

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

to Minor C. Keith, a very large railroad contractor. He also has thousands of acres of bananas growing, large sugar and coffee plantations and thousands of acres of portrero where he fattens cattle for the markets of this country. The mill is situated on the Naranjo (orange) estate which has 12,000 acres in it and is used for coffee, sugar and portrero. Mr. Keith is now rebuilding his sugar mill on this estate and will soon be able to turn out about ten tons of sugar daily. There are tramways to take the cane to the mill, and one will soon be finished to take the slabs from the sawmill to the sugar mill for fuel.

We have the most beautiful climate here imaginable, never too hot to work and certainly never cold. Most all workmen go bare-footed, and lots of children can be seen naked till they reach the age of twelve and fourteen. Monkeys are plentiful and make many a dainty dinner for the mill hands—Jamaica negroes. A family of baboons live in the trees just above the mill and their howls will not let any person oversleep themselves. Some of the hands have some queer pets. One has a tame watusa, others have monkeys, and one has a snake skin hanging up in his room that was too long to stretch on an 11ft. 4in. board. Workingmen's wages are very low, about \$1.35 and \$1.50 Costa Rican money, which at present is worth about one-half of American gold. The manager and sawyer get good salaries, and some foremen, but nothing to tempt one to leave Canada and put up with the living of this country. Mr. Keith is adding a planing, sash and door mill to his sawmill. The commonest kind of a door is worth \$25 here. He is thinking also of a wheel factory; a pair of cart wheels sell for \$120. There is a steam wood-splitter connected with the mill, and a planer, each of which has a separate engine to drive it.

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FIRES AND CASUALTIES.

FIRES.

Bentz and Pilatzkis sawmill at Eganville, Ont., burned to the ground.

Cozens & Bell, sawmill, etc., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., burned out.

James Thompson's mill at Orkney, Ont., has suffered from fire. Loss, \$5,000.

The furniture factory of Dowling and Leighton was destroyed by fire on the 15th ult.

The pulp department of the Georgetown mills, Ont., was partially destroyed by fire on the 15th ult.

CASUALTIES.

A man named Woods had his thumb cut off by the saw while edging in a mill at Oro Station, Ont.

Alexander Milsap was instantly killed by the breaking of a balance wheel in a mill near Sundridge, Ont.

E. Black, formerly of Belleville, Ont., but now of Williamsburg, lost a finger by a planer in a sawmill.

Joseph Ledue, an Ottawa riverman, was dangerously hurt while chopping wood in a Lower Town hotel yard.

Two boys lost their lives at Sutton, Ont., while playing on a raft. They fell off together and were drowned.

Herbert McMillan, while measuring logs at Holmes Landing, N.B., was carried off by the logs and had his arm broken.

Edward Farron, of Elora, Ont., had his right leg broken while drawing logs from the river flats at his farm in Pilkington.

Four boilers of the Midland Salt and Lumber Co.'s plant at Midland, Mich., exploded, killing four men and seriously injuring four more.

Robert Charters is thought to have been fatally injured by a blow from a swinging hand-spike; he was employed in John Irvine's mill, Dundalk, Ont.

A sad accident happened on John Bell's drive on the Coldwater River, Ont., where Mr. Young, of Eady, was so badly injured that his recovery is doubtful.

Benjamin Brooks, employed in Brooks' sawmill, Golden Valley, Ont., was severely scalded on hands and legs, by the explosion of the boiler. The mill was burned to the ground.

William Baylis, a workman in the lumber camps near Vancouver, B.C., committed suicide on the 10th ult. by shooting himself through the head. He is supposed to have come from near Toronto.

Conrad Kuhl, a machinist, was instantly killed in the sawmill at Elmwood, Bruce Co., by the breaking of the large driving belt. Deceased was about fifty years of age, and leaves a wife and six children.

Mr. Hopkins VanValkenburg met with a very painful accident in the sawmill at Norwick, Ont., probably losing the sight of at least one of his eyes, if not injuring both. A large belt on one of the wheels broke and struck him in the face with great force, felling him to the ground. He will be confined to his house for some time to come.

