

# THE DIAMOND DRILL

## FREIGHT RATES AFFECT LUMBER

### RATE ON LOGS INCREASED FROM \$3.50 TO 7.50 PER M

## MUCH TIMBER PILED UP

### All Railroad Lines Contain Huge Skidways Awaiting Shipping Orders From Buyers

An increase in rates on logs for Menominee mills may result in the moving of the mills closer to the timber. When the log rate was on the scale basis or when the weight rate was down to about \$3.00 per M, the lumbermen could afford to ship logs to Menominee, Green Bay and other lower points for manufacture.

The rate now figures up to about 7.50 an increase of about \$4.00 per M. on the logs and is fully 25 per cent of this increase is paid on refuse from which the mills get no return at all, the charge is so great against the lumber cut from the logs as to put mills closer to the raw material in a particularly favored position.

### May Move Mills North

The cost is so high that there is already an agitation on to move the mills closer to the raw material. This move would be of great benefit to lumber manufacturers for they would not only get rid of the haul on refuse but they would get the advantage of a dry lumber rate on the manufactured product.

The southern line of the timber is now in the vicinity of Crystal Falls. From here north to Lake Superior stands most of the timber remaining in the upper peninsula.

In the early days this section of the share of prosperity by the floating down to points on the lake of the pine timber that grew in abundance in this vicinity. Hardwood timber will not float, it must be shipped on cars and that means that the mill companies must either pay the exorbitant freight rates or move their mills to the territory where the timber grows.

Many experienced lumbermen feel that the move will come about quicker than most people anticipate, especially if the outlook is for a continuation of the present freight rates. Many think that in a year's time new rates about like the old ones will be substituted for the present high rates.

### Little Timber Being Moved

A trip along the railroads in this section now days shows the enormous amount of timber that is banked awaiting shipment to the mills and factories. All along the St. Paul road between here and Iron River and from Kelso north to Rockland logs are piled up, millions of feet of them, awaiting shipment.

Almost all of the mills shut off shipments. The Escanaba Manufacturing Co. is a good example of conditions at the receiving end.

A representative of this concern told a Diamond Drill reporter one day during the week that the yard at Escanaba is choked with logs. The mill and factory is working on about 50 per cent capacity so that the logs are not used up rapidly. That means that many of the logs intended for this concern must stay on the landing most of the summer.

The Menasha Woodware Co., a concern that has never refused to take basswood is entirely out of the market. The way things look now it would seem that loggers will be all summer loading out the reduced output of the past winter.

### Winter Good For Logging

The past winter has been the best one for logging operations that has been witnessed in the north country in a long time. The long fall allowed all loggers to get their timber on skids without any hindrance. Some who operated in swamps met with a little trouble but that was slight.

Then the snow came in just enough volume to furnish sleighing but not to interfere with skidding operations. There was enough cold weather to make good ice roads. Loggers working on snow roads met with some trouble a week or two ago but the ice road men have met few drawbacks.

Almost all of the jobsbers about here are through. Most of them have some picking up to do that will keep them busy as long as the snow lasts but this is minor work. The logs are all on the landings.

### Misses In Lindstrom and Ruth Rosander went to Marquette last Saturday to spend that and the following day with friends.

## CHICAGO LAKE

The following article is taken from the last issue of the Stambaugh Development Bureau Bulletin.

The Chekagon-Lake region which is rapidly attracting the attention of tourists and resorters as one of the coming watering places of Cloverland is situated in a region rich in Indian myth. Here a little more than a generation ago the red man reared his teepee or built his cabin. Here he chased the wild game through the primeval wood and wooed his dusky mate. Here he smoked his pipe of peace and here, too, when life was ended, his loved ones laid his body away and commended his soul to the Great Spirit.

Within the memory of people still resident in Iron county, a little band of Indians, perhaps less than a hundred lived at the south end of Chekagon Lake and the old camping ground is still to be seen. Chief Edwards was the last chief of this waning tribe and Pentoga was his squaw. Pentoga means "rooster" in the Indian language and doubtless the hamlet of Pentoga was named after her. The old Indian burying ground now going fast to decay is still to be seen not far from the camping ground where between twenty and thirty graves remain. In the early nineties this tribe disappeared from this section of the country, joining the tribe now existing on a reservation about twenty five miles south of Watersmeet. It is the opinion of the author that some definite steps should be taken to keep intact this old grave yard as a tribute to the memory of the first Americans who owned this land.

