

THE NEWS.

—J. E. & R. S. Lawson, saw mill, Stanley, N. B., have assigned.

—Mr. W. G. Parish has closed down his mill at Arden, Ont., for the season.

—Wm. Busby has taken over the lumber business of Horne & Co., Reston, Man.

—H. Elderkin & Co., lumber, Port Greville, N. S., have dissolved partnership.

—A tow of 150,000 logs recently broke loose in Lake Winnipeg, but was saved.

—The Vancouver Sash and Door Co., Vancouver, B. C., has started a planing mill.

—Lumbering operations in the vicinity of Little Current, Ont., are reported as brisk.

—A large drive of logs reached Mr. John A. Christie's mill at Brandon, Man., on June 22nd.

—The village of Humberstone, Ont., is desirous of securing the erection of a planing mill.

—The firm of McLachlan & Wilson, lumber merchants, St. John, N.B., has been dissolved.

—J. Walter, of Edmonton, Alberta, is getting out lumber for the erection of a larger saw mill.

—The lumber business of the late Peter Atkins, Morden, Man., has been offered for sale by tender.

—Messrs. J. R. & J. Giles have disposed of their mills and property at White Lake to Messrs. Box & Slater.

—It is said that the firm of E. Davison & Sons have 9,000,000 feet of lumber in their booms at Bridgewater, N.S.

—A correspondent from Hartland, N. B., states that the village requires a saw mill and a wood-working establishment.

—Mr. Angus McKay is building a large saw mill at Dorset on Lake of Rays, and expects to have it running in a short time.

—The Muskoka Mill and Lumber Company are reported to have secured 360 square miles of fine lumber district in New Brunswick.

—The saw mill at Stewarttown, Ont., had a narrow escape from destruction by fire recently, but was saved by the prompt action of the employees.

—Major Bellasis' planing mill at Lakesfield, Ont., has been purchased by Lillierap & Moore. The new firm will no doubt secure a satisfactory business.

—The saw mill operated by Peter King at Buctouche, N.B., resumed operations recently, and the outlook for that section is reported as being somewhat bright.

—It is stated that Mr. J. R. Booth will not re-build his large saw mill recently destroyed by fire, but will replace it with a mill of much less capacity.

—Two large Canadian steamers recently carried 700,000 feet of white pine from Ontonogan, Mich., to Quebec, for George McBurney, from whence it goes to England.

—As a result of the probable abolition of the duty on raw and dressed lumber, local lumber dealers in Winnipeg are reported to have reduced the price of lumber \$2 per thousand.

—Young Bros' mill at Halfway River, near Amherst, N.S., will cut about five million feet this season. This will be the largest cut yet made by their mill in one season.

—R. Richardson & Son, Bedford, N.S., whose saw mills were destroyed by fire recently, are re-building, and have placed orders for a quantity of modern machinery.

—Sawdust shoals in the Ottawa river are becoming dangerous to navigation. New shoals are presenting themselves every summer, caused by the water in the river going down very quickly.

—James S. Hickman, the lumber king of Amherst, N.S., is making large shipments of lumber to the old country. For one week recently the shipments amounted to the value of \$32,000.

—The saw mill of John Geary in London township was entered by thieves a few days ago. Their booty consisted of a large driving belt, a steam gauge, and a pair of blankets, valued at \$40.

—The Burrard Inlet Red Cedar Company, of Port Moody, B. C., have secured a contract to supply 120,000 feet of lumber to the purchasers of the steamer Delaware, who are building extensive dredging machinery.

—The steam saw mill of C. F. and F. R. Eaton, at Eatonville, N. S., is said to be one of the best gang mills in the country. Recently, in one day, the cut averaged 65,000 feet of lumber. The mill is now sawing on the fourth million feet for this season.

—McLaren's saw mill at Colden, Ont., is to be run by electricity, generated over a mile distant at a water power made by damming up a small stream. The dam is made of solid masonry 25 feet high and very thick.

