

LUMBER IS AT SEA
ON WHAT I.R.C. MEANS

Spurt in Sales May Be Unprecedented or They May Drop Off.

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In spite of the fact that the lumber market is in the most prosperous condition that it has been in at any time during the past three years and more money is being asked and received every day, the general outlook has more uncertainties than it had two weeks

This uncertainty does not necessarily mean that there might be a slowing down in buying, while that is entirely possible, for there might be a change to just the opposite. No one seems to have any idea as to what the effect of the industry recovery act will be upon prices.

Most of the fir mills have just barely pulled out of the red during

the last two weeks on an operating basis, without making any worthwhile advances in wage. If, as it apparently is intended, the industry recovery act on going into effect brings with it a heavy wage increase, the mills will be compelled to add enough more to the price of lumber, shingles and other timber products to cover this increase.

post of production. The manufacturers realize this and are very cautious about making sales. The buyers realize it and are anxious to get under cover, that appears to be the most likely turn of the market, if there is any which is outstanding within the next 30 days. However, many conservative lum-

There is without question a lot of slack which can be taken up before any damaging results should be felt, for the average yard has prac-

Production throughout the northwest among the fir mills is being increased slowly with prospects that the next two weeks will see a greater gain than has been made

through this month. A number of sizeable operations are in the process of preparing to get under way. Right today there is plenty of business if they were in position to handle it. Whether there will be straight through the summer months remains to be seen.

The annual Fourth of July shutdowns will be missed entirely this year, few plants closing more than one day.

The anchor post of the lumber market is clearly the prospective benefits of the industry recovery act. If the manufacturers can keep up their morale until the I. R. A. becomes a reality it is not improb-

able that the upward swing will not have a break, otherwise the hysteria of the last three weeks is not an entirely sound platform upon which to stand.

Band to Go to C. C. C.

On Brice Creek, July 9

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A visit to the C. C. C. camp on Bice creek by the band, men's chorus, little German band and other entertainers has been postponed until after the Fourth because of difficulty in getting the band boys together for the trip.

at that date. The trip will be made on Sunday, July 9, and most of those going will hold picnics near the forest camp. It is expected that a large number in addition to the entertainers will make the trip.

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