THE NORTHWEST

WISCONSIN

LUMBER TRAFFIC ON THE DECLINE

ASHLAND PORT COLLECTOR'S FIGURES SHOW IT.

Good Men Said to Be Scarce in the Woods—Steady Demand for Hardwood Stocks—Defendants in Contempt Cases Arising from Sabin Road Litigation Must Show Cause.

Special to The Journal.

Ashland, Wis., Dec. 29.—In the past season of navigation, according to the records of the Ashland port collector's office, there were shipped from this port 110,074,000 feet of lumber. This is a big falling off from the 1903 shipments, which were 195,216,000 feet, and the 1905 shipments will be still less.

Two large sawmills closed down for good, having exhausted their supply of timber, and conservative estimates place next year's cut about 30 per cent lower than this year's. There are three large mills at Ashland, which will continue to saw night and day for several years to come. All logging railroads were blocked by the blizzard.

There is a difference of opinion among operators as to labor in the logging camps. Half of the logging contractors are hiring men from Minneapolis and St. Paul, while a large percentage of loggers say there are two men for every job. It seems to be the general opinion, however, that good men are scarce.

Today thirty woodsmen were brought to Ashland from the twin cities to work in the camps of the Weyerhaeuser syndicate along the line of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Ashland railroad. The Weyerhaeusers have four large camps in operation and four trains of twenty-five cars each arrive at Ashland each day with an average of 300,000 feet of logs. These are dumped in the bay and will be sawed at the Barker & Stewart mill next summer.

Shipments of lumber by rail from points in the Ashland district were never better. Every inland mill in the district which ships by rail exclusively is running day and night to fill the demand for stocks, and is selling as fast as the mills saw the timber. What little lumber was on the docks at Ashland when navigation closed will nearly all be shipped by rail before navigation opens in April.

The hardwood industry is also prosperous. The mill of the Lake Superior Lumber company, at Ashland, is sawing from a large tract of hardwood near Pratt and is running night and day. There is a steady demand for hardwood stocks.

Contempt Cases Up Again.

The old case of the "Battle Ax" railroad, promoted by the late D. M. Sabin of Minnesota, is again in court. This road has a history which would take pages to tell. It was first built on bonds supplied by Bayfield county and later turned into a logging railroad by its promoters. It then passed into a receiver's hands, and he ordered it torn up and its rolling stock and equipment sold at auction. He sent a crew of men to carry out his orders, but they failed to do the work, as Bayfield county citizens resisted.

Among the citizens were Sheriff L. H. Lien, District Attorney McLeod and several others. They were arrested and cited to show cause why they should not be fined for contempt. They were taken to Madison, and McLeod and Lien were sentenced to serve sixty days in the Dane county jail for contempt, and D. M. Maxcy, W. H. Lempke, John A. Jacobs, M. A. Sprague and Carl Hirsch were fined $250. The Northern Pacific purchased the road and the proceedings were dropped before the sentences were executed.

All of the persons concerned have been summond to show cause why the sentences should not be carried out and the dignity of the federal court upheld. They will have to appear in January.

NEW BUSINESS FOR LADYSMITH

South Muscatine Lumber Company Will Build a Large Plant.

LADYSMITH, WIS.—The South Muscatine Lumber company of Muscatine, Iowa, has for several years been securing timber in northern Wisconsin. Last year it purchased all the good timber in four townships on the Flambeau river above this city and it was thought it intended to locate at Big Falls, about twenty miles up river, and have a branch of the Soo line run to that point. Big Falls has a power of from 10,000 to 20,000 horsepower, according to development. But the company recently purchased all the Gates Land company timber tributary to the Flambeau that was injured in the wind storm last August, and this timber must be moved at once to save the value.

To this end the company is negotiating for a site a t Ladysmith. The institution will employ 500 men. The company has sufficient timber for many years operation.

August Meyers, who was badly burned in the paper mill last week, has good prospects of recovery.

GALESVILLE, WIS.—The firm of A. D. Burnett & Co., bridge builders, was dissolved today and the business will be continued by Mr. Burnett. The branch office at Chippewa Falls will be discontinued. The company erected forty steel bridges this year.