### SEED PRICE TUMBLE

A lowered price on registered seed oats and barley has just been announced by A. L. Bibbins, secretary of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association. The Improvement Association and the Seed Department of the State Farm Bureau, cooperating, have agreed upon a scale of prices for certified seed which is said to be the lowest in the history of the association.

Low market conditions on barley and oats, and the large supply of fine seed of these grains on hand in the Improvement Association led to the reductions, which leave registered oats seed selling at an average price of \$1.00 a bushel and barley at an average of \$1.40.

"This is adapted seed, bred to Michigan conditions, and guaranteed pure, of high quality, and true to name," says Mr. Bibbins. Orders can be placed with the seed department of the State Farm Bureau, Lansing, or with A. L. Bibbins, Secretary of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association, Michigan Agricultural College East Lansing.

### BUREAU OF MINES CAR

The following is the schedule of the car for March and April: Crystal Falls, Michigan, Odgers Mine, March 14 to March 18. Gwinn, Michigan, Gwinn Mine, Mar. 21 to March 25. Negaunee, Michigan, Negaunee mine, March 28 to April 1. N'egaunee, Michigan, Cambria Mine, April 4 to April 8. Ishpeming, Michigan, Cliffs Mine, April 11 to April 15. Ishpeming, Michigan, Cliffs Mine, April 18 to April 22.

In case of mine fire or disaster the car can be reached at any of the above points, or through the Bureau of Mines, Houghton, Mich., or Minneapolis, Minn.

### WILL PURCHASE CATTLE

L. W. Martin, manager of the Blaney Land and Cattle Company of Blaney, Michigan, through the Development Bureau, announces that he will leave shortly for the west to purchase cattle for his ranch in Schoolcraft county, and that should any of upper Michigan's live-stock operators wish to purchase White Faced steers and heifers, he will be glad to attend to the matter for them while in the west. Consequently, any parties desiring to stock up with "feeders" for the coming grazing season, may reach Mr. Martin at either Blaney or Manistique.

### WINTER SPORTS IN CLOVERLAND

What with its boxing and wrestling bouts, its skating rinks, ski-tournaments and dog races; its basket ball, indoor rack meets, etc., it's old upper Michigan is commanding considerable attention in the sport columns.

### VOTE FOR

## C. T. Roberts

She be the man for the Poor Peep.

**For Justice of the Peace**

## ORE ON DOCKS LESS THAN 1920

### SHIPMENTS TO FURNACES ARE DECREASING RAPIDLY

## EXPECTS PRICE CHANGE SOON

### Ore Men Hope That Settlement of Prices on Finished Products Will Start Ore Sales

A review of the condition of the ore docks at Lake Erie ports issued during the week shows that there was less ore on the docks on March 1, 1921 than there was on March 1, 1920. The report adds, however, that the shipment from docks to furnace is decreasing in volume at a rapid rate and that the probabilities are that there will be more ore on docks this year when shipping opens than there was at the corresponding date last year. The carry-over is in the neighborhood of eight million tons which is not at all exorbitant.

Reports from the Soo indicate an opening on about April 15th this year but most people think that the boats will be able to run about April 1, which is an early date.

### Prices Still High

Prices on finished products are still high. The steel corporation is maintaining its schedule set in 1919 and gives no indication of varying therefrom, although numerous rumors are out to the effect that a re-adjustment is coming in the near future.

The Independents have made deep cuts with the result that there has been a slackening off of business, evidently waiting for the general re-adjustment which is expected to come soon.

One report is to the effect that current high priced stocks will be marked off inside of 60 days and that then the price will be adjusted to the lower basis. No cuts in wages have been made at the corporation mines.

