

RAIL STRIKE MENACE HITS LUMBER TRADE

British Columbia Market Assumes Nervous Tone.

ORDER TAKING CEASES

Exports Curtailed and Mills Run Their Prices Up to Almost Prohibitive Figures.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The possibilities of a railroad strike at the end of the month and a general tieup of all transcontinental rail systems has had a marked effect on the lumber market this week. Rail orders are of the nervous class, with speculations about shipment and strike.

Some shipments of shingles and lumber previously scheduled to go by rail have been diverted to the water route, via the Panama canal, for destination on the Atlantic seaboard. In some instances these consignments have short back hauls, but the shippers expect that the rail situation will be settled by the time this lumber gets to New York.

Effect of Strike Foreseen.
The principal effect of a rail strike would be on British Columbia sawmills would be the inability of the mills to dispose of their side lumber in the mid-continent markets. In cutting the big timbers for export there is a certain amount of side lumber which goes to the prairies and central states and this would be halted.

California and China would help to a certain extent to take up the slack, but these markets are not sufficiently developed to utilize all the surplus. As a result of all the sawmills having their order books filled with orders for cutting between now and the end of the year, no more business is being done. The mills do not wish to quote into 1922 and, to show their indifference to the market, they have jumped prices to almost a prohibitive point.

Japanese Squares Soar.
Two weeks ago merchantable went up to \$17 in the export trade, but the new price issued this week shows \$19, or an advance of \$2 a thousand in a week. "Jap" squares are now quoted at \$27.50 and \$28, and that were going for \$24 a short time ago. Mills have stated definitely that they will not take another Japanese square until 1922, as they have more than they can handle now.

Of all the export lumber to make a jump this week, none made such a leap not spanned such a distance as clear. Rough clears advanced two weeks ago to \$25, but this week made a \$7 climb to \$32.

Very little business, if any, has been booked at the new prices, and the general impression is that the advance has been made to check the volume of orders that were awamping the mills and which it was impossible to take care of within a reasonable time.

January Rates Withheld.
Steamship companies have refused to quote rates into January and the lumber brokers do not wish to take risks on deliveries with tonnage as indifferent as it is at present.

Australian buyers are showing signs of life, with the result that, although orders are coming in parcels lots from Sydney, Melbourne and other cities are beginning to inquire in small cargo lots.

The 40,000,000-foot creosoted tie requirement for India is still in the air. Brazilian difficulties with United States financial men and interests has held back the big creosoted tie order which that market has had on the inquiry sheet here for two months.

China is showing new activity, although the government is not in a very strong position with the financial interests.

COLLEGE BODY ORGANIZED
McMINNVILLE ALUMNI FORMS PERMANENT ASSOCIATION.
Officers Are Elected and First Reunion Will Be Held Next Month at Institution.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—McMinnville College Alumni association now numbers 325 members on the active list, with a few associate members. Organization of the association has been completed and in a few months all graduating classes will be organized.

At the June meeting of the association more than 75 were present, and the following officers were elected to head the association for the ensuing year: Irl S. McSherry, 1920, president; Harlow Leger, 1921, vice-president; Mrs. Esther L. McSherry, 1919, secretary, and Margaret Mann, 1917, treasurer.

The alumni association will hold a small reunion November 18 and 19 of this year. In June, during the commencement season, a large reunion will be held, at which time final plans will be made for the "grand homecoming in 1923." The association, with the organization complete, is preparing to back the college in every way, and it is believed that before long a large block of the new building fund will be raised by the alumni.

APPLE PRICES BETTER
Growers Average \$2.08 on Gravensteins Against \$1.73 Last Year.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The Apple Growers' association yesterday closed its Gravenstein pools on the 1921 crop, showing an average net price to the association of \$2.08 a box. The general average of last year was \$1.73. A total of 10,178 boxes was handled this season. The apples were packed in fancy and C grade only. Prices reported by the association are:

Fancy—562 boxes, 125s and larger, \$2.25; 1004 boxes, 125s to 102s, \$2.13; 483 boxes of five-tier, \$1.75. C grade—1512 boxes, 125s and larger, \$1.78; 729 boxes, 125s to 102s, \$1.43; 240 boxes of five-tier, \$1.23. Charges of 17 to 18 cents a box will be made by the association to growers.

TECHNICAL MEN NEEDED
Employers of Engineers Indicate Demand for Their Services.
Generous response has been received from employers of technical

engineers to lists of available men sent out by H. E. Davis, service secretary of the Oregon chapter, American Association of Engineers. Employers in Oregon, Washington and California have signified intention of using more men in the next few months.

The lists supplied by the chapter contain complete information regarding applicants, including education, experience and location of work desired. The association recommends all men listed. It was stated.

Mr. Davis said the outlook for employment of technical engineers in various parts of the northwest this winter was encouraging. The opening of highway construction next spring is expected also to give impetus to the employment of technical men. Other projects are awaiting further action by congress.

BONUS ISSUE IS APPEALED
LEGALITY OF BONDS NOW BEFORE SUPREME COURT.

Early Action on Case Expected as Lower Court Clears Way for Speedy Appeal.

Prompt over-ruling by Presiding Circuit Judge Stapleton of the demurrer interposed to the answer in the Oregon bonus law test case yesterday put the question up to the supreme court, which is expected to give an early decision affecting the validity of the bonds offered for sale under provisions of the veterans state aid and loan act.

Notice of appeal to the supreme court was filed by Franklin F. Kersh, attorney for Thomas Henry Boyd, commander of Portland post of the American Legion who has brought the suit to settle the legal status of the bonds. An early hearing and decision by the supreme court before November 29 is hoped for, as that is the date set by the state bonus commission for the sale of several million dollars worth of bonds.

Willis Moore, assistant attorney-general, appeared for the bonus commission, governor and other state officials at the hearing yesterday. Stanley Myers, district attorney for Multnomah county, and Maurice E. Crumpacker, deputy district attorney, who were authors of the bonus bill, appeared as friends of the court at the request of the state department of the American Legion.

The objection to the bonds raised by bond dealers is directed at the method of procedure of the legislature in passing the acts and not at the legality of such kind of legislation. The protest is on technical points which the bonus commission is contending are trivial and in no degree affect the constitutionality of the measure passed by the people at the special election.

BOY DIES OF INJURIES
Body of Victim of Logging Trucks Sent to Chehalis for Burial.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 22.—(Special.)—The body of 19-year-old Homer Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson of Oregon City, was shipped to Chehalis, Wash., today. Funeral services will be held tomorrow.

The young man died Thursday night of injuries received when two sets of trucks of a logging car of the Oregon Lumber company, by whom he was employed, passed over his abdomen. The boy fell between the trucks while riding at the end of one of them.

Prosperity Talk Announced.
An informal talk on "Prosperity" will be given in the Central library at 8 o'clock tonight by Mrs. A. V. Wisendanger, before the Unity organization of the city. Everyone is invited.

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