A new sawmill is being erected at Elora.

There is talk of a pulp factory at Bracebridge.

Martin Bros., lumber, St. Marys, have dissolved.

S. D. Grout, lumber, Vankleek Hill, has assigned.

Thos. Reaburn is operating a portable sawmill at Lisle.

Low water is causing anxiety to lumbermen at many different points.

Smith Bros. & Gibson, planing mill and sash and door factory, Brussels, have assigned.

Business is reported lively at Novar, sawmills are going and houses are in course of erection.

The Whaley Lumber Co.'s mills, at Huntsville, are cutting large quantities of lumber and shingles.

Mickle, Dymont & Son's mill, at Severn Bridge, has been put in first shape for the season's work.

The new shingle mill of the Georgian Bay Lumber Co., being built at Wauhaushene, is nearly completed.

Part of Gilmore's big mill, Trenton, has commenced work, and it is thought the whole mill will be in operation in a few weeks.

J. D. Lebel, lumber, London and Sarnia, Ont., is offering fifty cents on the dollar, and shows liabilities of \$17,000, and assets of \$13,000.

The big lumber mills at Rat Portage and Norman are in full swing, and the expectation is that they will run night and day throughout the season.

A heavy downpour of rain in Luther township is welcomed by the local lumbermen, who have a considerable quantity of logs to get down the streams.

The Lindsay Post says: M. M. Boyd & Co., of Bobcaygeon, have about 100,000 logs, cut during the past three seasons, awaiting a chance to float them down.

H. J. McMillan, of Meaford, has shipped 25 car loads of square timber to England. The timber was principally elm and ash, measuring from 20 to 60 feet in length.

The local press proclaim the new tug now being built at Collingwood for the Emery Lumber Co., to be "a regular clinker, and will be by far the best on the Georgian Bay."

Lumbering is dull in Washago, only one mill running. Not less than thirty men have signified their intention to go to the Northwest and grow up with the country.

Kendall Kennedy, of Hobart, whose mill was recently burned down, is rebuilding it, and will soon have it in running order. Mr. Kennedy has a large stock of lumber and shingles to cut.

W. H. Petrie, a constant advertiser in the LUMBERMAN, has received a large order from the Buffalo Drop Forge Co., Buffalo, N.Y., for iron tools. He anticipates further business from the same source.

While loading timber on the train at Holland Centre, Robert Stewart met with a sad accident, which will disable him for some time, in getting his leg jammed between two skids, which broke it in two places.

Mr. J. F. Beck, Secretary for the C. Beck Manufacturing Co., says that both of their big sawmills at Penetang will be kept busy all the summer and that one of them will have to run night and day, to get their stock out.

It is now a good many years since timber or logs were last taken down Hurd's Creek from Lake Clear. This year the Messrs. Moran, of Renfrew, have a drive of logs to come down it. A good many of the old rivermen doubt if they will get out.

J. Dovey & Son intend towing their logs from Fencion Falls to the mill at Lindsay by means of a hermaphrodite craft. It is a large shanty punt fitted with paddle wheels and small engine and boiler, and is christened "The Flying Dutchman."

While a teamster, of Tilbury East, was driving home from Tilbury Centre late one night recently, he was held up by a gang of three men. The three men took from the teamster's wagon a large quantity of goods. It was supposed that they were men employed in McMackon's mill, Romney, as three men suddenly left there early next morning.

A raft of square timber, the first of the season, reached Pembroke in tow of the Alex. Fraser, a fortnight ago, and, after being fitted out with cabins and provisions, left for Quebec. The raft was got out by Messrs. Barnet & Mackie, and was sold to Dobell & Co., of Quebec, who supply the British Government with timber. It contains 2,700 pieces in 108 cribs, and is said by competent judges to be one of the finest rafts of square timber ever on the Ottawa.