### Ore Sales Not Talked

There is no talk of ore sales and none is expected for some time. The increase in ore freights amounting to about 10-cents per ton has been put in effect by the railroads which, added to the increased transportation on all other ingredients and on the finished iron product, will go a long way towards keeping the new prices from meeting the general idea of what is sufficient to start construction work.

It is generally expected that the railroads will cut wages and that a general strike is sure to come during the summer months.

### No Change in County

No changes have occurred at the mines in the county during the week. The adjustments of labor due to the closing down of some mines has been going on quietly, the married men being given the preference in cases where men are being put at work.

The Carpenter mine is working both shifts and has a very good sized crew, that property being the nucleus of the source of employment on the east side of the county. A few men were added to the force during the week.

It is understood that the single men at the Amasa-Porter were laid off to make place for married men from the Warner. The Odgers is furnishing half time employment to almost all of the married men on the McKinney Steel list.

### VULCAN BEATEN

The Ramblers motored to Vulcan on Saturday last to play their city team and came home with the "bacon", the score being 44-15. Although the Ramblers were at a disadvantage on such a small court, they outclassed their opponents from start to finish. For the first five minutes of the game no baskets were made but by the end of the first half the Ramblers tallied ten points to Vulcan's seven. In the second half we "ran up" a score of 34 points to Vulcan's eight, which proved to the spectators that the Ramblers are "te'suth —if are "the stuff."

### LEGION NOTES

All ex-service men who belonged to the 32nd Division during the World War may secure a copy of the official history of that organization without charge, by filing an application blank and mailing it to the office of the Quartermaster General, Lansing, Mich. This blank may be had at the Legion Club rooms. Application must be approved and certified by an Army or Legion officer, or former Army or Legion officer.

## DOWN STAMBAUGH 23 TO 15

Before the largest crowd that ever saw a basketball game in this city the Crystal Falls High School basketball team defeated the hitherto undefeated Stambaugh aggregation Friday night by the score of 23 to 15. The game was the best seen this year on the local court and was a fight from the start to the final gun. The excitement during the game was intense, the cheering at times making it almost impossible to hear the referee's whistle.

Crystal Falls was the first to score when Larson, center, slipped in a pretty shot from under the basket. Stambaugh came back strong, and evened the count on a short shot by Fregotto. A shot from the center of the floor by McKernan put the Red and Black two points to the good, but two baskets and a free throw by Stambaugh made the score 7 to 4 in favor of the invaders. Here the locals braced, and baskets by Kieren, Larson and McKernan made the count 10 to 9 at the end of the half.

Crystal Falls started the second half with a rush and scored three baskets before Stambaugh found the ring. The as hard fought as the first period, the second half was Crystal Falls all the way. Stambaugh was closely guarded and had hard luck with the shots they did get. Both sides were badly off on free throws, Crystal Falls making one out of seven tries and Stambaugh cashing one in eight attempts. The score for the second half was 13 to 6.

For the visitors Fregotto, center, and Harris, forward, did most of the scoring, the former making eight points and the latter four. Judish, forward, made the other three points on a basket and a free throw.

For Crystal Falls McKernan, forward, was the big point getter, making six baskets. Larson, center, contributed eight points, Kieren, forward, two, and Trevarthen, guard, one. Gnody at guard gave a good account of himself, and was responsible in no small degree for the low score of Judish. Dodero got into the game at forward in the last two minutes.

In the preliminary 8th A beat the 7th A for the Forest Park championship. The game was hard fought and the final score was 17 to 12.

## PLAY NORWAY SATURDAY NIGHT

The Crystal Falls High School basketball team will go to Norway Saturday night for the last game on their schedule. Norway has a fast team this year, and a hard game is expected. A couple of weeks ago Norway beat Iron Mountain at Iron Mountain 22 to 14, and in doing so showed some of the best playing that has been seen on the Range this year.

The game originally scheduled with Vulcan for Friday night was canceled with mutual consent of both schools.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. RICHARDS

The funeral of Mrs. G. Richards, whose death was mentioned in last week's issue, was held from the home of her son, Charles Richards, last Sunday afternoon. It was largely attended by many of the old friends of the deceased who was one of the oldest of Crystal Falls residents.