CUMBERLAND, WIS.—The heavy snow is proving a boon to loggers, who have been unable to move their logs. The snow is also beneficial to farmers, who can now haul their wood and produce to market.

TURTLE LAKE, WIS.—W. W. West has sold his buildings and general merchandise stock to F. C. Wickenberg, who takes possession on Jan. 1. Mr. West will travel for a wholesale house.

EAU CLAIRE, WIS.—Mrs. James Wickam died after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, City Attorney Wickam, and four children.

DUBUQUE, IOWA.—Two hundred Knights of Columbus held a banquet at the Hotel Julien in honor of Rt. Rev. John P. Carroll, the new bishop of Helena. Bishop Carroll will assume his new charge in January. He will celebrate mass at Joliet, Ill., New Year's day. The knights presented him with a crozier.

DES MOINES, IOWA.—The State bank of Dedham, Iowa, is in the hands of a receiver, and an effort will be made to liquidate its affairs, which are badly involved thru the shortage of Cashier B. A. Caton.

WAKEFIELD, MICH.—Peter Conley's saloon was burned. The building, fixtures, stock and $1,000 in cash were consumed. The bartender, Oscar Jackson, was asleep in his room at the back of the saloon and was barely taken out alive.

MANISTIQUE, MICH.—Cement blocks are to be used in the construction of the new electric power plant. The building will be 40x120 feet and one story in height.

A CIVIL WAR CAPTAIN

Talks to the Point.

"Until about two years ago I had had piles for about thirty years, at times bleeding and very painful. I got a fifty-cent box of Pyramid Pile Cure at the drugstore and used it, and was entirely cured; got another box in case I needed it, and as the piles did not return in six months I gave the remedy to a friend of mine, who wanted the doctor to operate to cure him. My friend said he would use the "pyramids," but he knew they would do him no good, but they cured him of piles of twenty-five years' standing. I am free from piles today, and have been since using Pyramid Pile Cure. I was captain in the civil war." James Adams, Soldiers' Home, Cal.

The majority of people labor under the impression that an operation is necessary in severe cases of piles, or hemorrhoids, and are very skeptical regarding the remedial virtues of any medicinal compound. Testimony like the above should certainly have a tendency to dispel this impression, although it is odd that such a fallacy should prevail, and still more odd that so many people should think an operation effects a permanent cure, whereas the contrary is more often the case.

We advise all sufferers from this painful complaint to buy a fifty-cent package of Pyramid Pile Cure at any drugstore and try it tonight.

Those interested cannot be too strongly urged to write Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., for their little book describing the causes and cure of Piles, as it contains valuable information, and is sent free for the asking.

MINNESOTA

PRISONER ALMOST KILLED BY BATH

BROWN PLEADED ON BENDED KNEE TO BE EXCUSED.

Sheriff at Owatonna Was Inexorable, and His Prisoner Barely Survives the Ordeal—Delirium Follows and the County Physician Is Kept Busy.

Special to The Journal.

Owatonna, Minn., Dec. 29.—Hank Brown, a prisoner in the county jail, is recovering from the effects of a bath which almost caused his death.

Brown has been a character about local saloons and lived a rough life. He was arrested for stealing grain from his employer, and when he arrived at the jail Sheriff Misgen insisted that he take a bath. Brown pleaded on his knees to be excused from the awful ordeal, but his entreaties were not considered, and he was given a good, warm bath.

Soon after he came out of the tub he was taken violently ill. Perspiration flowed from every pore in his body in great drops, and he became delirious. The county physician was summoned and Brown has been under his care since. It is believed that he will survive the effects of the bath, which was, to all evidences, his first in a long period.

BRABEC WILL BE TRIED

Demurrer in His Behalf Overruled at Fergus Falls.

FERGUS FALLS, MINN.—The fall term of the district court reconvened after a six weeks' adjournment, and the trial of jury cases was at once taken up. In the action against Dr. F. J. Brabec, charged with desecrating an Indian grave, a demurrer was filed, setting forth that the offense stated did not constitute a cause of action. The demurrer was overruled and the case will come to trial.

The criminal action against W. W. Allen of Perham was continued until the April term. The case of Josephine Sneve vs. Illidus H. Lunder, an action for damages for breach of promise, was also continued to April.

