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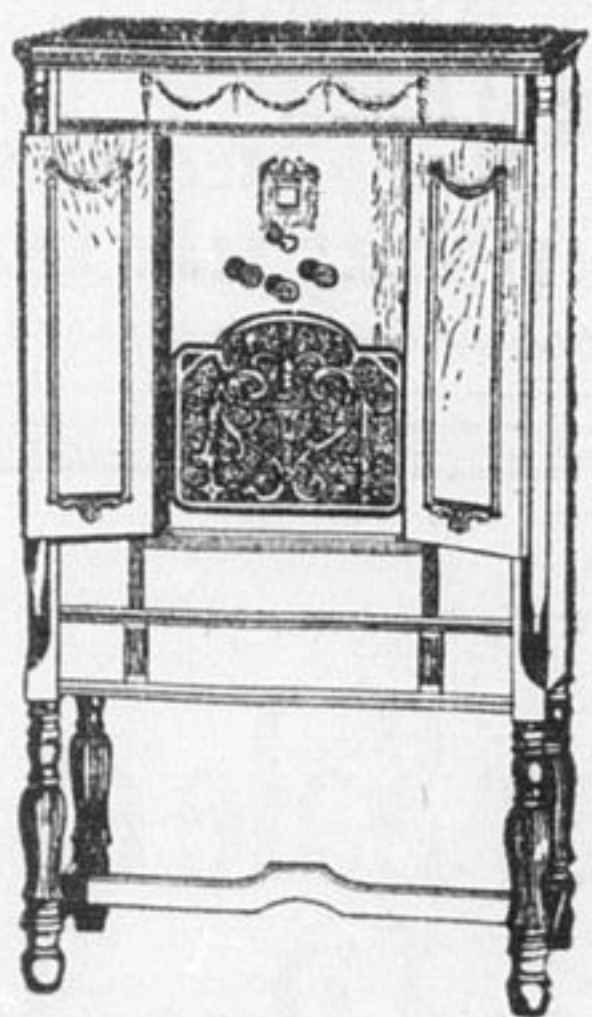


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**Lumber Production in the North Land Much Curtailed**

Review of Lumber Operations All Through the North. Production Figures for the Various Producing Centres for the Past Two Years. Timmins Centre Not a Great Deal More Than Half the Production of 1929.

For several years past it has been the custom of the Canada Lumberman trade paper for the lumber interests of the country, to present an annual summary of the conditions of the trade in Northern Ontario. The report is based on information received from operators in the chief producing areas. As the facts and figures are carefully prepared by men in a position to know the data thus supplied is of special interest and value. In the report for the past season it will be noted that there has been very considerable curtailment in production. The production for 1929 was 628,000,000 feet of lumber while in 1930 it was only 511,800,000 feet, a decrease of 116,200,000 feet, or more than a sixth. The decrease from the Timmins area is still more marked the production in 1929 being 10,000,000 feet, and only 6,200,000 feet in 1930, a decrease of 3,800,000 feet, or over 61 per cent decrease. Only a few areas have maintained production, and still fewer have increased it. Among the latter will be noted Field (where Chas. Pierce has lumber interests), Goward, Latchford, New Liskeard and Powassan.

In the following paragraphs the annual summary of conditions in the lumber industry is set forth, as based on information from the operators in the chief producing areas:—

"The past winter was a particularly favourable one from the standpoint of getting logs ready to bring to the mill. Speaking generally it would seem that costs of logging this year will average about 10 p.c. to 15 p.c. lower than a year ago. However, this does not compensate operators for the extremely low prices and curtailed demand for their product. After taking all factors into consideration, it does not seem likely that there will be more than 50 p.c. of the lumber in pile in Northern Ontario compared with last season. Logging was, of course, sharply curtailed in the bush, only some of the larger companies going into the woods in a really big way.

"At the present time it is hardly judicious to make any prophecy, even in the face of some encouragement during the past few weeks. This can be said, however, that if the construction of small homes and other buildings calling for mill construction makes even a fair comeback during the remainder of this year, it would seem likely that values of Eastern Canadian lumber will stiffen. Stocks are low in the retail yards and there is no large liquidation of stocks to be carried out when the demand begins.

"The year 1930 in the lumber business in Canada will go down as one of the unsatisfactory periods in its history. The demand was spotty and, during the last half of the year, when it was expected that the trade would be shipping a greater quantity of material, the call for lumber was disappointing. It is now entering the second year since the slackening of demand first manifested itself. It would be injudicious, at this time, to prophesy when a return of normal conditions will become noticeable and one man's conjecture is as good as that of his neighbour or competitor.