—By the destruction of Hamilton & Co.'s lumber mills at St. John, N. B., last month, noted in our July issue, about \$50,000 worth of lumber and machinery were ruined and 60 hands thrown out of employment. The mill will be rebuilt.

—The Flewelling Manufacturing Company have recently put in their mill at Hampton, N. B., a new "Allis" band mill. A test of the mill was made recently which proved very satisfactory, the toughest spruce being cut as smoothly as the clear pine.

W. D. Elliot, C. W. Robertson, A. M. Jackson, and G. E. Denison, managers for the lumbering firm of Thompson, Smith and Sons, Chelveygan, have left for the large limit recently purchased from Jas. Walsh & Co., and will build and equip two camps for this winter's operations.

—The Department of Crown Lands will hold an examination of candidates for licenses as cutters of saw-logs at Calender in Muskoka, on Tuesday, August 14. The examiners will be Messrs. E. Garrow, of Wellwood, John Kennedy, of Pembroke, and Thomas B. Tait, of Burke's Falls.

—At Vivian Burrell's saw mill at Mitchell Station, near Carmel, Que., recently, the cut by one circular saw for 10½ hours was 48,079 feet, all one inch boards, the cut for 15½ hours being 70,446 feet. This is claimed to be the largest day's sawing done in that section of the country by one circular saw.

—The British Columbia Commercial Journal gives the following quotations for Douglas fir lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment:

Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet,	per M foot	\$ 7.00
Deck plank, rough, average length 15 feet, per M		12.00
Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M		15.00
Planks, rough, per M		8.00
Laths, 4 feet 6 inches, per M		1.00

—An Ottawa paper states that considerable square timber from the upper Ottawa, is being brought down from Arnprior and Pembroke by the Canadian Pacific railway this year to escape the expense which is involved in running the government slides at "Passage" in other parts of the river. The timber is as a rule taken direct to Quebec, where it is ready for shipment to the English market.

—The engine in use in Hamilton's steam saw mill, at St. John, N.B., recently destroyed by fire, is said to be one of the first, if not the first engine, brought to St. John. The mill was put into operation July 29, 1782, being the first steam saw mill started here, and the engine was built by the firm of Boulton & Watt, Birmingham, England, of which the famous engineer and inventor, James Watt, was the founder about the year 1775.

—It has been generally conceded that the lumber mills of Marysville, New Brunswick, the home of Canada's timber "king," surpass in cutting any other mills on this continent for the same kind of lumber. One gang has shown its ability to cut over one thousand feet in six minutes, the exact amount in one hour being 10,100 feet board measure. A day's work has been done of 144,000 feet for ten hours, one gang, and on Friday last the smallest gang of the five cut 680 logs in the ten hours, or more than one log a minute. Putting these logs at twelve to the thousand, this means something over fifty-six thousand feet for the day. — St. John Record.

—We learn from the Fredericton, N. B., Glaner that Mr. Flisha Gilpatrick and other American gentlemen contemplate erecting a large saw mill somewhere along the line of the Canada Eastern railway. In the mill it is proposed to make use of hemlock logs. These logs will be sawn into boards, the boards will then be planed and dried, and shipped by rail to the United States market. The drying process will occupy about six weeks, and after they have been dried for that length of time the weight will be much less, and the expense of shipping will decrease accordingly. The capacity of the mill will be about 4,000,000 feet per year. The undertaking is in charge of Mr. Alex. Gilson, the lumbering king of Nashua.

FIRES AND CASUALTIES.

FIRES.

The saw mill of E. R. Betts, at Wentworth, N. S., has been burned. Loss \$1,000; insurance \$200.

J. Stewart's saw mill on the 11th line, Enniskillen, Ont., destroyed by fire. Loss, \$1,500; no insurance.

McKinnon's saw mill, near Guelph, Ont., has been burned. Two engines and a chopper were also destroyed.

James Bower's sash and door factory at Orangeville, Ont., was consumed by fire on the 3rd July. The loss is estimated at \$8,000 and the insurance \$2,000.