A letter was received from the superintendent of the northwest mounted police, at Weyburn, Canada, stating that Hans Peterson left that place in April last to come to this city. He had a farm and two little daughters. He is well known here, having formerly resided a short distance from this city. His residence was burned shortly before he left here, and he asserted that the fire was set by William Elliott. Elliott died before the case against him came to trial, and Peterson then sued his estate. I was to appear in this suit that he started for this city, but he never arrived here. His attorney wrote him to come, and when he failed to hear from him consented to a dismissal of the case. No one here is able to offer any explanation of his disappearance.

The jury in the case of Walter Marquardt vs. Richard Williams returned a verdict for $50 in favor of Marquardt. Williams is a constable and arrested Marquardt at a dance, asserting he was drunk. Marquardt said the arrest was due to spite and sued Williams for $2,000.

A telegram from West Duluth today announces the death of Martin Timms there from meningitis. Mr. Timms was one of the first settlers here, coming in 1873. His mother and one sister still reside here.

The preliminary hearing in the case against Peter Ziolkowski has again been adjourned, this time until Jan. 5. Ziolkowski is charged with having murdered his father in the town of Corliss, two weeks ago, and still maintains that the latter committed suicide, altho it has been shown that this was impossible from the nature of his wound.

BRUCE AT CASS LAKE

Bureau of Forestry Official Satisfied with Logging Methods.

CASS LAKE, MINN.—Eugene S. Bruce, lumberman and inspector for the bureau of forestry, is here from Washington and has been looking over the work being done on the Minnesota national forest reserve by the various lumber companies, which are removing 95 per cent of the pine on the reserve, under the provisions of the Morris law.

Relative to the present operations, Mr. Bruce says: "I find everything moving along satisfactorily. The brush left after cutting the pine has been piled, and where the Standard Lumber company was logging, near Cuba, where 16,000,000 feet was logged and removed this season, the brush and debris have all been cleanly burned except on about 100 acres, without in any manner injuring any of the 5 per cent seed trees which were left for reforestation purposes.

The burning of the Standard company's debris was on and around the famous section 16, where the estimated stand was the heaviest on the reservation, and where the conditions were such as to make it the most difficult proposition the bureau had to contend with on this tract. The practicability of burning the brush has been clearly demonstrated.

On the territory purchased by the J. Neils Lumber company, which is being logged by Contractor Goss, all the debris and brush have been piled and burned as rapidly as logging proceeded. This has been found to be the most economical method of disposing of the brush, since it has required only an extra swamper to a skidding gang.

Mr. Bruce will return to Washington this week to attend the meeting of the American forest congress, from Jan. 2 to 6, being a delegate from the bureau of forestry. During his absence the forestry work on the reserve will be in charge of G. E. Marshall, acting inspector. Mr. Bruce will return to Cass Lake for another inspection early in 1905.

CONCERT TO BE REPEATED

Anoka Baptists Will Present Christmas Feature a Second Time.

ANOKA, MINN.—It has been decided to repeat the Christmas sacred concert at the Baptist church on Sunday evening for the benefit of those who were unable to even get standing room at the first performance. Music was furnished by a church choir of forty voices, accompanied by Dr. Steadman's orchestra, and an appropriate Christmas address was made by the pastor.

Among the high school teachers who are spending their vacation at their homes are: Superintendent F. J. Sperry and Professor Charles Eginton, Dodge Center; Mr. Trapp, Monticello; Miss Rachel Lewis, St. Paul; Miss Davis, Miss Mattison, Minneapolis, and Miss Crozier, Monticello.

The Philolectian will be entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Arthur E. Giddings.

A delegation from the Anoka lodge, A. O. U. W., attended the funeral of Henry McClymont at Big Lake. Mr. McClymont was killed at Akeley, while working in the pineries.

Drs. A. G. and Flora L. S. Aldrich, Mr. and Mrs. Granville S. Pease and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wyman will entertain the Coterie club at the new home of the first named, Colonial Hall, on Monday evening. The club was organized last winter, is limited to fifteen couples and meets at the homes of the members.

COUNTY MAY BE RECOUNTED

Bitter Contest in Red Lake Over Office of Treasurer.

RED LAKE FALLS, MINN.—A special term of district court is being held here by Judge Grindeland to try the contest case for county treasurer.