"Canada Lumberman" has received over 200 replies to a questionnaire sent out asking for figures on last year's production, comparison of prices for 1929 and 1930, the amount of stock on hand as against a year ago and figures on the log harvest during the past winter.

"While many of the replies distinctly skate around the question of the outlook for the present year it is noticeable that there seems to be a greater feeling of confidence, although of a cautious nature. It is noticeable also that no one expects a rapid upward trend in business. Some of the best informed firms say that 1931 will likely be a fair year with the latter part showing a gradual improvement, both in volume and price.

"Briefly summarizing the experience of the past year, 86 p.c. of the firms reporting said that their volume was less than in 1929. In the matter of prices 79 p.c. of the replies declared values were less. The report of stocks on hand at the present time were somewhat conflicting between the various producing sections of the Dominion. In the East, taking it as a whole, stocks were from 10 to 15 p.c. greater than a year ago. Seventy per cent of the firms stated that their stocks were larger than last year. In the West, where logging has been greatly curtailed over two seasons, there has been a drastic liquidation of stock and most of the larger firms report that their holdings are now well in hand and on an average, about the same or a little less than a year ago.

"The log harvest during the past season, of course, has been greatly curtailed. This is graphically illustrated in replies received with ninety per cent of the firms reporting that their log output will be less than a year ago.

"Costs of getting logs to the mill this year will likely be, at least, 10 p.c. lower than last. One large manufacturer of jack pine in the north reports that lumber is starting to move fairly well from his yard but there is at present no evidence of an improvement in price levels. It seems to be the general opinion that lumber on pile in Northern Ontario will be down about 50 p.c. over a year ago. This, coupled with a fair improvement in the demand for

small homes and other buildings of mill construction as the season advances, should bring about an improvement in the value of stocks.

"Another large organization that ranks among the first ten lumber producers in Eastern Canada, says: "We cannot see any factor that would tend to make conditions in the lumber industry much brighter in the next six months. Beyond that period no one can make any safe predictions. A great deal depends upon the purchasing power of the farmers, which everyone hopes will show an improvement this year.

"White pine manufacturers, among whom are the bigger operators are perhaps feeling the present situation less than the others. It is noticeable in the reports that the white pine men are less inclined to be pessimistic. They state they will sell their product at a fair price this year. For the next six months, no operator making a report on the situation cared to prophesy any improvement, either in price or demand.

"The figures compiled for lumber production in the Northern Ontario producing area naturally show a substantial decrease. During the past season lumber produced covering all species, amounted to 511,800,000 feet. In 1929 this figure was 628,000,000 feet, showing a decrease of 116,200,000 feet.

The following is a summary of production for the years 1930 and 1929:—

Area	1930 ft.	1929 ft.
Bala	2,200,000	2,500,000
Bancroft	2,200,000	2,900,000
Baptiste	1,200,000	2,600,000
Blind River	53,700,000	95,200,000
Bracebridge	4,500,000	2,000,000
Burk's Falls	7,000,000	9,500,000
Cache Bay	28,100,000	34,600,000
Callander	21,000,000	22,000,000
Chapleau	36,500,000	41,000,000
Cochrane	14,000,000	15,000,000
Donnegana	12,500,000	25,000,000
Espanola	1,000,000	1,000,000
Fossmill	10,000,000	11,000,000
Field	11,000,000	5,300,000
Fort Frances	48,600,000	70,200,000
Goward	10,100,000	7,300,000
Gravenhurst	11,000,000	11,000,000
Haileybury	3,400,000	3,000,000
Haliburton	3,000,000	3,000,000
Huntsville	9,000,000	12,900,000
Kearney	1,100,000	2,000,000
Kenora	19,000,000	21,000,000
Latchford	19,700,000	12,000,000
Latchford	8,200,000	9,500,000
Midland	11,600,000	12,800,000
New Liskeard	1,800,000	1,500,000
North Bay	6,200,000	7,800,000
Owen Sound	9,000,000	10,000,000
Pakosley	10,000,000	10,000,000
Penetang	4,400,000	5,900,000
Peterbell	4,500,000	5,400,000
Peterboro	3,600,000	3,700,000
Powassan	7,000,000	6,000,000
Rainy River	14,000,000	18,000,000
Searchmont	5,200,000	6,900,000
Sioux Lookout	4,200,000	6,000,000
South River	5,300,000	5,500,000
Sprague	14,100,000	22,000,000
Sudbury	33,000,000	37,000,000
Sultan	12,700,000	12,000,000
Timmins	6,200,000	10,000,000
Other places	21,000,000	26,000,000
Total feet	511,800,000	628,000,000

