

# THE NEWS.

CANADA.

—F. S. Deschr, lumber, Rosenfeld, Man., has sold out to Duncan Stewart.

—The Parry Sound Lumber Co. is advertising its general store business for sale.

—The Moodyville Mill Co. are constructing a logging railway at Grief Point, B.C.

—Fraser & Co., saw and grist mills, Edmonton, N.W.T., Malcolm McLeod, deceased.

—Nine rafts of lumber have gone down to Quebec from the Upper Ottawa river this summer.

—It is reported that American capitalists contemplate erecting a large lumber mill near Eganville, Ont.

—The capital stock of the Brunette Saw Mill Co., Victoria, B.C., has been increased from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

—A St. John River lumberman thinks the year's cut is 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 less than in ordinary years.

—Mr. Saddler, of Staffa, Ont., has purchased from Samuel Horton a new sixty horse-power boiler for his saw mill.

—George W. Anderson, of Rochester, one of the largest lumber dealers in the State of New York, has assigned.

—The employees of Dodd's planing mill at London, Ont., went out on strike last week against a reduction of wages.

—The British Columbia Wood Works Co., of Vancouver, has gone into liquidation. J. W. Weart has been appointed liquidator.

—James McDonald, of Tilbury Centre, Ont., is about to commence the erection of a planing mill and sash and door factory at that place.

—Price Bros.' saw mill at St. Thomas Montmagny, Que., destroyed by fire in the month of May, has been reconstructed and has commenced operations.

—Quebec takes the lead in the supply of timber, her output of sawlogs amounting to 5,000,000,000 feet board measure, and of square timber to three and a quarter million cubic feet.

—D. G. Stephenson, lumber merchant of East Toronto, recently made an assignment of his property and a few days afterwards departed for new fields. His liabilities exceed \$50,000.

—The Waterous Engine Works Co. are making arrangements to rebuild their branch factory at St. Paul, Minn., recently destroyed by fire. The works will be rebuilt on a much larger scale.

—Grant, Horne & Co., the well-known lumber dealers of Port William, Ont., are supplying the Ontario Government with the necessary lumber for the erection of a log slide at Pigeon River.

—The employees of McLachlan Bros., lumbermen, of Arnprior, Ont., have formed a mutual benefit society to be known as the Arnprior Lumber Mills Association. Nearly 500 men have already joined.

—Humphrey & Trites, of Petitediac, N.B., have their new saw mill at that place in operation. It is somewhat smaller than the mill destroyed by fire some time ago, but is said to be well equipped.

—F. J. Drake, Belleville, Ont., recently shipped a shingle mill and lath machine to Marston & Brock, Hawkesbury, Ont., and a complete outfit for James Morrison's new shingle mill at Gooderham, Ont.

—The Vancouver Sash and Door Co., Ltd., of Vancouver, B.C., has been incorporated by the Dominion Government. J. B. McLaren, R. D. Fetherston and Henry De Penrier, compose the directorate.

—The Winnipeg Free Press states that a western member of the Retail Lumbermen's Association has been suspended and fined \$200 for selling lumber at rates less than scheduled in the association's price list.

—The Rathbun Co., of Deseronto, Ont., have received the last shipment of red pine timber purchased from H. M. Loud & Co., of Ausable, Mich. The raft broke away at Tonawanda and passed over Niagara Falls.

—The Southampton Lumber Co., of Southampton, Ont., is applying for incorporation, with a capital stock of \$10,000, to manufacture lumber, shingles, etc. Charles M. Bowman, of Southampton, is one of the chief promoters.

—In the year 1892 the firm of Mullin & Co. purchased the Bloor street lumber yard in Toronto of Robert Thompson & Co. for \$11,600, giving a chattel mortgage to secure the amount. We now learn that the concern has been sold out.

—The effects of O. E. Konkle, lumberman, of Hamilton, Ont., are reported to have been taken possession of by the sheriff. Some time ago Mr. Konkle gave a chattel mortgage for \$4,800, the foreclosure of which is said to have been the means of closing his business.

