft., \$14.50. No. 4, 4 inch and wider, 6 to 20 ft., \$11.50. No. 3 and 4 inch width boards may contain not to exceed 10 per cent. of 4 inch and 20 per cent. of 6 inch. No 4 inch boards may contain not to exceed 25 per cent. of 6, 8 and 10 feet. For all white pine No. 1 and boards, all widths and lengths, add \$1 above prices.

ONE INCH FINISHING, 8 1/2 or 2 1/2.—First second and third clear, 12 inch, 10 ft., \$58.50; 10 inch, \$51.50; 8 inch, \$50.50; A select, 12 inch, \$55.50; 10 inch, \$50.50; B select, 12 inch, \$50.50; 10 and 8 inch, \$45.50; C select, 12 inch, \$45.50; 10 and 8 inch, \$39.50; D select, 12 inch and wider, \$34.50; 10 and 8 inch, \$29; D box, 13 inch and wider, \$38.50; D stock, 12 inch, \$31.50; 10 and 8 inch, \$27.50; C and better Norway, 8 inch and wider, \$25; Shop common, \$21.

FOUR AND SIX INCH FLOORING.—C floor, 8 and 10 ft., \$36; 12 to 20 ft., \$41; D flooring, 8 and 10 ft., \$26; 12 and 14 ft., \$29; 16 ft., \$30; 18 and 20 ft., \$29. Farmers Clear, 12 and 14 ft., \$29; 16 ft., \$30. Norway C and better, 12 and 14 ft., \$25; 16 ft., \$25.50; 18 and 20 ft., \$25.

FOUR AND 6 INCH SIDING.—B and better, 6 to 20 ft., \$27; C, \$23; D, \$19.50; E, \$12; C and better Norway, \$14.

LATH.—No. 1 white pine, \$3.50; mixed, \$2.75; No. 2, \$2.25; 1/2 fence lath, 4 ft., \$6.

BROOM HANDLES

If an enterprising man with supplies of cheap Spruce, Basswood or Poplar care to put in several machines to work broom handles we can take his output. Write in first instance to Empire, care of CANADA LUMBERMAN.

The special attention of any of our readers who may be on the lookout for timber properties is directed to the advertisement in this issue of mortgage sale of valuable mill, site, timber limits, etc., at Fesserton, Simcoe County, Ont. We understand that there is on this small limit a considerable quantity of valuable timber. The property is situated convenient to the North River so that supplies of timber might be brought down from points on the Georgian Bay.

TELEGRAPH POLES WANTED

We buy all lengths. Write us for prices and you will see that by cutting your Cedar into Poles it will net you more than you can get out of it in any other way.

J. B. FARWELL & SON
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Telephone Mria 388.
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WHITE CEDAR PRICES.

The Northwestern Cedarmen's Association, which met in Chicago on January 10, adopted the following prices on white cedar products. The prices are f. o. b. Hermansville, Mich.

PINE AND PULVER, MIXED CARR.			
Diameter, Inches.		Length.	Price.
3	R	7	7 1/2 cts.
4	"	7	11 "
5	"	7	15 1/2 "
6	"	7	15 "
7	"	7	17 "
8	"	7	25 "
5	3/4	7	8 "
6	"	7	9 "
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7-9	X	7	7 1/2 "
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4	"	20	65 "
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BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

VANCOUVER, January 6th, 1904.—The owners of timber lands Crown-granted prior to 1887 are about the only men engaged in the logging industry who are altogether satisfied with existing conditions. This is due to the fact that the Government, in its recent amendment to the Land Act, neglected to bring the timber on their holdings within the application of its graduated tax and rebate scale. As a consequence the owners of such lands are still free to export their logs, cedar or fir, to the United States upon the payment of the royalty of 50 cents per thousand feet, as provided for by section 54 of the Act. It is generally believed that the Government

intended, when it drafted its bill of the amendment to the Land Act, to embrace within its application timber lands Crown-granted prior to 1887, but by some mistake such was not done. The export of timber cut from such lands can now only be prevented by an amendment to the present Act.

For the first time since the amendment to the Land Act became law, a boom of logs cut on the E. & N. Railway lands on Vancouver Island paid royalty to-day prior to transportation to Puget Sound. The royalty was paid according to Schedule No. 1 of the amendment and ranged from \$1 per thousand feet to \$1.50 per thousand feet, according to the diameter of the logs in the boom. Payment was made by a logger named Cook, who is operating on a section of the E. & N. grant. The boom measured approximately 600,000 feet. The seller and exporter of the boom explained that he was merely trying the exportation as an experiment to demonstrate to his own satisfaction whether or not any profit, under the terms of the amended act, could be made through selling logs on the Sound.

The British Columbia Logging & Lumber Company, operating at the northern end of Vancouver Island, has determined to cease operations. The manager, Mr. E. W. Wilson, says that the action the company proposes to take is forced upon them by the new schedule of taxation of timber. They have invested about \$75,000 in timber on Vancouver Island, which cost an average of \$1 a thousand feet board measure standing. Logging the timber cost them from \$3.50 to \$4.50 more, and towing the logs 75 cents. The

total cost thus came to about \$4.75 per thousand. "We might, of course," said Mr. Wilson, "build a mill here, but what guarantee have we that we shall not be taxed out of existence if we do. It would not have been so bad if they had given us time to turn round, but they did not even do that. The law went into operation immediately, and I have just paid taxes on logs we had already cut before the measure was fairly before the House. Logs in Vancouver and in the Sound are at present worth from \$4 to \$6 per M. Now, as we understand the bill just passed, we will be taxed from \$1 to \$5 per M., according to grade and size of timber. Any person can readily see that it is an utter impossibility to carry on a logging business at those rates. We have now two logging camps in operation employing from 70 to 80 men, and we pay these men from \$3 to \$4.75 per day, and many of them are ranchers from whom we bought timber, thus giving them in addition steady employment at better wages than they ever had before. We employ only white labor. We intended opening two more camps in the spring, and

then erecting a saw mill, but with this unjust tax bill before us we have only one alternative left, that is, to cease operations, close our camps and leave our standing timber until such time as a new law is enacted."

The Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, on the other hand, state that there is a scarcity of logs in British Columbia. Mr. J. J. Palmer, manager of the mills at Chemainus, in a recent interview said "I am in the market for 10,000,000 feet of merchantable fir, and I will pay \$6.50 per thousand feet, cash, for fir logs delivered at the Chemainus mills. This company announce that they have been unable to procure a sufficient supply of logs in British Columbia, and as a result are importing logs from Puget Sound. A boom of 700,000 feet is now on its way to Chemainus from Port Ludlow, and another tug will follow with a boom of about 600,000 feet.

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T. G. Proctor, of Nelson, B. C., acting for the Kootenay Valley Company, of which he is the manager, has sold the timber on a 10,000 acre block of land situated between the junction of the Kootenay and Elk rivers in British Columbia. The purchasers are V. Hyde Baker and Ryan & McNab, of Cranbrook. The price paid was \$50,000. The same parties purchased from Mr. Proctor's company 800 acres of land for a mill site located on the banks of the Kootenay river. It is said to be the best mill-site on the river, for the reason that logs

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