

March.

Lucy Larcom, in St. Nicholas for March, tries to force the season a little and succeeds in this way:

March! March! March! They are coming
In troops, to the tune of the wind;
Red-headed woodpeckers drumming,
Gold crested thrushes behind;
Sparrows in brown jackets hopping
Past every gateway and door;
Finches with crimson caps stopping
Just where they stopped years before.

March! March! March! They are slipping
Into their places at last—
Little white lily-buds, dripping
Under the showers that fall fast;
Buttercups, violets, roses,
Snowdrop, and bluebell and pink,
Throng upon throng of sweet posies,
Bending the dewdrops to drink.

March! March! March! They will hurry
Forth at the wild bugle-sound—
Blossoms and birds in a flurry,
Fluttering all over the ground.
Hang out your flags, birch and willow!
Shake out your red tassals, larch!
Grass-blades, up from your earth-pillow!
Hear who is calling you—March!

The Lumber Firms of Indianapolis.

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We gave last week a cursory review of the coal trade of this city, and a description of a few of the leading firms engaged in the trade. Ascertaining that the lumber trade had grown to gigantic proportions, for the purpose of enlightening our readers as to who the dealers are, and what they are doing, we paid a visit to a number of the leading firms, for the purpose of gleaned what information we could. In anticipation of an active business season, a description of the respective firms engaged in the lumber trade, cannot fail to be of interest to a large portion of our readers. The first we called upon was

COL. A. D. STREIGHT,

106 South West Street, is extensively engaged in the wholesale lumber business, his trade being confined mainly to shipping. He started business in 1865, and has now been established ten years. He handles hard wood exclusively, chiefly walnut, although he keeps constantly on hand a good supply of cherry, ash and oak. His trade is chiefly foreign, as he has never paid much attention to the local trade. The great bulk of shipments are made to the East, as he ships to various points from here to Washington, D. C., and from there all the way to Portland, Maine. His yard

is located on Soute West street, between the tracks of the Terre Haute & Vandalia, and the Alton & St. Louis railroads, covering an area of seven acres. His stock of lumber on hand is decidedly the largest in the city, and a visit to his yard will be sufficient to satisfy any one on that point. He sold last year 8,000,000 feet of hard lumber, his sales amounting to nearly \$500,000. In this business he has a capital of \$150,000 employed. On the East side of the street, and directly opposite the lumber yard he has a planing mill, saw mill, and stave factory, which have been running one year. These premises were erected to supply the retail demand. The buildings cover a lot 100x140 feet, and the machinery in the various buildings, is run by an engine of 175 horse power, built by the Eagle Machine Works of Hasselman & Vinton of this city. Last year the stave factory turned out 2,000,000 staves. The stave factory is not in operation at present, but will be shortly, as an active demand for staves is looked for the coming spring and summer. The planing mill and saw mill have been in operation the entire winter, and a considerable amount of work has been turned out. There is a great deal of individuality about the Colonel, which insures greatly to his success in whatever he undertakes; and no matter what business he might embark in, we should set him down as one of those men who would make his mark.

ROSS AND LYNN.

Ross & Lynn corner of Circle and Market streets started in the wholesale and retail lumber business last June, and they report having done a much larger business than they anticipated. They have recently equipped a large yard, on the block fronting on Mississippi street, between sixth and seventh. It is one of the finest locations in the city, with a frontage of 400 feet running back to the J. C. L. & R. R. 250 feet with which road it connects by means of a switch. Their principle demand is chiefly local, but they are confidently expecting to do an increased business in shipping. They keep on hand a full supply of all kinds of lumber, both hard and soft. They are also agents for the sale of building material and furnishing stuff.

I. B. JOHNS,

156 South Water street. This is a branch establishment of T. B. Johns, of Terre Haute. Mr. Johns has a large establishment at Terre Haute, where he has been handling lumber for the past 23 years. The branch yard was established here in