—Donald Fraser's new mill at Fredericton, N.B., has commenced operations, and will be operated day and night for the remainder of the season. Nearly 100 men will be employed, and it is expected three million feet of lumber will be cut before the close of navigation.

—It is said to be the intention of a company, of which W. S. Taylor, of the Don Valley Pressed Brick Works, Toronto, is at the head, to erect a saw mill at Jardine's side road, near Collingwood, Ont. The company is also interested in other speculations in that vicinity.

—It is reported that several American lumbermen have been negotiating for the purchase of the Cormier estate at Aylmer, Que. The mill has been in dispute for some time, and has cut no lumber this year. It is well equipped, and when in full running order would give employment to a large number of hands.

—Several new lumbering firms are commencing operations in the northern part of Ontario. William Peters, of Bay City, Mich., has taken over the Midland and North Shore Lumber Co.'s mill at Parry Harbor and will cut logs next season. Mills are being put up at Kennebec, Algoma, by the Cutland & Savage Co., also of Michigan, and supplies and equipments are being purchased.

—A large number of men have already been engaged to work on J. R. Booth's limit on Sturgeon river. Mr. Booth states that there is a desire, on the part of lumbermen, to commence operations in the woods early this fall, owing, no doubt, to the small cut of last year. Wages will be somewhat lower than last year, log cutters receiving only \$15 to \$22 as against \$18 to \$26 last year.

—The Dominion Government has decided to set apart all heavily timbered lands in Manitoba west of the Red river as permanent timber reserves, which will be held as the sources of fuel supply for settlers. Among the tracts already divided up and withdrawn from settlement are the bush lands in Turtle, Moose and Riding mountains, and in the Touchwood hills, besides other scattered patches of timber of less extent.

—The Timber News of July 31st contains the following relative to the consumption of Canadian lumber in Liverpool: The greater quantity of spruce deals from the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia ports have so far gone straight into consumption, very few having been yarded. A few cargoes have gone up the Manchester Ship Canal to Runcorn, Saltport and Manchester, several being dealt with by Manchester merchants.

—Four car loads of horses and one hundred men recently passed up the O. A. & P. S. Railway for the St. Anthony Lumber Company's limits, beyond Barry's Bay. This company have purchased the old Perley limits in that locality, and this will be the first season's operations. The company are erecting a saw mill about sixty miles beyond Killaloe, where their logs will be cut, and the timber shipped over the O. A. & P. S. Railway and C. A. R. to the United States.

—The Peterboro' Review of recent date says: "The Gil-mour Company's drive of 60,000 logs is being taken through Sturgeon Lake this week. The drive is one of the largest that has ever passed down the lake, and the apparent ease with which it is handled by the alligator boat which accompanies it, is marvellous. The drive is kept moving day and night; at night the operations are conducted by the aid of an electric light on the alligator boat. The men eat and sleep on shore in well-appointed tents."

—In chatting with Mr. J. W. Duval, a mill-owner at Grimsby Village, a few days ago, a correspondent of the Toronto Globe was informed that he had sawn this spring at his mill 15,180 feet of apple-tree lumber. All this was cut from sound, green trees that had been cut down. To produce this lumber required one thousand trees, some of which were 22 inches in diameter. This means that 2,000 acres of land have been denuded of orchard, for the average is fifty trees to the acre. The explanation was that the apple crop has been almost a failure for some years, and the tendency is towards small fruits, which grow in perfection and give much more profitable returns.

—A peculiar suit has been entered by the H. M. Louts Lumber Co., of Ausable, Mich., against Charles Nurse, of Humber Bay, Ont. During a flood last winter a boom broke at Tonawanda, N.Y., and allowed a huge raft of square timber belonging to the above named company to go over Niagara Falls. During the next couple of months the shores of Lake Ontario from Oswego to Hamilton Beach were dotted with sticks of timber that had drifted ashore. A quantity landed near the Humber, and it is alleged that Mr. Nurse captured several sticks that came ashore and used them. Nesbitt & Gauld, of Hamilton, have issued a writ on behalf of the company for \$200 against Nurse for alleged wrongful conversion of the timber. The suit will be an interesting one should it go to the courts.