W. P. Warner has sued the Minnesota & Ontario Lumber Company, of Norman, in the St. Paul courts to recover a bal-

ance of \$2,600 for legal services rendered by him, H. F. Stevens, Harris Richardson, C. H. Fautleroy and C. C. Lawrence. The accounts of the other attorneys were assigned to the plaintiff. The services sued for were rendered to W. J. Macaulay and Dennis Ryan, who formed the defendant corporation and assumed the liabilities of the firm of Macaulay & Ryan.

Mossom Martin Boyd, the well-known lumberman, of Bobcaygeon, Ont., for the provisional directors, has made application to Parliament to revive and amend the act to incorporate the Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Pontypool Railway Co., and to extend the time for commencing and completing the same, also to reduce the capital stock; and also for power to extend the proposed line of railway from the village of Bobcaygeon through the Township of Galway to a junction with the Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa Railway at or near Irondale, in the provisional county of Haliburton, and for other purposes.

QUEBEC.

Eli Audet, contractor and lumber, Ascot Tp., has assigned. F. McCaffrey, sawmill and lumber, Nicolet, has assigned. Liabilities are given at \$50,000.

Elie Lachance, sawmill, general store, etc., St. Provede; curator advertises stock, etc., for sale by tender.

The timber that was taken out near Ramsay by Booth and Hale during the past winter, is now being shipped by C.P.R. to Papineauville.

S. Dalpe, for twenty-five years a manufacturer of carpenters' planes at Boxton Pond, wants to turn his business into a joint stock company.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

This season's lumber cut on the Upper St. John River and its tributaries in New Brunswick is expected to reach over 125,000,000 feet. This estimate does not, however, include a large amount of lumber cut on the Meduxnakik.

The mill property formerly owned by R. E. Fitz Randolph, of Dalhousie, N.S., and by him sold to the firm of Spinney & Mack, of this place, and recently sold by the assignee, has been purchased by Messrs. Charles, John and Edward Piggott, the latter being a son of Mr. John Piggott. They have also bought the lands, some 1,400 acres, which belonged to the property, and will carry on a general milling business, commencing this spring. The machinery connected with the mill, which is valued at some \$4,000, is nearly new and in excellent condition, while over 1,500 logs are now in the pond, and every effort will be made to increase the number while the weather permits. The present owners are energetic men.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Alfred B. Dixon, sawmill owner, Mission City, has assigned to Hugh Voudall, of New Westminster.

George O. Buchanan, sawmill, on Kootenay Lake, will remove and rebuild at Kaslo City during the summer.

The Brunette Sawmill Co. have shipped per barque Ursus Minor, three-quarters of a million feet of lumber for Sidney, N.S.W.

The Michigan Lumber Co., of Vancouver City, have decided to discharge the Chinese now employed by them, to the number of thirty-five; they having concluded that white labor is preferable and cheaper in the long run.

The Kendall band saw, manufactured by the British Columbia Iron Works, for Messrs. George Cassady & Co., of False Creek, is giving great satisfaction. The saw will cut 10,000 feet of inch lumber per hour. This machine enjoys the reputation of being the smallest and most powerful of its kind in the world to-day. The saw-carrying wheel is only five feet in diameter, the whole machine being driven by an eight inch belt. There is also a great saving in lumber on account of the cut made by the band saw.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

F. J. Defehr has started in the lumber trade at Rosenfeld.

Murray and McDiarmid, builders, Winnipeg, have dissolved partnership.

H. B. Mitchell, of Millwood, has taken out over 2,000,000 feet of logs this winter.

John Law, of Neepawa, Man., has disposed of his lumber business to Thomas Harrison, Sr.

Mr. Inglis, of Deseronto, is to be manager of the new Winnipeg branch of the Rathbun Lumber Co.

Mr. Thomas McNea, from Markdale, Ont., has entered into partnership with Mr. J. Hanbury, of Brandon, owner of the Brandon Planing mills. A large business is done.

Mann and Durham, of Brandon, have assigned. They started business about four years ago with a capital of \$1,500. To-day the Keewatin Lumber Co. has a judgment against them of \$10,000, and A. B. Law & Co., private bankers, one for \$22,000.