

saw mills of the adjacent country, and already feel the depression, though not seriously yet. It is when mills begin to be closed up, hands discharged, time cut down, and demand for all kind of supplies shortened, that the towns will begin to feel the burden. Things have not come to this pass as yet; but another season such as we have had will render it inevitable. Production must be shortened. This is the only possible remedy and the only possible way to a better state of things.

All that we have said respecting the sawed lumber interest applies with equal force to the square timber business. This production finds a market in England and Scotland. But that market is flat. Labor strikes and over production have brought about a great reaction in the prosperity which England has been enjoying for some years back. Consequently the building interest is not buoyant. It has suffered a check. The demand for timber is slack. The timber merchants of Quebec, have, therefore, large stocks on hand, and they are rather likely to loose money on them than otherwise. Quebec is full of timber that ought to have been in England by this time, and the money that should have been drawn against timber shipped is locked up in advances.

This must reach generally on the interior districts, from whence supplies of timber are sent. The vast regions of the Ottawa, the Trent Valley district, and its tributaries, the region bordering Lake Simcoe, and also, to some extent, the western peninsular, where such large supplies of hardwood are still to be found, all are likely to pass through a period of depression. For here also, nothing can bring matters round but largely diminished production.

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Lumbermen and lumber dealers will find the WISCONSIN LUMBERMAN just the thing for latest information.

#### ALONG THE LINE OF THE CENTRAL.

The Steven's Point *Pinery* says a side track will be put in by the Central Company, running along through the city to the saw mills and lumber yards, that will be of great benefit to the business interests of the place.

A correspondent from Sand's mills says: "There is a constant run of land lookers, mostly a very fine class of men, looking for homes, and the Wisconsin Central Railroad Co., are the most accommodating company we ever saw, or ever did business with, which has a very good effect in making everything pleasant, and the rates and passenger tariff are such that none can complain. Any one riding with Conductor Mitchell will have everything done to make the trip pleasant."

A large and commodious hotel is being built at Colby.

A store is being built at Sand's mills on section 78.

The Steven's Point *Journal* reports a serious fire on section 29, which destroyed a new mill being put up by Clark & Co. All their supplies, material, &c., were burned, causing a loss of \$2,500.

The fires along the road have been quite serious and considerable timber has been injured. The company lost 2,000 ties by fire, near Chelsea.

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CONCERNING the reciprocity treaty the Green Bay *State Gazette* says:

We do not imagine our lumber interests would be materially effected, certainly, the Wisconsin lumber market would have little to fear. Distance, and freights would be more than overbalance the lower cost of production which it is assumed is the case in Canada. Lumber is now as low as it can be and the steady increase of demand and supply affords an ample protection.