K. M. Hanson of Thief River Falls contests the election of Ovide Moreau. According to the returns of the canvassing board, Moreau (rep.) had seven majority. On a recount of the first ward in Red Lake Falls, twelve ballots were found marked for both Hanson and Moreau. These should have been thrown out and Hanson would have had five majority, as the twelve ballots marked for both were counted for Moreau.

Both sides are making a hard fight, and it is likely that a recount of the whole county will be called for. The case is exciting much interest, as both men have many strong friends.

WORST IN TWENTY YEARS

Passenger Train Stuck Fast in the Snow at Sherburn.

SHERBURN, MINN.—Old settlers say that Tuesday's storm was the worst known in twenty years. The noonday passenger became stuck on the outskirts of the town and was there until the afternoon of Wednesday. Among the passengers was a sick man, on his way to one of the St. Paul hospitals. All the passenger trains on the Milwaukee and Minneapolis & St. Louis roads were either six or eight hours late or abandoned altogether. At times one could not see across the street.

George Raymond, who had been suffering from lockjaw, died on Wednesday, leaving a wife and ten children.

PINE CITY'S FIRE

New Hotel Will Be Erected to Take Place of Burned One.

PINE CITY, MINN.—The Pioneer hotel, one of the oldest structures in Pine City, was destroyed by fire: $4,500 insurance was carried on the building and the contents were insured for $1,500. It is presumed that the fire originated from a flaw in the heating plant. A stiff northwest wind was raging and the firemen saved the surrounding property only by the most strenuous effort.

The hotel was the property of J. F. Stone of the Rush City Post and had been conducted by J. B. Kirch, a former Winona business man. A new hotel will be erected as soon as possible.

PREPARING FOR A LARGE CUT

New Engines Purchased for Lumber Plant at Frazee.

FRAZEE, MINN.—Improvements are being made in the big sawmill of the Nicholas-Chisholm Lumber company. Two engines and a new dynamo have been purchased. Enlargements are being made and a bigger cut will be made next year. The present capacity of the mill is about 150,000 feet a day. The company is logging this year in the vicinity of Nevis, and up the Otter Tail river.

A. H. Wilcox, president of the First National bank, and his wife will leave in a few days for Honolulu in search of health.

LUND SUCCEEDS WALKER

Alexandria Man Appointed Deputy Game Warden.

ALEXANDRIA, MINN.—Otto Lund has been appointed deputy game warden by the state fish and game commission, replacing D. G. Walker, who has held the position four years. The appointment is generally regarded as a reward for services in the recent campaign.

Peter Nyquist, an old resident of La Grand, died suddenly of heart disease. He leaves a wife and several children.

APPLETON, MINN.—At a special meeting of the independent school district of this village it was voted almost unanimously to issue bonds for $13,000 for the erection of a brick schoolhouse.—Mrs. Fanny Barton, aged 75, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Duncan, at Holloway, after a brief illness.

DETROIT, MINN.—The following officers of Mount Tabor lodge, No. 106, were publicly installed last evening: W. M., H. P. Phillips; S. W., Casper Wackman; J. W., E. F. Harris; treasurer, G. C. Nunn; secretary, Charles G. Sturtevant; chaplain, Rev. J. E. Wood.

LAKE CITY, MINN.—John Thomas Hudson died at his home at the age of 77. He was born in Lewiston, Pa., in 1828, coming west in 1857.—The season for iceboating has practically closed, the blizzard having put a stop to all preparations for further sport on Lake Pepin.

MOORHEAD, MINN.—Mrs. Mary C. Macnab, wife of Duncan F. Macnab, is dead. She was 45.—T. E. Dunn was instantly killed by a fall at the new Hamm building. He was 70, and leaves a son and a daughter in Minneapolis.

HASTINGS, MINN.—Mr. and Mrs. Homer B. Shellenbarger celebrated their golden wedding at their home in Denmark.

WISCONSIN

LABORERS LOSE THEIR DOLLARS

COMPLAIN BITTERLY OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCY METHODS.

Charge that Agencies of the Twin Cities and the Head of the Lakes Are in League to Take Their Money, Whether There Are Jobs or Not—Labor Market Overdone.

