

1908 LUMBER OUTPUT SMALL

Seventeen Per Cent Decrease in Quantity Marketed Last Year.

WASHINGTON, June 25. — During the year 1908, 31,231 sawmills in the United States manufactured 33,239,369,000 feet of lumber, according to a preliminary report just issued by the Bureau of the Census. These mills also cut 12,106,483,000 shingles and 2,986,684,000 lath. Lumber manufacturing, like every other industry, felt the effects of the business depression which began in October, 1907. Consequently the production in 1908 was below that for the previous year. In 1907 the cut of 28,850 sawmills was 40,256,154,000 feet, the highest production ever recorded. Notwithstanding, therefore, that in 1908, reports were received from 8 per cent more mills than in 1907, the decrease in lumber cut reported by them was slightly over 17 per cent.

Washington Leads States.

Washington, as for several years past, still ranks first among the states in lumber production, its cut in 1908 being 2,915,928,000 feet—a decrease of 22.8 per cent from the cut in 1907. Nearly all the lumber manufactured in Washington is Douglas fir, the market for which was seriously affected by the panic.

Louisiana ranks second, with 2,722,421,000 feet, a decrease of 250,000,000 feet, or 8.4 per cent from the cut in 1907. Louisiana is first in the production of both yellow pine and cypress. Cypress is a particularly useful and valuable wood, and apparently the manufacturers of it did not suffer as severely from dull times as did the manufacturers of yellow pine and Douglas fir.

Mississippi was the third state in lumber production in 1908, with a total of 1,861,016,000 feet—a decrease of 11 per cent from the cut in 1907.

Arkansas ranked fourth, with 1,656,991,000 feet—a decrease of nearly 17 per cent, and Wisconsin fifth, with 1,613,315,000 feet against 2,003,279,000 feet in 1907.

In Texas, where the lumber industry is confined almost exclusively to yellow pine, the falling off was very heavy. The total cut of the state in 1908 was 1,524,008,000 feet—a decrease of 31.6 per cent from the cut in 1907.

Oregon Ranks Eighth.

Eight other states manufactured more than 1,000,000,000 feet each of lumber last year. In the order of importance they were: Michigan, Oregon, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina and West Virginia, California and Maine, other states which reported more than 1,000,000,000 feet each in 1907, went just below that figure in 1908.

The totals for a few states were greater in 1908 than in 1907, but this was chiefly due to the larger number of reports secured in those states in 1908. In Georgia, for instance, a particularly close canvass increased the number of mills reporting nearly one-third, while the resulting increase in reports of total production was only 6 per cent. In Massachusetts 610 mills reported a cut of 384,526,000 feet in 1908, as compared with 364,231,000 feet by 518 mills in 1907. In Colorado 254 mills cut 182,036,000 feet in 1908, while in 1907, 230 mills cut 134,239,000 feet. A particularly large gain in mills reporting was made in Oklahoma. In 1907, 129 mills in that state cut 140,015,000 feet while in 1908, 214 mills cut 158,756,000 feet.

Many Small Sawmills.

While there are many very large sawmills in the United States, the small mills far outnumber the large ones, and it is particularly interesting to note how many of these small mills there are in the states which are not now of first rank in lumber production. The statistics for New York were collected by the Forest, Fish and Game Commissions of that state, which secured reports from 2,291 mills. In Pennsylvania, 2,234 mills reported to the census, and in Virginia 1,937 mills. In North Carolina reports came from 1,740 mills, and in Kentucky from 1,530 mills. The number of mills reporting from Tennessee was only 40 less than from Kentucky. In West Virginia, Georgia, Missouri, Ohio and Indiana between 1,000 and 1,100 mills each were engaged in

cutting lumber last year. The average output per mill was 350,000 feet in New York and 5,260,000 feet in Louisiana, these two states presenting nearly the extremes of production by small and large mills.

Yellow Pine Ranks First.

Yellow pine, Douglas fir, white pine, oak, hemlock and spruce, in the order named, were the woods cut into lumber in the largest quantity. Yellow pine has ranked first since it surpassed white pine in the later nineties, and it is still far in the lead. More recently white pine has also been superseded by Douglas fir, so that now it occupies third place.

Washington has been the principal shingle-producing state since the use of red cedar shingles became general, and it supplied three-fifths of the total output of shingles last year. Among the other shingle-producing states Michigan, Louisiana, Maine and California were the most important. The shingles cut in Michigan and Maine are chiefly of white cedar, those in Louisiana of cypress, and those in California of redwood. Lath are generally a byproduct of lumber manufacture and are made to some extent from almost every wood that is cut into lumber. Among the kinds of lath which are most prominent are white pine, Douglas fir, spruce, yellow pine, cypress and hemlock.

