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Operations have been suspended until fall, although the planing mill will be kept running.

Peter Smith & Sons have bought about thirty acres of land at Gleason from Andrew Miller and will remove their saw mill to that site from Dudley within the near future. Plans are also under way for the erection of an excelsior mill at Gleason.

IN NORTHERN WISCONSIN.

RHINELANDER, WIS., June 27.—In the hardwood line, maple and birch are selling better than any other woods. There has been a good demand for soft elm, especially in inch, for interior finish, and as this wood is scarce prices are firm. Low grade birch is moving slowly. No. 3 brings about $11 in Milwaukee or Chicago, and No. 2 appears to be a drug on the market. Inch basswood is weaker than ever in No. 1 common and better, but in Nos. 2 and 3 the demand continues good from dealers that have contracts to fill and they find it difficult to get what they want. Rock elm sells occasionally, but there is no life in this wood. With any kind of buying this fall from the makers of agricultural machinery this wood will be in demand again, as it has too many good points to remain neglected.

A. S. Pierce, dealer in choice white pine, reports billing out six cars in one day this week. None of this stock was below No. 1 shop. He says that he has had a fine business in this line all this year.

IN THE HEMLOCK COUNTRY.

MELLEN, WIS., June 27.—The S. C. Lumber Company, at Maplehurst, finished sawing its logs last Friday. The box factory is running steadily with an increased force.

The M. H. Sprague Lumber Company, at Washburn, has rebuilt its large dry shed at its mill yards.

The mill at Red Cliff, which has been shut down for some time, has been thoroughly repaired and started Monday morning on a full season's run. The mill cuts about 100,000 feet of lumber each day.

The office of the Rib Lake Lumber Company is being remodeled. The company is razing a hill on the west side of its right of way near the high school and the gravel is being used for filling in the hollow place along the lake shore for the purpose of laying a side track.

C. T. Hintz is sawing ties and hardwood at his mill at Rib Lake and expects to be through in a week.

ON THE MENOMINEE.

MARINETTE, WIS., June 26.—The Brown & Mitcheson Lumber Company is completing a dressed lumber storage shed. The building is 120x80 feet.

J. H. Lehman today started installing machinery in the new Armstrong saw mill at Armstrong creek.

The Bird & Wells Lumber Company, of Wausaukee, will saw a large quantity of cedar timber into shingles for the Girard Lumber Company, of Dunbar. The logs have been hauled to the mill and the shingle mill at Wausaukee will be operated for two months.

The Kindel Bed Company, of Chicago, manufacturer of beds, couches, divans, davenports etc., is seeking a location in Wisconsin. The concern will increase its crew from seventy-five up to 100 or 150 men and its floor space from 28,000 square feet up to 40,000 or 60,000 feet.

CANADIAN TRADE NEWS

FROM THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST.

Plans of Recently Merged Lumber Company Outlined—Government Further Restricts Cutting Privileges in Railway Belt.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 24.—Considerable expansion has been determined on by the Michigan-Puget Sound Lumber Company, Limited, the name of the combined Michigan Pacific and Michigan-Puget Sound lumber companies, with a capital of $5,000,000. The people interested in these concerns reside in Grand Rapids, Detroit and Chicago, the merger having been effected a short time ago. It has been decided to have the head office in Victoria, B. C., with D. Hankin in charge of the mills and lumber department. John H. Moore will look after the logging operations at the Jordan river and Powell river camps, and Guy S. Brown will oversee the office and financial arrangements, these three to constitute the executive board. The company employs 285 men at Victoria, with a total of 800 in various capacities. It is the intention to erect a mill at either Vancouver or Victoria. If it will not cost too much, the site will be selected on the mainland. Independent of this, equipment and additions will call for the expenditure of $750,000. Thirty thousand acres of timber are owned at Jordan river, 6,000 acres at Menzies bay on the east side of the island, 8,000 acres on the west side of the island and 10,000 acres on the mainland coast, a conservative cruise estimating the timber to be 4,000,000 feet. This company will ship shortly 1,500,000 feet of lumber to South Africa.

