

Since stumpage has reached its present figure, it would seem that common prudence would cause pine land owners to require jobbers to pile their brush and take care of their tree-tops. Early in the spring, before the ground is dry enough to make a running fire possible, the stuff could be burned, and thus put out of all danger of sometime feeding a mid-summer conflagration. Northern lumbermen could learn something of their southern contemporaries in regard to treatment of timber lands. It is stated by one who has recently been in Mississippi that the pine forest here are, in many instances, kept clean of underbrush, and debris is not allowed to accumulate to any great extent. Fires are thus avoided, and movement among the trees is easier and pleasanter. We know that there is great labor and considerable expense involved in cleaning up the down stuff on timber lands, and that is the reason why it is not done. But the cost would be no more, relatively, than men pay for insurance on other property. It is time that a movement to effect this desirable object of safety to property and life were inaugurated. Who among the lumbermen will put the ball in motion by setting a good example?—*North western Lumberman.*

ENCOURAGING PLANTING.

The Province of Quebec has taken the initiative in the encouragement of the planting and cultivating of trees by an act which was passed last May, and of which the following is a short resume:—Any one, being the proprietor or in possession of the usufructuary of any land, who shall plant any part of such land, not less than an acre in extent, with forest trees, shall be entitled to a land order authorizing him to purchase to an amount not exceeding £12, any public lands within the Crown Land Agency in which trees have been planted. Those land orders are null and void if not used within two years from the date of their issue, and the lieutenant-governor, in council, may from time to time make regulations respecting the number and description of trees to be planted in each acre, the number of years during which the trees so planted shall be preserved and not cut down, and other terms and conditions to be fulfilled by persons claiming a land order. But no one can acquire less than 50 or more than 200 acres in this manner, and the order will be accepted as cash in part payment for any land bought from the crown. The planting of seeds, nuts or cuttings is considered compliance with this act, which, however, only comes in force by a proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor, in council, in such parts of the province as specified in such proclamations.

CUTTING A BOOM.

The Ottawa Gazette, of July 14th, says:—Maurice Quesnel and Napoleon Palmer, two first the foreman and the second one of the crew of a raft belonging to Mr. J. B. Dickson were to-day brought up under arrest at Aylmer, before Mr. C. B. Rouleau, district magistrate for the district of Ottawa, on a charge of having wilfully and maliciously cut the Alouette boom, the property of the Upper Ottawa Improvement Company. After the evidence of the witnesses establishing the fact of the boom having been cut by Palmer, under the orders of Quesnel, had been taken, Mr. Foran, on behalf of the defendants, contended that they should be discharged inasmuch as they had not cut the boom for the purpose of injuring the property of the company, but merely to get the raft out of the boom, and that consequently there was no malice.

Mr. Fleming, for the prosecution, said in reply that it was not established that it was absolutely impossible to take the raft out of the boom without cutting it; and the mere fact of its being inconvenient and expensive to do so after the raft had been, from want of proper caution, taken below the gap in the boom, did not justify the cutting. The court held that the prisoners were not on their trial, that all that was required was a *prima facie* case against them, and that, moreover, the court did not consider the defendants, under the circumstances, justified in cutting the boom; and as they did so wittingly and must have known it was injuring the boom and doing the company

damage, it was in law a malicious act, the court would therefore commit the defendants for trial at the next term of the Court of Queen's Bench, but would accept bail for their appearance.

SWEDISH FOREST FIRES.

The *Timber Trades Journal's* Stockholm correspondent says:—The warm weather prevalent lately in Norrland has occasioned a considerable number of forest fires, both in the Medelpad and East Jemtland districts. The most serious of these seem to be that in the neighbourhood of Oratjernadalen village, in the Sundswall district, in a forest belonging to Skonviks Bolag, Sundswall, and one in a forest owned by James Dickson & Co., between Ange station and Dyalen, on the railway to Ostersund. Some of these fires in the neighbourhood of railways are no doubt caused by locomotives, others again by the carelessness of people lighting fires in the woods. A stock of between 500 and 600 standards of deals lying ready for shipment to the Cape and Australia at Petersavik loading quay, Sundswall, and belonging to Mons Angsage, Aktiebolag, was, along with the now quay and several lighters loaded with deals, also burnt a week ago. Ships had already been chartered to convey the goods, which the owners will have a difficulty in replacing with seasoned deals.

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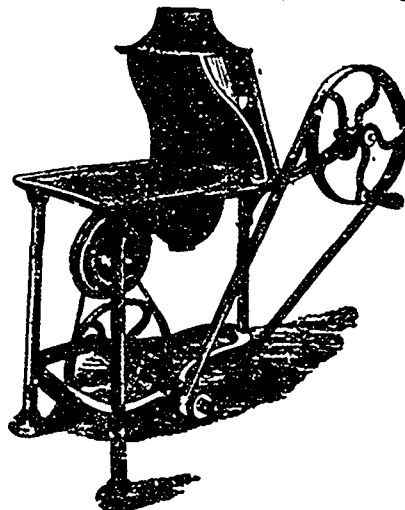
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