MILKED COWS IN RAIN AND MILK WAS WATERY

Ohio Dairyman Offers Novel Explanation When Called On Carpet By the State Food Commissioners.

COLUMBUS, June 25. — Complaints were received in the office of the Dairy and Food Commissioner some time ago that E. W. Sadie, a dairyman of Fulton county, had sold milk in which there was so much water as to constitute a violation of the law. The department wrote Mr. Sadie and received an answer asking the date of sales on which the complaint was made. This was supplied.

Commissioner Dunlap received another letter from Mr. Sadie, in which he acknowledged that water probably was in the milk he sold that day, but offering a most ingenious excuse.

"I have looked up the records," he wrote, "and find that it rained on the day you mention and that on that day I milked my cows out of doors. Naturally, the rain got into the pails I used for milking and that explains why the water was found."

He has promised to milk inside hereafter.

SCENES AT THE FAIR.

"Pay Streak" Resembles the Mardi-Gras.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 25. — Scenes resembling the Mardi-Gras in New Orleans or the holidays in Sunny Italy have been the common thing on the Pay Streak at the World's Fair in Seattle, but on Saturday revelry was a "scream" with the United Commercial Travelers, who have been in convention here, doing the Streak. Wearing coats of many colors and stove pipe hats of different shades, they hit the fair grounds with the intention of having a "corking" time and they had it with everyone else taken in with them.

The attendance at the exposition has been increasing daily and visitors from the Middle-West and East are coming in every day. On account of the delayed summer in the Middle West the people from that section are considerably surprised and mightily well pleased to find such beautiful weather and blossoming of flowers as Seattle enjoys. Everyone goes into raptures over the beauty of the landscaping and the completeness of the exhibits. Three of the southern states that did not have exhibits here on the opening day have started shipments and they will be installed within a week or ten days.

Of the 30,484 homestead entries granted in the western provinces of Canada last year 7,818 were by Americans and 7,417 by Canadians.

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LARGE NUMBER ATTEND FAIR

Average of 25,000 Visitors Per Day at Seattle Exposition.

SEATTLE, June 25. — An average of twenty-five thousand visitors a day have gone through the turnstiles of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition since the opening day on June first.

From all parts of the west people have been flocking to the exposition and from present indications the stream of delighted visitors is becoming larger rather than falling off. Up to Thursday, June 17, the total attendance had reached the 400,000 mark, a number equivalent to one-third of the population of the state.

The side trips around Puget Sound and Lake Washington have attracted large numbers. Every day steamers, brightly decorated and laden with pleasure-seekers, are leaving the exposition grounds on the innumerable excursions that are offered to different parts of the lake. The Victoria trip and the excursions to the beautiful Hood's canal on Puget Sound have also attracted many.

Next week, beginning June 27th, will be a gala week at the exposition. Practically every day during the week will be occupied by some form of entertainment for special visitors.

June 24th will be G. A. R. Day at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. The attendance from all over the state and northwest promises to be large, and the event will be made an occasion to be remembered. Aside from the regular features of the exposition bands will be present from all over the state, and the days program will be elaborate. Special fireworks, aerial navigation, athletics, and out-of-door entertainment will be prominent.

Since the lumber trade is at a standstill and probably will be so for a month, the offer of the exposition officials at Seattle to set aside Saturday, July 3, as Lumbermen's and Logger's Day, comes at an opportune time. The Pacific Coast Lumbermen's Association is suggesting that the mills and camps of the coast close down for two weeks from July 1 to July 15, and give their employees an opportunity to visit the most beautiful exposition ever held.

HAS AFFINITY HOUSE.

Novel Feature Introduced at Seattle Fair.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 25. — Ever been in an affinity house? Perhaps not, or perhaps you have and don't care to make a noise about it. Anyway Seattle has such a place and it is one of the features of the Pay Streak at the exposition.

This attraction was dropped into the amusement cocktail to give life and color to the Pay Streak and it is all of that and some more. Sometimes it is called the Foolish House, the Bug House, Crazy House and everything else, that signifies mental aberration.

"If it is a crime to laugh, the proprietor of the affinity house should be in the pen," reads a sign over the entrance.

The affinity house is just about the limit of things foolish, but it is just what is wanted on the pleasure grounds of a great fair to drive away dull cares and bring a smile to the face of the pessimist.

Just why this particular place should be called an affinity house has not been discovered unless it is that it holds a lane for lovers with in its walls. The affinity house is a howling success from the standpoint of producing side-splitting laughs and holds the attention of visitors to the exposition, who spend their evenings strolling up and down the joy path.

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