To prevent unnecessary destruction of timber on lands in the railway belt, the terms of the annual license to cut timber on these lands, issued by the Dominion government, have been amended by the addition of the following clause:

That the licensee shall prevent all unnecessary destruction of growing timber on the part of his men and exercise strict and constant supervision to prevent the origin and spread of fire and shall also comply during the term of the license and of any renewal thereof with all regulations made in that respect by the governor-in-council and with all the laws and regulations in that respect in force in the province or territory in which the berth is situate.

The McLelan Lumber Company has completed a deal for the purchase of the timber limits and logging camps of Ben Roberts & Co., of New Westminster, and will take over also the millsite of the Jervis Inlet Lumber Company at Lander, farther down the Fraser river. The mill of the latter company was burned several months ago. The McLelan Lumber Company will increase its capitalization and erect a saw mill, shingle mill and sash and door factory.

As an indication of the amount of lumber being bought by the Grand Trunk Pacific in Washington during April, 440,000 feet came in through one port of entry for this railway. Since then an 8,000,000-foot contract has been let by this railway to American mills.

Coast people are negotiating for the purchase of thirty-seven square miles of timber on Shuswap lake and four on Snow creek, near the Arrow lakes, owned by Walter Scott, of Nakusp, J. Gibbons and A. Symons, of St. Leon, all of British Columbia. These limits contain 425,000,000 feet.

Two years ago the dam of the Patrick Lumber Company on the Slocan river broke and several million feet of logs were washed away. There was another break recently, and it was at first given out that 1,000,000 feet had been lost. With what was recovered, the loss amounted to only 25,000 feet. This property is now owned by the British Canadian Lumber Corporation, of Vancouver, and this summer improvements will be made in the plant which will result in a considerable saving in the expense of operation and in a larger output of manufactured lumber. Changes will include the installation of an electrical plant for the operation of the planing mill, the installation of new boilers in the saw mill and the construction of a drying kiln. The company employs 250 men in its mill and camps.

Mills generally have a fair amount of business on hand, and the Canadian Western Lumber Company finds it so good that it has had to work day and night with its large plant to fill orders. Both rail and cargo shipments were heavy in May and the total cut of the mill was 12,675,000 feet, creating a new record for itself and for British Columbia mills.

The second instalment of sawmill machinery for the plant of the Ocean Falls Company, Limited, up the mainland coast, went north lately. Some pulpmill machinery was also included. The rest of the pulp machinery is on the *Queen Amelie*, which left Liverpool on April 6 by way of New York, leaving May 5. The Ocean Falls Company is one of Lester W. David's and in less than a year a big industry will be in operation at Ocean Falls.

The new steamer *Strathardie*, under charter to Frank Waterhouse, a few days ago loaded 3,600,000 feet of lumber at the Hastings mill of the B. C. Mills Timber & Trading Company for Australia. This is the biggest load of lumber ever put on board a boat of its class in these waters.

Charles A. Barnum, of Chicago, Ill., who is interested with several people in Revelstoke in a large lumber and pulp proposition, gives further particulars of the project, which promises to eventuate into one of the largest enterprises in British Columbia. He has spent much time in the forests of Michigan, Wisconsin and the South, and has secured information respecting the possibilities in British Columbia which led to the formation of a company by people of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The names made public are those of Charles E. Stone, chairman of the house of representatives, St. Paul, and F. C. Adams, of Duluth, Minn. G. S. McCarter, of Revelstoke, is attorney for the company. The company first brought up all the unoccupied land in Revelstoke, with the intention of erecting 1,000 workmen's houses. Since then large areas of timber have been acquired, aggregating 800 square miles, and what is not available for lumber will be used in the pulp mills. The hemlock bark will be treated to obtain extract. As soon as the water falls in the Columbia river this summer three gangs of men will be put to work on the construction of a dam, to cost $1,250,000, and which, it is expected, will be finished before next high water. The pulp mill will be located three miles from Revelstoke and a line of railway will be built to the city. The company will also build about fifty miles of railway for the transportation of logs, and it is expected that part of this will be used by the Canadian Northern as a part of its line across British Columbia. The total investments of the company will be about $20,000,000.

News from the Kootenay is that British capitalists are arranging to acquire the East Kootenay Lumber Company, the Baker Lumber Company, the King Lumber Company, the Rock Creek Lumber Company and other concerns. The interests seeking to acquire these mills have working capital of $20,000,000 and if the deal is put through it is proposed to establish a couple of hundred retail yards on the prairies.