**Teachers' Bowling Scores for Week of March 28th**

The following are the scores for the Teachers' Bowling league for March 25th:—

A TEAM			
M. Barr	144	140	284
W. Huckerby	186	205	391
W. McKelvie	72	120	192
N. MacLeod	100	158	258
M. Thorburn	183	102	285
Total	685	725	1410
B TEAM			
M. Morrison	195	129	324
G. Rogers	106	96	202
H. Everett	123	115	238
E. Connor	50	114	164
E. Ohlman	185	181	366
Totals	659	635	1294
C TEAM			
G. Everett	170	112	282
M. Arscott	183	135	318
J. Bogle	142	192	334
O. Ramsay	97	153	250
E. Blyth	164	84	248
Total	756	676	1432
D TEAM			
M. Tackaberry	195	131	326
F. MacDonald	131	175	306
J. Harris	241	142	383
G. Hughes	97	119	216
H. White	113	77	190
Total	777	644	1421
SUB TEAM			
E. Dempsay	64	103	167
V. McKinley	150	131	281
M. MacIntosh	89	108	197
H. Prettle	136	132	268
R. Rinn	100	157	257
I. Sime	158	251	409
A. Loyst	130	102	232
Total	827	984	1811
Standing of team—A-3; B-6; C-6; D-9.			
Highest single—I. Sime.			

Toronto Mail and Empire:—Senator LaFollette says that he does not believe there will be a third party in the United States this year. With times as they are it is all the United States can do to maintain two parties.

**RECIPE FOR MAKING THE GOOD HOT CROSS BUNS**

A reader submits the following clipping of a recipe for hot cross buns:—  
 1 cup milk scalded and cooled, 1 cup shortening or butter, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 cup currants or seedless raisins, 1 yeast cake, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 3/4 cup flour.

Dissolve the yeast and one tablespoon of sugar in the lukewarm milk; add one and one-half cups of sifted flour for about one hour. Add shortening, sugar and salt, which have been creamed together, well-beaten egg, currants, which have been washed, dried and floured, and the remainder of the sifted flour or enough to make a moderately soft dough. Turn on board, knead lightly and place in greased bowl. Cover and set aside in a warm place until double its bulk, which should be about two hours. Shape into medium-sized round buns and place in well-greased, shallow pans about two inches apart. Cover and let rise again, about one hour, or until light. Brush the top with well-beaten eggs and milk (one egg with two table spoons of milk). With sharp knife make a cross on the top of each bun. Bake twenty minutes. Just before removing from oven fill the cross with sugar.

**CLAIMS TALK OF Milder WINTERS IS ALL A MYTH**

(Duluth Herald.)

This phenomenal winter has given new popularity to the ever-recurring illusion that the winters are milder than they used to be, as many old-timers will solemnly assure you they are.

But three facts work against this theory:—  
 First, that it is largely due to the fact that we now have better housing and heating, so that we feel the stress of winter less.

Second, that the illusion happens because the old-timers, bless their hearts, in looking back over the years see only the extremes and forget the normal, and so the extremes look to them like the average.

Third, the weather records show that it isn't so.

Yet the illusion always has existed. Jefferson notes in his diary somewhere two-thirds along in the eighteenth century that the old-timers there assured him that the climate had changed and that the winters were not so severe as they were when they were young.

Of course if that had been going on we would be living in a climate Elysium by now, and next winter may very probably convince the most skeptical that we are not.

Barrie Examiner:—Increasing the price of liquors is a method of raising provincial revenues that will be pretty generally approved except by those who patronize the government liquor stores. People who can afford to buy liquors can afford the additional prices imposed, running from ten to fifty cents a bottle, for such a luxury. It is possible that the higher cost may have a deterrent effect on those whose finances are not in a condition to warrant such purchases. Higher prices may have a tendency to increase bootlegging but the loss in this respect will be more than offset by the higher schedule of prices.

Kapuskasing Tribune:—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King did himself no good when he talked for four and a half hours on the speech from the throne. He wisely bided his time to criticize the new administration, and during the present session he could have launched many a trenchant dart on flukes made by Premier Bennett; but he has spoiled it all by a verbal marathon of platitudinous verbosity. How many will read his weary columns of speech, in which the high lights are lost in the fog?

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Miss Izelda M. Martin is spending the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Martin, 57 Kirby avenue.