Special to The Journal.

Superior, Wis., Dec. 29.—That Superior and Duluth are being flooded with laboring men looking for a chance to earn a living, and that Minneapolis and St. Paul employment agents are growing rich by fleecing them, are charges made by Superior men familiar with conditions. At least one part of the charge is true, and that is that laboring men are coming to the head of the lakes in great numbers.

The laborers say that the charge that they are fleeced by twin city agencies is true, and the stories they tell are that one day one agency took in $500 from men who were promised work when they arrived at the head of the lakes, but could not get it when they did come.

They say that they call upon a twin city employment agent and are told that there is no work in that vicinity, but that if they care to go to the head of the lakes they may find it. They are after work, and so they agree. The next thing is the payment of a dollar to the twin city agent, and a card is given to the Duluth branch.

Upon arriving at the Duluth branch, the men are informed that "the man that had the jobs is dead," or "we lost the order for that crew," or something of that kind, but "if you wait around a few days we can put you at work." The Minneapolis and St. Paul agent has the dollar and the head-of-the-lake representative has to stand the men off.

One story told is that a gang of men was sent to Cass Lake a short time ago and given directions to proceed in the woods in a certain direction for such a distance. This was done and the camps were found to have forty more men than they needed.

SOUTH DAKOTA

BROKE INTO A HOUSE TO PRAY

Stanley of West Sioux Falls a Victim of Religious Mania.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—John Stanley of West Sioux Falls, who suddenly became insane, has been placed in the county jail. His dementia is of the religious variety and he has spent most of his time in praying and exhorting. He finally became violent and it was decided to notify the authorities.

He was captured in an unusual manner. With the declaration that he must have a dark closet in which to pray he broke into a dwelling from which the owners were temporarily absent and proceeded to a closet, in which he shut himself. He was closely followed by a score or more of the residents of West Sioux Falls, and while he was praying in a fervent manner they tied a rope to the door of the closet and fastened him on the inside. The case is an unusually sad one, as Stanley has been the principal support of an aged mother, a blind sister and a daughter, with whom he lived.

B. F. Miller, a veteran and an old resident, is dead. He was 60 and leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter.

The officers of the Congregational church have been advised that Rev. Frank Fox of Kansas City has accepted a call to the pastorate of the local church. Rev. J. O. Winner, who recently accepted the pastorate of the First Methodist church in this city, has entered upon his duties.

Fire last night practically destroyed the stock and building of Fern Brothers, a wholesale candy manufactory of this city. The stock was valued at $25,000, the insurance was $19,500. The insurance on the building was $3,000, which will cover the loss.

TEACHERS ELECT OFFICERS

Ramer of Mitchell Chosen President of South Dakota Association.

DEADWOOD, S. D.—The South Dakota Educational association elected the following officers: President, N. M. Ramer, Mitchell; corresponding secretary, J. F. Olander, Brookings; recording secretary, Mrs. J. Jones, Jr., Hot Springs; treasurer, H. A. Hutrud, Sioux Falls. The place of meeting next year will be Brookings.

Papers were read yesterday afternoon by S. J. Lugg of Olivet. W. L. Cochrane, Aberdeen, and Miss Helen E. Miller, librarian of Yankton college. The evening session was well attended, and papers were read by President Nicholson of Dakota university and President Chalmers of the Brookings agricultural college.

LEAD, S. D.—News of the death of William Fieler, a business man of this city and Deadwood, has been received. He died in Chicago of a complication of diseases. He was one of the pioneers of the Hills.

NORTHWEST WEDDINGS

ST. CLOUD, MINN.—A remarkable wedding was celebrated at the cathedral in St. Cloud. Miss Mary B. Gans was married to J. Leslie Morton, a Northern Pacific passenger conductor. Rev. Peter Gans, a brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. Dr. Leo P. Gans, another brother, performed the ceremony. Miss Gans was attended by Miss Anna Gans, her sister, and Miss Catherine Morton, sister of the groom, while the bridegroom was attended by Dr. E. M. Gans and Herbert Gans, brothers of the bride. Hubert Gans, Nestor Gans and Professor John Gans, all brothers of the bride, were the ushers.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D.—Miss Ruby Dunning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Dunning, and Ben Tom Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Harrison of Redfield, S. D., will be married at St. Louis on New Year's Eve. Mr. Harrison is attached to the office of J. Boone of St. Louis.