Arrangements have been made with the government of the Province of Ontario whereby W. H. McGregor, of Cache bay, Manitoulin island, will reorganize the forest protection system of British Columbia upon the successful lines established in Ontario. He has started work.

Two million feet of logs were threatened by a bush fire near Arrowhead on Friday, June 9. Three large skidways were burned, containing between 75,000 and 100,000 feet of logs. Over 1,000,000 feet of logs were saved by the opportune rise of the Columbia river over night, which flooded a large slough where the logs were. The timber belonged to the Bowman Lumber Company and the Dominion Sawmills.

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ber rates from points on the Orange & Northern railroad, except Orange to Houston (via Beaumont, Sour Lake & Western and Orange & Northwestern), the Orange rate plus 1 cent a hundred pounds, provided the rate so made shall not exceed 8¼ cents a hundred pounds. Circular 2686 is also amended to provide that on shipments to main line points, east of Houston to the Sabine river, 1 cent shall be added to the current rate applicable from Orange to same points, provided that the rate so made shall not exceed 8¼ cents a hundred pounds.

SOUTH ATLANTIC COAST

FROM THE MARYLAND METROPOLIS.

Local Wholesaler Compares Trade Conditions of the East and Middle West—Yellow Pine Operator Notes Slight Price Stiffening.

BALTIMORE, MD., July 17.—Thomas Hughes, wholesale dealer in hardwoods, returned last Saturday from a business trip to Chicago. He reports that the tone of the market in the middle West seemed somewhat stronger than in the East, the demand being more active and buyers showing greater freedom in the placing of orders. Mr. Hughes, who operated the Iron Mountain Lumber Company for several years, running three saw mills in the vicinity of Troutdale, Va., and who returned to Baltimore to engage in the wholesale business exclusively, having sold his mills and the greater part of his timber land, has decided that it is advisable for him to engage again in manufacturing, if he is to have at all times an adequate supply of lumber. Accordingly he has erected on a tract of his own timber at Sugar Grove, Va., a saw mill of a capacity of about 10,000 feet a day, which began operations last Wednesday. He also has decided to take up the export business, putting E. E. Price in charge of this department. Mr. Price conducted foreign business on his own account for a number of years, with an office in the Continental building, but abandoned that line about two years ago, and has not been especially active since then. Mr. Price will give his entire attention to the export department.

R. N. Jackson, of the E. E. Jackson Lumber Company, yellow pine manufacturer at Riderville, Ala., is in Maine, on a vacation. Later on it is his intention to take a trip to Europe. The members of the company state that business has picked up somewhat of late, and that the current month is running ahead of June and previous months of the present year. A slight stiffening in prices is reported to have taken place.

A race track will be built at Laurel, in the construction of which about 1,000,000 feet of yellow pine will be used. This lumber will be shipped by the Cummer Lumber Company. The first cargo, of 700,000 feet, is being loaded on the Cook-Cummer Steamship Company's schooner barge *Southland* at Jacksonville, Fla. The schooner barge *Julia Rollins* will follow. The lumber will be transferred in Baltimore to cars of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. Laurel is midway between Baltimore and Washington.

M. S. Baer, of the well known hardwood firm of Richard P. Baer & Co., Keyser building, has typhoid fever. The attack is not especially virulent, and there is every prospect that recovery will be rapid. Mr. Baer is the second member of his family to be stricken, a sister having been very ill and still being in a very much weakened state.

FROM CENTRAL VIRGINIA.

Business Good with Some Dealers and Not So Good with Others—Increase in Volume of Shipments—General Improvement in Building.

LYNCHBURG, VA., July 18.—A few days of dull business are being experienced by some of the dealers. Others state that their business is holding well up to the record set by the recent spurt, the most encouraging of the year, so far. The falling off in the number of inquiries and orders noted by some of the dealers is ascribed chiefly to the vacation season and the extremely hot weather of the last three weeks. This falling off has not been confined to any one line, but is experienced in pine and hardwoods. Prices continue firm.

Shipments for July will show a decided increase over June. Demand is good for all kinds of dimension stock, chiefly, however, for smaller stuff. Oak and poplar continue in good demand from furniture manufacturers and builders.

