

floatables, along such waters. They have power to make all necessary contracts for driving, booming, rafting and running logs, lumber, timber, and other floatables. They shall have power to carry on the business of driving, booming, rafting and running logs, timber, lumber, or other floatables, or either of them, as they may from time to time determine: and for the use of said boom or booms in the care and custody of logs, timber, lumber and other floatables, in all cases where no rate is fixed by contract, to charge and collect a uniform and reasonable sum for boomage, and for such boomage, and for driving, rafting or running of logs, timber, lumber and other floatables, such corporation shall have a lien on the logs, timber or other floatables, driven, boomed, rafted or run; and such corporation shall be entitled to retain the possession of such logs, timber, lumber, or other floatables, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the amount of such boomage, and reasonable charges for driving, rafting, or running of logs, timber, lumber and other floatables, and all expenses for taking care of the same, until the same shall be determined, satisfied and paid in the manner hereinafter described. And whenever any such logs, timber, lumber or other floatables shall be delivered by any duly authorized corporation to any other duly authorized corporation, for transportation or delivery at its proper destination, such lien shall remain a lien upon such logs, timber, lumber, or other floatables, for the benefit of said first corporation, until the same shall have reached its proper destination: and said first corporation shall be deemed not to have released such logs, timber, lumber and other floatables, and shall have power to take and retain possession of the same as may be necessary to satisfy the amount of such boomage, and reasonable charges for driving, rafting or running of logs, timber, lumber, or other floatables, until the same shall be determined, satisfied and paid in the manner hereinafter prescribed; and all charges for running, driving, booming, towing or rafting of saw logs and lumber by such corporation, shall be by the thousand feet, board measure.

The Tunnel Under the English Channel.

This great undertaking is at length in a fair way of accomplishment. The French Minister of Public Works has just laid before the Assembly a bill to declare of public utility the construction of a railway under the Channel between England and

France, and to approve of a convention, signed on the 16th January, 1875, between the Minister of Public Works and M. Michel Chevalier, the latter representing a company in course of formation for the concession, without subvention or guarantee of interest, of the said tunnel railway. The enormous capital required will be forthcoming, and it is expected that operations will soon commence. Engineers regard the work with great interest and favor.

Logging on the Black.

For several weeks past reports have been floating through the newspapers in various parts of the country that from 125,000,000 to 175,000,000 feet of logs would be put in Black River the present winter. This is a wild estimate, and we wish to correct this erroneous statement. The winter thus far has been very unfavorable for logging, on account of lack of snow. Judging by the work already done, the amount of logs that will be cut and put in the river this season will not reach above 80,000,000 feet, and may possibly come below 75,000,000. This information we get from the principal men engaged in the business, and they are more likely to know than any newspaper correspondents, some of whom never saw a log or logging camp. The amount of old logs in the river is small, compared to other years in the past, and will not foot up to more than fifteen or twenty million feet. It is probable now that not more than 50,000,000 feet of logs will go out of this river before the first of June next, and it is not safe to bet on that amount. The same is also true of the Chippewa, Eau Claire and other rivers in the northwest. A short time ago an article appeared in *The Northwestern Lumberman*, Chicago, stating that the amount of sawed lumber held over in La Crosse the present winter was about 17,000,000 feet, when in fact there is not over 7,000,000 feet there, and not over 10,000,000 feet in the whole river. Such wild statements do a large amount of damage, and we hope all the newspapers in the northwest will correct them at once, and give only the facts. The loggers on Black River will, the present winter, put in at least fifty per cent. less logs than ever before in the past four or five years, and will fulfill the promise made last fall at the meeting held at Saginaw, Michigan.

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