The large sash and door factory at Weston, Ont., owned by Mr. Edwin Shuttleworth, with lumber and machinery, was totally destroyed by fire recently.

News has reached us of the destruction by fire, about the end of June, of Mr. Brook's saw mill at Golden Valley, Ont. 100,000 feet of lumber were burned. Small insurance.

Fire in the lumber piles of J. R. Booth & Co., on the Rideau Canal, near Ottawa, destroyed 70,300 feet of lumber valued at \$12,000. The loss is almost wholly covered by insurance.

On the afternoon of July 5th, a fire broke out in Robert Thomson's lumber yard in Stewart street west, Hamilton. The lumber piled in the yard was saved, but the mill was completely destroyed. The estimated loss is \$1,000.

Byram & Murphy's saw mill at Sandison Station, Ont., was consumed by fire a fortnight ago, with all the unfinished stock of lumber, etc. The loss on the stock, on which there was no insurance, was \$4,000. The mill building was valued at \$9,500 and was insured for \$2,875.

Fire broke out in the large stove mill in Romney township, owned by Sutherland, Innes & Co., of Chatham, on the 22d July. The mill, dry kiln, several tram cars, and a quantity of logs were destroyed. One hundred men will be thrown out of employment. The loss will probably reach \$20,000.

CASUALTIES.

A young man named John Smart had the fingers of his left hand badly torn and cut while running a machine in J. C. Scott's planing mill on River Street, Toronto.

John Kitchen, of Hepworth, Ont., while working at Davidson Hay's saw mill at Tache Bay, had his right foot lacerated by a saw. He was taken to the General Hospital in Toronto.

Richard Langlois, who is a married man 50 years of age, and was recently employed at Fletcher's planing mill on Yonge Street, Toronto, had the misfortune, a fortnight ago, to have his left arm so severely crushed in a plane as to necessitate amputation. His right leg was also badly crushed.

A boiler in the saw mill of John Stevenson, at Cayuga Station, Ont., exploded on the 28th of June, killing the engineer, John Commer, and fatally injuring a Sawyer named Franks, whose skull was fractured. Two others were badly scalded. The mill is a total wreck.

One of the saddest occurrences which we have been called upon to chronicle, took place at Paris, Ont., on the 12th of July. James Crawford, a carpenter, working at a steam sawing machine, was placing a plank on the table which feeds the saw when he was caught by the belt and hurled across the saw, which severed his head from his body, at the same time cutting one of his legs and an arm off.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Hugh Monroe, crown timber agent, has returned to Port Arthur with his bride, having been married at Ke Portage.

Mr. Fred Moore, a popular lumberman of Woodstock, N.B., it is announced will be a candidate for the legislature in Carlton County.

Mr. Harvey Francis, lumberman, of Parkenham, Ont., was married recently in California, and accompanied by his bride is at present on a visit to Europe.

Mr. E. R. Eddy, the well-known lumberman of H.C., was married last month to Miss Shirriff, daughter of Mr. John Shirriff, High Sheriff of Northumberland County, N. B.

Mr. Eugene Rouillard, of the Quebec Crown Land Department, has recently been on a visit of inspection to the land agencies for the Chicoutimi and Saguenay districts.

A VALUABLE BOOK ON BAND SAWS.

THE Eastman Lumber Co., Eastman, Que., who recently obtained from THE LUMBERMAN a copy of the book entitled "Why Band Saws Break," write us their opinion of the book as follows: "We have found it a great help to us. Some of the reasons we have found out, but others we were at a loss to find out, and in these cases did not know how to prevent breaking of saws. We can recommend this book to anyone using a band saw, and every man who has charge of band saws should have a copy of it."

The advantages of electrical transmission of power are largely those of the relation of the position of the machinery with the motive power of the establishment. Each room is entirely independent from other rooms, and any motor is always ready for service as long as the machinery from which it derives its electricity is in operation.