The scope of building operations has increased in the last two weeks. A number of expensive residences are being erected and several large buildings will be under course of construction before fall. Building operations in the nearby towns also are reported active.

Railroad demand has been chiefly for ties and necessary repair material. Collections are reported as fair generally, and in some instances poor.

WESTERN FLORIDA TRADE.

Export Demand Slackens—South American Business Holds Up Well—Outward Movement for Fiscal Year—Interior Trade Fairly Active.

PENSACOLA, FLA., July 17.—The export lumber and timber markets are not as active as they were two weeks ago, although demand is sufficient to keep all of mills cutting full time, combined with the business that is being done with the interior. The falling off in the export demand became noticeable about the first of this month, when the volume of inquiries began to diminish and the sales likewise dropped off, until now a normal summer business is being done. That the heavy outward movement from Pensacola during June had an effect on the foreign markets is the belief, for this lumber and timber, aggregating over 60,000,000 feet, was taken to the principal lumber centers of the world and replenished stocks that had begun to dwindle until the buyers were forced into the market. The outward movement still continues good, but as a rule it is confined to old business. Several cargo lots, however, will go out during the latter part of the month that have been sold recently.

South American business continues to hold its own better than any other, and the number of schedules submitted show that the stocks there are still considerably depleted. It is expected that this business will continue until the end of the year, as buyers have been cautious for some time and have not bought heavily.

The interior markets continue fairly active, but not much is expected of them at this season of the year. A general improvement is looked for by the middle of September, when the building season will be on and the harvesting over. Railroads are not in the market for bridge or car material to any extent and but little of this trade is expected, as many of the roads have relegated timber for bridges to the background as well as lumber for building cars. But even with this the demand is as good as the manufacturers expected for July.

Several of the large mills have closed for annual repairs and will be shut down for the remainder of the month.

Exports from Pensacola for the fiscal year ended June 31 totaled over 275,000,000 superficial feet of lumber and timber, a considerable increase when compared with the business of the previous fiscal year.

IN NORTHEASTERN FLORIDA.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., July 15.—A fair amount of business is offered, one schedule of over 1,000,000 feet of factory flooring having been placed, as well as timber sizes. The flooring schedule will assist the mills in disposing of their small cutting to advantage. The interior mills are well booked and few are seeking business. The dressed market is stronger than for some time and, although higher grades are moving slowly, the lower grades are going freely and commanding better prices.

N. B. Gaskill, representing William Whitmer & Sons, Philadelphia, Pa., was in this city this week, renewing acquaintances. From Jacksonville he will travel through southern Florida, thence westward through Louisiana.

The creosoting plant of the Eppinger & Russell Company is running full time, with plenty of orders on the files.

TIMBER LAND SALES

GOVERNMENT TIMBER SALE.

There will be offered at public sale, under direction of the Secretary of the Interior, on October 31, 1911, at Bokhoma, McCurtain county, Oklahoma, sixteen sections of Indian lands, together with the pine and hardwood timber thereon. These lands are in one body, within two miles of railroad, and aggregate about 10,000 acres, containing about 44,000,000 feet of pine and considerable hardwood. The lands and timber will be offered together at not less than a stipulated price. Bidders may submit offers: (1) for each section separately; (2) in groups of three contiguous sections, one of which shall be accessible to the railroad; (3) for the entire tract. Persons may bid on as many sections as desired. Lands are suitable for agriculture after removal of timber. Ten percent deposit will be required at time of sale, balance within sixty days after approval of sale by the Secretary of the Interior. For detailed information apply to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, Muskogee.

The Shevlin-Carpenter Lumber Company, of Minneapolis, Minn., which owns over 45,000 acres of timber limits near Campbell river, on the east coast of Vancouver island, British Columbia, recently sold 7,813 acres near Grief Point to the Larson Lumber Company, of Bellingham, Wash. A standard gage railway will be built to Haslam lake.

The Henderson Lumber Company, of Sanford, Ala., recently sold to the Lacy Lumber Company, of Carriere, Miss., 16,000 acres of yellow pine timber land, containing about 126,000,000 feet, located near DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

N. J. Dolph and D. G. Cregi, of Spokane, Wash., July 7 bought at a delinquent tax sale thirty-six tracts of timber land in Shoshone county, Washington.