—Wm. Mackey, of Ottawa, is said to be the only lumberman in Canada who has been continuously in the square timber

business for half a century. To a reporter of the Ottawa Journal, Mr. Mackey said: "I made my first raft of red pine during the winter of 1844-5 on the Madawaska river, there being no demand for white pine in those days. I have held the license and paid the ground rent on the limit on which I made my first raft for nearly fifty years. Yes, prices for timber and supplies have varied much. When I commenced first I paid as high as 25 per cent. interest on moneys advanced to purchase supplies, etc. The average wages for men were from \$10 to \$14 per month. Hewers got \$20 per month, and these were the highest priced men. There was far more square timber taken out then than now, for this was long before the era of sawlogs. I have known of 100 rafts passing here in one season. This year 10 rafts will be the limit."

## FIRES AND CASUALTIES.

FIRES.

—The planing mill of B. H. Armstrong, Fairville, N.B., has been destroyed by fire; no insurance.

—John Morrison's saw mill near Bathurst, N.B., was burned about the end of July. The loss will probably reach \$3,000.

—The carding, saw and shingle mills of Mr. Cumberland, at La Patrie, Que., have been totally consumed by fire. There was no insurance.

—MacLaren's saw mill at Fort Macleod, N. W. T., was burned to the ground the early part of last month. The loss is estimated at \$12,000.

—The lumber yard of J. H. Fraser, Wallaceburg, Ont., was visited by fire recently and \$8,000 worth of lumber destroyed. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

—A dispatch of recent date from Windsor, Ont., states that timber fires are raging along the line of the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railroad. The damage will amount to a large sum.

—Jacob Bundscho's saw mill and cheese box factory at Milverton, Ont., was destroyed by fire recently. Loss about \$3,000; insurance \$1,000. Mr. Bundscho suffered a similar loss five years ago.

—The shingle and saw mill at Stirling Falls, Ont., owned by William Dunbar, was destroyed by fire a fortnight ago. 155,000 shingles were burned and a quantity of lumber. Loss \$2,100; insurance, \$6,000.

—On the 10th ultimo the planing mill of W. C. Harrison, at Norwood, Ont., was totally consumed by fire, which is supposed to have been caused by a spark from the smoke stack. The mill was valued at \$9,000. The lumber in the yard and Mr. Harrison's dwelling was saved by the efforts of the fire brigade.

—One of the most serious fires of the past month occurred at Port Arthur, Ont., on the 13th of August, by which the large planing mill at the south end of the town, owned by James Connee, ex-M.P.P., was totally destroyed. The building and machinery were valued at \$18,000 and were insured for about \$10,000. Vigars Bros., who operated the mill, lost some lumber and machinery. We have no doubt the mill will be re-built.

—At Bridgenorth, Ont., on the 2nd of August, fire was discovered in the engine room of W. B. Kelly's saw mill, which resulted in the entire destruction of the mill, together with 50,000 feet of lumber and 1,000 ties. Loss on mill, \$5,000; on lumber and ties, \$8,000. The burned mill had a daily capacity of 20,000 feet of lumber, and was built about ten years ago. We are pleased to learn of Mr. Kelly's intention to rebuild.

—The most disastrous fire which has visited Chicago since the big conflagration of 1872 occurred on the 1st of August, the scene of the fire being in what is known as the lumber district. Three million dollars worth of property was destroyed. Lumber companies suffered the following losses: Perely, Lowe & Co., \$300,000; Martin Lumber Co., \$700,000; R. E. Conwar, \$150,000; Longley, Lowe & Co., \$100,000; Keystone Lumber Co., \$150,000; Wakefield Hines Lumber Co., \$200,000.

CASUALTIES.

James C. Hunter, employed in Palmer's lumber camp near McGregor, Ont., was struck on the head by a broken belt recently and died from the effects thereof.

—While working in Hadley's lumber mill at Chatham, Ont., Dan. Crump had his right hand caught in the machinery and badly crushed. It was found necessary to amputate three fingers and the thumb.

—The 15 year old son of Ambrose Herritt, while working in his father's shingle mill at Rodney, N.S., was caught in the belting. His arm was broken and he received some painful, but not fatal flesh wounds.

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