Mrs. Richards was born at Red Ruth, Cornwall, England, on May 20, 1848. She was married and lived in England until in 1887 when she came to America and direct to Crystal Falls where she spent the balance of her life.

She is survived by four sons, Wm. and John Ham and Charles and Gilbert Richards.

## LIND-PIKE

Mr. John Lind and Miss Isabelle Pike were married on Friday evening, March 4th, Rev. Father Kunes performing the marriage ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pike, is a Crystal Falls girl born and reared. She was teaching in the public schools at the time of her marriage and was well and favorably known to the young people of the city.

The groom is the son of Charles Lind, a pioneer resident of the city, and a man well known and universally liked. He has been established in business in Crystal Falls for a number of years, being associated with Robert Wilson in the livery and feed business. The newly married couple will make their home in Crystal Falls.

## RATES MENT GO UP

The federal court of appeals took the Michigan railroad rate bill by the horns last week Friday and shouted the state out of the way of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The court held that until Congress ends the control of the Interstate Commerce Commission over intrastate rates, the orders of the commission must be obeyed. This decision means that rates within the state must be shunted up to 3.6 cents per mile the same as the rates in other states.

March 18 and 19 is the date of Miss Stolberg's opening.

## REMINDED THEM OF DEBT OWED

### SEN. MORIARTY'S ADDRESS AT CONVENTION WIDELY COMMENTED ON

## SOLDIERS ARE FORGOTTEN

### Michigan Republican Comments at Great Length on The Significance of The Address

Senator Moriarty's speech, announcing the withdrawal of Mr. Burrig's candidacy, at the recent state republican convention has been widely commented upon. None of the comments have hit the mark so squarely as the one by Robert G. Murphy in the State Republican which we reprint herewith.

There is something deeper, something bigger, something grander in the recent convention of Michigan Republicans in Detroit, than the fact that it was the only "single session" and harmony-famous convention in the party's history. Michael H. Moriarty, of Crystal Falls, in an appeal for greater recognition to the men who served America, Michigan, Igham county Lansing, as well as every other community, hamlet or cross-roads in this great nation of ours, sounded a warning and sent home a message that has given all who heard him food for much thought.

The fact that Mr. Moriarty gave this appeal voluntarily made the message all the more wonderful; all the more noble; all the more genuine. He made his plea, not in a play for politics; not in the hope of gaining something; not because he had anything to ask. He asked nothing—in fact he gave something, for he gave up his desire to win the nomination of highway commissioner for his service-man candidate, A. L. Burrig. He wanted nothing of the delegates in convention, not even Burrig's nomination. He only advanced the suggestion that future conventions keep ever in mind the service rendered by the men who wore the U. S. uniform in the late world war.

The more we reviewed the appeal of "Merciful Mike" Moriarty, the deeper we became wrapped in the thought of whether Michigan has paid its most important debt. We wondered how much longer Michigan could go on ward with the attitude toward service men that "we're all squared up." We wondered how much longer Michigan could face these men with a "not guilty" attitude and a "guilty" conscience. We wondered how long it would be until Michigan woke up and paid its debts.

In conventions held in Michigan since the armistice put the quietus on the "mechanical hell" over there, the service men have not been weighted down with favors from either political party. It is now, however, too late to start recognizing that these men have something coming, and somebody get busy somewhere and see that it materializes.

In the legislature now in session in Lansing there has been proposed legislation whereby all service men will receive compensation in proportion to the number of months in service of their country. To make this law effective, it is estimated that \$30,000,000 will be needed. While the sum is stupendous, especially with the state treasury in its present near-bankrupt condition, \$30,000,000 or twice \$30,000,000 wouldn't begin to pay half the service rendered by the men who went to war from Michigan.

To spread the sum of \$30,000,000 as a direct tax levy, would of course, be out of the question in its impracticality, but there must be ways—for instance a bonding proposition, where by this could be handled without making it too much of a burden on the tax payer. That, however, is a matter that must be worked out by the legislators.

This will put Michigan, in a feeble light at least, towards making an effort to pay part of its debt. But what about the men who returned minus limb or arm, or who are maimed for life? Doesn't Michigan owe even a greater debt to those? Is the legislature making an effort to work out some plan wherein these men will be benefited?