FERGUS FALLS, MINN.—Announcements were received here today of the marriage of F. E. Newton, until recently an instructor in the high school, and Miss Clara Malta Harrison, at the bride's home in Palatine, Ill., on Dec. 24. They will be at home at Des Plaines, Ill., after Feb. 1.

WINONA, MINN.—Dr. Guy Grafton and bride of Hayward, Wis., are visiting in Winona. Miss Josephine Heyer became Mrs. Grafton at Superior. Dr. Grafton for many years made his home in Winona.

Rev. Father P. J. Gallagher united in marriage Benjamin R. Morrison and Mary Alice Walsh of Galesville.

MOORHEAD, MINN.—George Hammond Brown and Miss Anna M. Brown were married at the home of the bride, and left for Winnipeg on a wedding tour.—Cloua C. Glasrud and Hannah Thompson were married here.—Miss Clara Johnson and Halver S. Halverson were married at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. Annesley T. Young. They will reside at McHenry, N. D.

FRAZEE, MINN.—Joseph John Wallace and Miss Bertha Mary Alexander were married in the town of Burlington by Rev. J. T. Brabner Smith. They left in the evening for Pelican Lake, where they will make their home.

DETROIT, MINN.—John H. Moan and Miss Annie Bergren, both of Lake Park, were married at the home of the bride's parents today.

HASTINGS, MINN.—Coroner F. W. Kramer deemed an inquest unnecessary over the remains of Mrs. John Flamm, who suddenly expired at the home of her daughter in West St. Paul, pronouncing it a case of heart failure.

STILLWATER, MINN.—The St. Croix Boom McClure, James Mulvey, Jacob Bean and L. E. Torinus as directors. William Sauntry is president and manager and Samuel McClure secretary and treasurer.

CALEDONIA, MINN.—Houston county experienced the most severe snow and windstorm since March, 1875. All traffic on wagon roads and railway lines was suspended.

Donaldson's Glass Block.

Suits and Overcoats for Men and Young Men, HALF PRICE.

End of the Year Sale. Great December Clearance.

All Our Men's and Young Men's Overcoats, Half Price.

All Our Men's and Young Men's Suits, Half Price.

All Our Fur Coats and Fur Lined Coats, Half Price.

New Fall and Winter Styles. A Chance for You to Save Half.

No Reservation—Every Suit or Overcoat in the House Included in this Great Half Price Sale

Friday and Saturday.

Men's and Young Men's Suits.		*Men's and Young Men's O'coats*	
$32.50 Sack Suits	$16.25	$50.00 Overcoats	$25.00
30.00 Sack Suits	15.00	45.00 Overcoats	22.50
27.50 Sack Suits	13.75	40.00 Overcoats	20.00
25.00 Sack Suits	12.50	35.00 Overcoats	17.50
22.50 Sack Suits	11.25	32.50 Overcoats	16.25
20.00 Sack Suits	10.00	30.00 Overcoats	15.00
18.00 Sack Suits	9.00	27.50 Overcoats	13.75
15.00 Sack Suits	7.50	25.00 Overcoats	12.50
12.50 Sack Suits	6.25	22.50 Overcoats	11.25
10.00 Sack Suits	5.00	20.00 Overcoats	10.00
		15.00 Overcoats	7.50

Men's Fur Lined Coats.

$100.00 Fur Lined Coats	$50.00	$125.00 Fur Lined Coats	$62.50

Men's Fur Coats.

$85.00 Fur Coats	$42.50	$45.00 Fur Coats	$22.50
75.00 Fur Coats	37.50	40.00 Fur Coats	20.00
65.00 Fur Coats	32.50	37.50 Fur Coats	18.75
60.00 Fur Coats	30.00	35.00 Fur Coats	17.50
50.00 Fur Coats	25.00	30.00 Fur Coats	15.00
$25.00 Fur Coats	$12.50		

Clothing Department, Second Floor.

Donaldson's

Glass Block Store

Great Annual January Linen, Muslin Underwear and Shirt Sales Begin Tuesday, January 3rd, 1905.

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