G. X. Wendling and associates of San Francisco, Cal., have made first payment on a timber land purchase of thousands of acres located in Lane county, Oregon. Over $1,000,000 is involved in the transaction.

The Upper Michigan Timber Company, with offices in the Adams building, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., recently bought the timber rights and holdings of the Western Land Securities Company, of St. Paul, Minn.

BIG CUT FROM BIG LOGS.

REVELSTOKE, B. C., July 10.—On July 8 the double cutting band mill of the Dominion Saw Mills & Lumber Company, at Three Valley, B. C., in ten hours cut from 191 white pine logs 105,287 feet of lumber, an average of 551 feet to the log. This mill is expected to cut during this season about 1,500,000 feet, which is said to run 50 percent one and two clear.

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NORTHERN WASHINGTON NOTES.

Mill Plant Threatened Destruction by Slashing Blaze —Mill Out of Commission for Installation of New Equipment—Shipping Notes.

EVERETT, WASH., July 22.—Dry weather has again started forest fires, but the damage has not been extensive and with a trained force in the field the lumbermen expect that heavy losses will be avoided. Near Granite Falls the Chappell Lumber Company's plant was threatened by a slashing fire and the starter of it was required to pay $33 for hose damaged and $25.50 for the services of firemen.

The Weyerhaeuser Timber Company's mill, W. H. Boner, manager, is shut down and will be out of commission until a week from next Monday. The shutdown is necessary in order to install 20-24 balance valve twin engines and a band resaw. The burner will be raised sixteen feet. The Sumner Iron Works has a big force at work installing the engines and it will require rapid work to get the plant in working order within the time limit.

The steamer *Hornby Castle* cleared today with 3,500,000 feet of lumber for Fort Pirie, Australia. Two million feet was loaded at the Weyerhaeuser mill and the balance came from the Ferry Baker and Canyon mills. The *Hornby Castle* set a new mark in rapid loading, its daily average being 400,000 feet of lumber. Tuesday it loaded 500,000 feet.

The steamer *Graywood* loaded a part of its lumber cargo at the Clark-Nickerson mill and shifted to Mukilteo Thursday to complete taking on a total of 700,000 feet at the Crown plant for San Francisco. The steam schooner *Charles Nelson* loaded 750,000 feet of lumber at the Clark-Nickerson plant and completed its San Francisco cargo with 50,000 feet at the Crown dock. The *General Hubbard* cleared from the Clark-Nickerson dock Thursday with 2,500 piles for the government fortifications at Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu. The *Jim Butler* is loading poles for San Francisco. The *Tallac* cleared for San Francisco with a full cargo of poles loaded by the Volans company. The steam schooner *Hornet* is at the Clark-Nickerson wharf to load 500,000 feet of lumber. It will complete cargo at the Crown plant in Mukilteo. The steamship *Governor* loaded fifty tons of paper from the mill of the Everett Paper & Pulp Company for San Francisco. The steamer *Hazel Dollar*, which has been undergoing repairs in Seattle for several weeks, returned Wednesday to load a cargo of 3,500,000 feet of lumber, which was unloaded after the vessel went on the rocks off Possession point. The *Thomas L. Wand* is at the Clark-Nickerson mill to load 500,000 feet of lumber.

The schooner *Robert Searles* is loading 900,000 feet of lumber at the Crown plant for shipment to the Hawaiian islands. The *Salvator* is expected to arrive next week to load 500,000 feet for Hilo, Hawaiian islands. The schooner *Aurora* is loading 1,400,000 feet of lumber at the Crown plant for shipment to the west coast of South America.

According to word received this week the steamship *Mackinaw*, laden with shingles and lath for New York, narrowly escaped destruction by lightning when one of its masts was splintered for a distance of nearly forty feet. The cargo was uninjured.

Chase & Co., of St. Paul, Minn., this week began work on the new car repair shops of the Great Northern railway. The shops will be completed in sixty days and will furnish employment for a large force of woodworkers.

Loggers have been doing very little this month. The supply of logs is large and there will be no great activity in the woods for several weeks.

ON BELLINGHAM BAY.

