

LUMBERING IN MAINE.

Kennebec System Looks for a Prosperous Winter in the Lumber Camps--Scarcity of Labor.

Augusta, Me., Oct. 19.—The outlook for the lumber business on the Kennebec system is about the same this year as it was last year. Whether the cut of lumber will exceed that of last winter depends on what kind of a season the coming winter months will provide, but in any event the excess of lumber cut over that of last season will be small.

To say that the cut of the Kennebec system will be approximately 150,000,000 feet means the cut will not exceed that amount, and may not get beyond 140,000,000 feet. Old lumbermen look for a long and cold winter, with plenty of snow. In such case the cut will be very close to the first figures mentioned and the operators will have plenty of opportunity to get their logs off the yards to the landings, and have good sledding on which to leave the camps. It will also mean an opportunity to get supplies into the camps for log driving purposes.

An estimate by the lumber operators of the Kennebec system gives the following figures for the different locations: Dead river, including Spencer, Enchanted, The Kibby, Stratton brook, Alder stream, Chain of Ponds and the North branch 40,000,000 to 50,000,000; East branch, or Moosehead lake outlet, 30,000,000 to 35,000,000 feet; Moosehead lake, including Roach river and other streams directly tributary to the lake 45,000,000; Moose river, including the Misery, Parlin stream and Wood stream, 20,000,000 feet. Seventy-five per cent. of the cut will be of spruce and more than half that amount will be for pulp mills.

As far as can be learned at this time there are to be no new locations opened the coming winter. Most of the operators have been conveniently located for several years, and it is hardly time to move camps. A considerable amount of work has been performed by many operators in the direction of making additions to their camps, but this has, for its purpose, the possibility of housing more men. Larger crews will get the winter's operations in earlier and more lumber will be cut on the old locations.

The price for labor is set at the figures of last year. This may be strengthened some a little later, as help has been very scarce for the past two months.

Choppers and sawmen will receive between \$26 and \$30 per month; yard men, sled tappers and landing tenders will receive from \$24 to \$28 per month, and swamper from \$22 to \$26. Teamsters are reckoned in the same class with choppers. Cooks will receive \$35 per month. This wage rate may be increased within the next two months by a possible scarcity of help.

In the eastern portion of the state operators are offering rather better

wages than those quoted. One Union river man has been hiring help in this vicinity for the past two weeks, and has offered as high as \$36 per month for choppers and sawmen. It is understood that the same price will be paid for this class of labor on Machias river locations.

Spruce has held its own at from \$16 to \$19 per thousand feet, manufactured, and that price will go down through the next two years at least. The number of stumpage operators on the Kennebec system will not be any larger next winter than last, and most of the stumpage operators will work on last year's locations.

Successful lumbering depends as much upon the season as do the corn and wheat crops. A long, cold winter and from three to four feet of snow in the woods is the ideal season for the lumber operator, for plenty of snow, with but little melting weather, affords the best sort of sledding, and insures not only the landing of the logs at the shore, but the landing of the drives of logs at the mills.

Many persons not acquainted with the lumber business wonder why the river does not supply so much water at this season of the year as the same river did during a similar season 25 or 30 years ago. The explanation may seem absurd to some, but to the old-time lumbermen the thing is plain.

The cutting away of the close shore trees on the timber tracts robs the watershed of its advantages for storing moisture, and consequently the streams run dry earlier in the season.

For years improvements have been going on and thousands of dollars have been spent in that direction. Storage basins have been increased, better dams have been constructed and science applied to the storage of water on the Kennebec system.

Islands of ledges have been blown out of the river bottom, bends in the river have been straightened, side and wing dams have been built and everywhere obstacles to the log drives have appeared these have been subjected to the influence of the dynamite charge.

With all this improvement and the up-to-date manner of handling water and log drives, people living along the river shore have noted that the water falls off earlier and lower than ever before, and the log drives arrive at given points later in the season than formerly.

Three average logs of today will not make one of half a century ago. Though the number of logs has increased and the river bottom made smooth in hundreds of bad places, the lumber drives are longer getting down to the last boom than was the case a few years ago.

ly lost fewer than any other athlete of modern times.

Shrubbs' record is truly a marvellous one. For years he won the four and ten miles A. A. championships and all the championships of the National and Southern Counties Cross-Country Associations, and for years he was holder of the one-mile flat championship. He holds all amateur records from one and a half to eleven miles, his time for the former distance being six minutes 47 3-5 seconds, and for the latter fifty-six minutes, 23 2-5 seconds.

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Aged 70 and a Retired Clergyman, Rural Carrier of Keene, N. H., Drives 15 Miles, Wounded by Highwayman.

Keene, N. H., Oct. 19.—With blood streaming from a pistol wound in the head, where he had been shot by a masked highway robber, the Rev. George W. Ruland of this town, a retired minister, and a rural mail carrier, drove 15 miles to finish his route this afternoon. He was weak from loss of blood when he reported at the local postoffice.

The Rev. Mr. Ruland was nearly half through his 25-mile route through Surry and Swanzy and was passing through a wooded section on the road at Walpole, when a masked man sprang out from the undergrowth beside the road. Pointing a revolver at Mr. Ruland, he demanded his money.

The plucky mail carrier told him he was delaying the United States mail, and whipped his horse into a run. He was not quick enough, however, to escape a bullet from the robber's revolver, which entered his head above the left eye.

Mr. Ruland was met at West Keene by Marshal Hall, whom he had notified by telephone. This evening Drs. C. S. Walker and J. B. Hyland located the bullet behind the left ear, some five inches from the place where it entered. It had not broken the bones, but had traced a course along the skull beneath the skin. Mr. Ruland is not in a serious condition, and it is

thought he will recover in a few days.

The Rev. Mr. Ruland was formerly a Congregational minister. He is about 70 years old and a veteran of the civil war, serving in a New Hampshire regiment. He was for some time engaged in the life insurance business, and about six months ago was appointed rural carrier.

In spite of his age, Mr. Ruland seemed little the worse for his narrow escape, and the efforts of Postmaster Wellman and the doctors were required to forbid him covering his route tomorrow.

Mr. Ruland's description of his assailant is: A young man about 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing 165 pounds, of light complexion, and wearing blue trousers and jumper. He was confident that the assault was committed by a man with whom he recently had some trouble, and the police brought this man to the city at a late hour tonight, but he was released on the failure of Ruland to identify him. The police are without a clue, but will renew the search in the morning.

Mr. Ruland was for many years pastor of the little church at Park Hill, in Westmorland, but was forced to retire about 12 years ago on account of deafness and impaired eyesight.

ALFRED SHRUBB A WONDER. He Holds Every Amateur Record From One to Eleven Miles.

London, Oct. 19.—Alfred Shrubbs' permanent suspension by the Amateur Athletic Association is the sensation of the hour.

The name of the wonderful runner has been freely mentioned of late in connection with the rule which debar an athlete from asking for or receiving expenses in connection with athletic sports.

Shrubbs' undoing may possibly be traced to himself. He sought permission to go to Canada—undertak-

ing at the same time to pay his own expenses. This latter part of the promised contract the Amateur Athletic Association evidently took with a grain of salt. They refused permission, but pursued their inquiries further, there being reason to believe that Shrubbs was not quite so candid as he might have been in the matter.

The result was that at last Friday's meeting of the Southern committee it was decided to pass the severe sentence of permanent suspension.

Of Shrubbs one thing can truly be said. He was always a "trier" and since he came out on Easter Monday in the year 1900 he has probab-