

BUFFALO'S IRON ORE TRADE.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 12.—This city promises to take a prominent place among the iron ore receiving ports this season. Buffalo's trade in this product has been of a very small character until within two years. Last season several docks put in improved machinery for the rapid handling of ore, and they had more than they could well do all season. These docks have been greatly increasing their facilities, and others are preparing to enter the trade.

Recently the Lackawanna contracted with the Excelsior Iron Works Company of Cleveland for a complete plant of Thornberg patent derricks, six in number. They will be put in at the foot of Erie-street and will be used for transferring iron ore from vessels to cars. The work will be finished by May 1.

With Ohio iron men coming here to establish blast furnaces, and the extensive preparations making to handle large quantities of ore, it looks as if Buffalo would soon take the place in the iron trade that many observers believe to be hers by right of position as a natural receiving and shipping point.

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