Readjustment in Affairs of Lumber and Shingle Company—Big Crops Assured—Principles of New Liability Law Sound.

BELLINGHAM, WASH., July 22.—A deed was filed with the county auditor Thursday marking a readjustment of the affairs of the Standard Lumber & Shingle Company. The deed transfers about 960 acres of timber land near Acme, this county, to Fred S. Myers. Mr. Myers was the originator of this company and turned the property over to a syndicate several months ago. The new owners had financial difficulties and transferred the property to Myers.

Whatever may have happened to crops in other parts of the country it is now assured that the yield of hay and grain in Whatcom county will be the heaviest on record. The hay crop is practically all in the barns. Prices are strong, but the farmers are nearly all planning to hold for a still higher market.

The steamer *Princess Ena* is at the wharf of the Bellingham Bay Lumber Company for Prince Rupert.

That the principles of the new industrial insurance law of the state are sound is attested by J. H. Bloedel, of the Larson Lumber Company. J. H. Wallace, one of the members of the new Industrial Insurance Commission, was in Bellingham this week and discussed the matter with Mr. Bloedel.

Mr. Bloedel says that several years ago his company ceased caring casualty insurance and put aside an amount equal to 1 percent of the pay roll as a sinking fund to care for all accidents. The plan of the company was to pay a man full wages if not seriously hurt; half wages and all hospital and doctors' bills if he was laid up for any length of time, and to settle with the family in event a man was killed. Since that plan was put into operation only one man brought suit against the company and he obtained a judgment for $3,500. Mr. Bloedel says that he considers this amount excessive, but in spite of this the sinking fund was ample to meet it.

Commissioner Wallace quotes Mr. Bloedel as saying that there is no question but that the state can make a big success of industrial insurance, as in a small way his concern proved that it is practical. Mr. Bloedel is very much in favor of the law and does not object to the percentage charged his company, for if the rate is too high it will be lowered and no assessments will be levied so long as there is money enough on hand to meet the claims which are allowed.

Getting on the Band Wagon.

Incorporated under the laws of the Dominion of Canada a new and powerful corporation has entered into the timber and lumber business of the Northwest. The new concern is composed of Julius H. Bloedel, head of the Larson Lumber Company, this city; J. W. Stewart, of Vancouver, B. C., and P. Welch, of Spokane, and the name of it is Blodel, Stewart & Welch, Limited. Its capitalization is $500,000. Headquarters will be established within the near future in Vancouver, B. C. A tract of 8,000 acres of timber land, located near Powell river, about seventy miles north of Vancouver, has been bought of T. L. Shevlin, of Minneapolis, Minn. It consists mostly of fine fir, with a small percentage of cedar. The cruises show that there is approximately 325,000,000 feet of timber on the tract. The purchase is one of the old sawmill leases entered in 1891.

Options have been taken on other tracts of timber land by the new corporation. The purchase made by the company is only the beginning of the establishment of an extensive lumbering industry in British Columbia. The firm will engage in logging at an early date. A railroad will be built into the property, branching from the Grand Trunk Pacific. F. C. Riley, formerly of Seattle, and quondam manager of the Coast Timber & Cruising Company, will superintend logging operations.

Mr. Bloedel is considered one of the most prominent lumbermen of the United States, and his venture into the timber and lumber industry in British Columbia will be looked upon with interest in the lumber world. He has taken a prominent part in the agitation over reciprocity and lumber rates and has been a leading association worker for years. Mr. Welch and Mr. Stewart are prominent railroad contractors in the West, being members of the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart, now engaged in building the Grand Trunk Pacific from Edmonton to Prince Rupert, a distance of 800 miles.

For the present the company will market the timber from its camps near Powell river in different British Columbia cities, but it is the ultimate intention to build a gigantic saw mill on the newly acquired holdings. Mr. Bloedel states that the Larson Lumber Company is interested in the British Columbia project. It is his aim to build an industry on the Canadian side of the line that will equal that of the Larson Lumber Company on the American side. The lumber industry in British Columbia is still in its infancy and Mr. Bloedel and his associates are "getting on the band wagon," as he aptly expresses it. The failure to remove the duty on logs crossing the boundary line has had a good deal to do with these capitalists' determination to build their plant on the British Columbia side rather than to bring the raw material to Puget sound.

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