

BIG FALLING OFF IN LUMBERING

Census Bureau Issues Bulletin Dealing With Timber Statistics Throughout United States.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The facts and figures contained in the forthcoming United States census bureau bulletin on lumber, lath and shingles in 1908 discloses in most striking manner the adverse conditions obtaining in the lumber industry during that year. The annual federal report on the statistics of forest products is compiled by a committee of experts from the census bureau and the forest service. The census is represented by W. M. Stewart, chief statistician for manufactures, and J. E. Whelchel, expert chief of division; while R. S. Kellogg, assistant forester, and A. H. Pierson, forest assistant, represent the forest service.

The heavy decrease in the total value reported for 1908 reflects the ascertained falling off in the industry. As a result of the business depression, the quantity of lumber, 33,224,369 thousand feet, board measure, produced in 1908 was less than that for any other year for which reliable data are available since 1900. The average cut of lumber per active mill shown by the reports for 1908 was but little more than 1,000,000 feet, as against near 1,400,000 feet per mill in 1907. The bulk of this decrease it is stated was undoubtedly due to smaller production. The gradual rise in the average value is apparent from the fact that the price in 1900 per thousand feet at the mill for all the lumber produced was \$11.13; in 1904, \$12.76; in 1906, \$16.54; in 1907, \$16.56; with a drop back to \$15.37 in 1908.

While there was an increase of 2381, or 8.3 per cent, in the number of mills engaged in the production of lumber, there was a decrease of 7,031,785,000 feet, or 17.5 per cent, in the total quantity of the output. In the case of most of the states reports were secured from a greater number of active mills for 1908 than for 1907, while, on the other hand, the cut in 1908 was generally less than in 1907.

Washington, which had remarked first in lumber production for several years, still held this place in 1908, although in quantity the cut of this state was closely approached by that of Louisiana. Nearly all of the lumber manufactured in Washington was of Douglas fir, while Louisiana was first in the production of lumber of two important kinds, yellow pine and cypress. Heavy decreases in the production of Douglas fir and yellow pine were general in 1908, while the cut of cypress was nearly the same in both years, hence the decrease in total production in Louisiana in 1908 was less marked, being only 8.4 per cent, while the decrease in Washington was 22.8 per cent. While Mississippi suffered a decrease of over one-tenth in the quantity of its output of lumber in 1908 as compared with 1907, it advanced in rank from fourth to third place, as a result of the very heavy falling off in the output of Texas, which dropped from third place in 1907 to sixth place in 1908. The cut in Arkansas decreased about one-sixth, but nevertheless the state advanced in rank from sixth to fourth place.

Wisconsin and Michigan, with decreases of about one-fifth, held fifth and seventh places, respectively, in both years. In recent years the production in Michigan has been decreasing steadily, falling in 1907 below the two-billion mark for the first time in near 40 years. Since 1880, however, Michigan has cut nearly 100 billion feet of lumber, a production which has not been approached by that of any other state.

The output in Wisconsin, its nearest competitor during the same period, was probably less than 75 billion feet. The reported output in Georgia was 6 per cent greater in 1908 than 1907. This apparent increase, however, was due chiefly to the fact that, through the aid of special agents in obtaining reports from delinquent manufacturers, a fuller canvass of the mills was secured in 1908 than in the previous year. Small increases in output are also shown for Idaho, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming.

Yellow pine had been far in the lead as a lumber producer for more than a decade previous to 1908, and this supremacy was more than maintained in that year, when its cut amounted to 33.8 per cent of the total cut from all species, and in spite of a decrease of 1,978,813,000, or 15 per cent, in the output of this species in 1908 as compared with 1907, Douglas fir ranked second both in

DIET DISSOLVED: FINNS IN OPROAR

Action Regarded as Beginning of the End of Finnish Independence —Action May Lead to War.

(United Press Leased Wire.) HELSINGFORS, Finland, Nov. 18.—The Finnish diet, the last legislative body of Finland, preserved from Russian domination, was dissolved today and the country is in an uproar.

This action is regarded as the beginning of the end of Finnish independence.

Undoubtedly the Finns will oppose the new state of affairs violently, and armed resistance of Russia's aggression may be attempted. The dissolution was the result of the diet's refusal to authorize a contribution of \$4,000,000 to the Russian military fund.