And there is still another class. Those men who didn't come back. Those men who left happy homes and happy families to go more than 3,000 miles away, only to fall in line of duty and consecrate the soil of France with the precious blood of Michigan-reared men. The debt Michigan owes these men can never be repaid directly. They are sleeping in the sleep of

death. Tonight the loneliness of their final resting place is ever more tragic in the thought that their grave is so far from home and loved ones. Is it unreasonable to suggest that Michigan should officially recognize the mother of the boy who sleeps tonight in France? What mother was there in Michigan, in Ingham county, in Lansing—and the Lord knows there were thousands of them—who failed to make an effort to smile as bravely as a heart-broken mother can, when her boy, her boy to whom she had given that precious life, marched away to war because his country called? While the thought of her boy, her baby in many instances, facing the trials and tribulations that come to a man in war, was eating her very heart away, she reached for him in that last embrace of love, clasped him to her breast; that breast to which she had clasped him in protection when he needed a mother's care; kissed him for the last time, and then in reluctance, maybe, released him because his country needed a man to and sent him into a mechanical hell fight a man's fight.

Who knows, excepting this mother, of the hours she spent in worry and agony, wondering about her boy? How numerous were the prayers to God that he be protected? Did she express her honest feelings in her warm, loving, motherly letters she wrote him while away? Did she flinch when she heard his regiment had sailed for France? Did she fail to keep on fighting when she knew he was going into the firing line? No, she was a mother and she had a mother's faith in God.

And then the message came. It was curt; it was simple; it was tragic. The barrier of faith she had built was broken over-night. The blue star of service was proudly displayed in the window, next day glittered in gold. Her boy was dead in France and she was a "Gold-Star" Mother.

Michigan honors each year the men who were brave enough in 1776 to sign the Declaration of Independence. On Memorial Day, Michigan honors its heroes of '65. On Armistice Day it honors the men who fought in America's last war.

It isn't going to be more than a half-century until every "Gold Star" mother in Michigan will have joined her boy in that final resting place, that many, now they are denied their boys, crave. There isn't money enough in the state of Michigan to repay her for the life she was willing to sacrifice at the altar of liberty. Such money to her would be like the silver to Judas.

Michigan can pay a tribute to those deserving mothers by officially setting aside one day each year as "Gold Star Mother's Day" when appropriate exercises could be conducted in schools, lodges, etc., and such earthly tribute as Michigan could pay, given her, who has, is and will suffer most. It would be a "small" tribute at best, and she, who has the sacred privilege of wearing the gold star, should get this tribute, while she lives and not after she has joined her boy in death.

### ROBERT G. MURPHY

—Read the Ads—  
Lansing, Mar. 3 1921.

Mr. Thomas Conlin, Editor, Diamond Drill, Crystal Falls, Michigan.

My Dear Mr. Conlin: I was very much shocked and surprised to learn of the death of Dr. A. M. Darling, Dr. Darling and I roomed at the same house, boarded at the same house and were close friends for a great many years. I know something of the services which he performed.

I remember very well one night he came home so tired that he had to lie down and rest before he could undress for bed. He said, "Shem, if anyone calls for me tonight will you answer the call and say I am not in. I must have the rest. I assured him I would. About midnight the door bell rang and I opened the window to inquire who it was, when a man asked if the doctor was in. I told him I would see. By this time the Doctor was up and said, "Tell him I will be right down." I tried to persuade him to send someone else but he said, "No, I must go." He drove to Mansfield and went up the river two miles in a row boat, saw his patient and returned home early in the morning.

This is only one of many similar instances I could give of his fidelity to his work. Thus, he crowded into fewer years than "Man's allotted time" a full life's work. He spent a useful life helping others. "He went about doing good."

I join with the people of Crystal Falls in mourning the loss of a good friend and extending to the bereaved widow and daughter sincere sympathy in these dark hours of sorrow.

Sincerely,  
Sherman T. Handy.  
—Read the Ads—  
The Woman's Club will hold a Narcissus Flower Sale at Luck's Confectionery, Tuesday, March 16th. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone invited.