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LUCIUS T. SMITH,
As Administrator.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 3, 1909.
SAMPL W. FOX,
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KATIE E. ORAM,
As Administratrix.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 3, 1909.
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A BIG LAND DEAL.

32,600 Acres in Osceola County Change Ownership.

One of the largest real estate transactions to occur in Florida in recent years was brought to a final termination yesterday, when a deal involving thousands of acres of land exchanged hands and the deeds to the property are now being recorded in the names of the new owners.

The property in question is located in Osceola county and comprises 32,600 acres

and was sold for spot cash at a figure very close to the \$100,000 mark, to the well known capitalists, Messrs. J. A. Cranford of Jacksonville, and Thos. Wilson, of Sumter, S. C. The sale was consummated through Mr. George F. Bense, the enterprising and energetic manager of the Southern States Land and Timber Company of this city, who served in the capacity of authorized agent for the Empire Land Company of Philadelphia, who owned the property.

Considered a Bargain.

Considering the property, which is densely filled with valuable virgin timber and the rich, fertile soil, the price paid for it is regarded as a bargain, all of which attests the far-sightedness and business integrity of the new owners, who appreciate the real estate values of Florida, which are on a steady upward incline.

The vast area of valuable land that could be put to remunerative use in Florida is just becoming known to the outside world, and the ever alert capitalists of the North and West are grasping opportunity by the forelock and investing in Florida land. Investments in farm lands are extending rapidly among the agricultural classes. Land that can be bought for \$2 to \$5 per acre will produce as much meat on the block as the Northern lands that bring \$50 to \$100 per acre. This, however, will not long be the case.

Prices will Rise.

Prices of Florida land will rise to their proper level as soon as this branch of business reaches its inevitable development. As yet the opportunity is open to all who come. Lands that are being denuded of their heavy timber by lumber and turpentine operations are still abundant and to be had at almost a mere song. Purchased in large tracts, they will maintain the cattle on the natural grasses, while a small portion will grow the necessary forage for finishing for market, precisely as the range and the cornfields of the West are combined for the same purpose.

But one thousand dollars will go further in Florida in making a start than ten thousand dollars will go in the West. It is admitted that it is only by the few that the Florida opportunity has been pushed to its natural limit, only a fraction of the farming community has reaped all the benefits in riches offered to all. But they have proved that all might do it, that right here in this great state every farmer and settler may live a comfortable life and achieve a certain competence.

**RULES FOR SCALING
LOGS AND LUMBER**

The Maine State Legislature in 1907 appointed a commission of three, with the Forest Commissioner as an ex-officio fourth member, to investigate the methods of scaling logs and lumber and to report to the next Legislature. On this Commission William J. Lanigan of Waterville, Fred A. Gilbert and Hosea B. Buck of Bangor, and Edgar E. Ring, Forest Commissioner, of Orono, were appointed by Governor Cobb. It is a commission of

practical business men from wood-using industries. After holding hearings in the different lumbering districts of Maine, the following conclusions were reported in substance:

"The method of measuring manufactured lumber seems satisfactory and no change is recommended.

"The lack of uniformity in methods of scaling logs leads to great confusion and general dissatisfaction on the different rivers in Maine.

"The log rules in use, especially the New Hampshire and the Maine or Holland rules give fair results only for short logs, but are unsatisfactory for longer logs.

"The board foot is not the proper unit for log measure since it is relevant only in case of lumber manufacture, but entirely irrelevant in pulp, staves, veneer, and other industries.

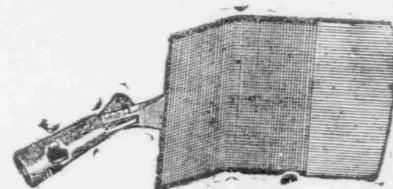
"The cubic foot should be the unit of measure, and each manufacture should calculate the product he could manufacture in board feet, pounds of pulp, number of staves and square feet of veneer, and fix the price accordingly.

"The contract logger figuring in cubic feet would then be paid according to the weight he handles, whether the logs are large or small. In contracting by the thousand board feet, as is now done, he handles a larger weight of small logs per thousand than of large logs.

"The Commission recommends the substitution of a cubic foot caliper rule as the legal rule for Maine, arguing that besides applying to all industries involved it would aid economical logging and full utilization of material."

It is very evident that if log measurement is to be standardized for the entire country the cubic foot caliper rule applied at the middle of the log will be applicable for all states, all industries, all species, whatever their taper, and for long logs as well as short logs. While the volume is not entirely exact by the middle diameter method for very long logs, the error is very small in favor of the buyer. But it gives by far the better result in comparison with end diameter measurement, even when the latter method makes allowance for "rise" or taper.

If the Maine legislature adopts the rule recommended, the lumbermen and foresters say the state will be setting a standard rule that may be followed with profit by all the other states.



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