The senate, stuffed with Russians, passed the measure, but the diet rejected it.

For the last week Russian residents have been leaving Finland as fast as possible, for fear of an uprising against them.

Reports that the Finns were planning a massacre of Russians are believed to be groundless, but the situation today is most intense.

The liberty-loving Finns have seen the cloud of complete domination gradually approaching, and the blow did not strike them wholly unprepared.

Following the dissolution of the diet, it is feared here that Russia will proceed with the annexation of the province of Viborg, and it is expected that this little oasis of civilization and constitutionalism of the north of Europe will be overrun by hordes of Russian Cossacks.

1908 and 1907, though with a decrease of 1,073,758,000 feet, or 22.6 per cent, in the output for the later year as compared with the former. White pine, while ranking third in both years, showed a decrease in the output for 1908 of 847,787,444 or 20.2 per cent, from the output in 1907. Though still maintaining their relative rank, oak and hemlock fell off 947,249,000 feet and 842,173,000 feet, respectively, or about 25 per cent each. The decrease in spruce, 18.2 per cent, was close to the average decrease for all species, and the reported cut of western pine was less than in 1907 by 16.5 per cent. Only slight decreases occurred in maple and cypress. A decrease of 24.2 per cent in the cut of yellow poplar caused this wood to drop from ninth place in 1907 to tenth place in 1908. Decreases which were heavier than the average occurred in redwood, cottonwood and white fir, while increased cuts were reported for elm, cedar, larch, tamarack, balsam fir, tupelo, walnut and cherry.

Concerning the shingle production in 1907 and 1908 by species, it is stated that for every kind of wood except chestnut the average value in 1908 was less than in 1907. The average value of shingles of all species was \$1.56 per thousand in 1909, \$1.65 in 1904, \$2.04 in 1906, \$2.55 in 1907, and \$2 in 1908. Nearly 76 per cent, or more than nine billion of the shingles manufactured in 1908 were of cedar. Of these the western cedars, furnished about 7,600,000,000 or nearly 83 per cent, and the eastern cedars, mostly the white, supplied about 1,600,000,000, or slightly more than 17 per cent. Of the western cedar shingles, Washington supplied 7,285,760,000, or nearly 96 per cent. The cut of cypress shingles in 1908 was 1,155,041,000, or 9.5 per cent of the total cut. Louisiana supplied 56 per cent and most of the rest were purchased in Arkansas, Florida and Mississippi.

The total cut of lath in 1908 was a decrease of 676,918,000, or 18.5 per cent, from the cut in 1907. In Washington most of the lath manufactured in 1908 was of Douglas fir, in Louisiana of yellow pine, and in Minnesota of white pine. No state and no species led decisively in lath production. The average value per thousand of all kinds of lath was \$1.86 in 1909, \$2.05 in 1904, \$3.01 in 1906, \$2.85 in 1907, and \$2.27 in 1908.

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SNOW MARS PLANET MARS

Professor Lowell Reports Snow Storm in Antarctic Region of Our Neighboring Planet.

(United Press Leased Wire.) FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ., Nov. 18.—A good view of Halley's comet which is now approaching the earth, was seen by Professor Lowell at the observatory here last night. He reported that "an observation of Halley's comet shows a star-like head and a semblance of a hood."

Director Lowell also reported the first apparent antarctic snowfall of the season on the planet Mars. Two patches have been observed at latitude 62.72, longitude 106.19. The first patch appeared November 12 and the second on November 16.

According to Director Lowell, this is exceptionally early for the first snowfall in the ant-artic regions of the planet.

FILLERS... The new electric light system operated and owned by the city of McMinnville is proving a great success. The town has its own water system and with it operates a 300-horsepower electric equipment that can be run up to 400.

Ex-Commissioner Thos. Riley was at Jacksonville Thursday on business before the circuit court.

WAS TO VISIT AGED MOTHER; IS KILLED BY TOPPLING WALL

(Seattle Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 18.—"Mother wants you to come home and stay with her. I don't expect her to live much longer, and her days are lonely without you." These words were contained in a letter found in the working coat of William H. Smith, who was crushed to death by the collapsing of a concrete wall at Woodland Park yesterday.

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