

THE COUNTRY SAW MILL IN WINTER.

leigh hol for the country saw mill
With its noise and busy throng,
Where the steam rolls out and the saws sing out
In a concert all day long.

The skidway outside is packed up high,
And the teams are moving around,
The farmer will scurry and get in a flurry
If no room for his horse can be found.

He dumps all his logs on the railway,
Chalks his name on the ends, "what a scrawl!"
Each letter indite and queer figures write
The sawyer can't read them at all.

Some are scantling, some are plank,
And some battens, some are old farmer Lynch,
A dozen good braces he carefully traces,
And marks all the balance for inch.

The boys in the mill are busy as bees,
Rough and ready, a good hearted crew,
They work round the saws with a "cud" in their jaws
And "stay with it" all the day through.

Jack holds his hand on the lever so firm,
His eye on the cut keenly gazes,
For he knows there's no fun when the saw gins to run
And everything then goes to "blazes."

Old tail sawyer Jimmie with rubbers and socks
Hops round like a hen on a griddle,
He can dance you a jig, take a slab off so big
That the log is high cut through the middle.

And Gillespie cuts up all the slabs into wood,
And fires it clean out of the mill;
He can edge to a dot, cut out all the rot
From an inch board up to a sill.

And Tom is the fireman so trusty and strong,
His face how it proudly does beam;
For his engine may puff, she's thro' it like snuff,
With sixty-five pounds of dry steam.

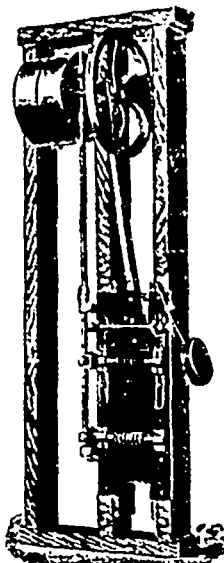
Oh give me the days in the old saw mill,
With its noise and busy throng,
Where the steam rolls about and the saw sings out
So cheerily all day long.

--THOS. GINSON, Wroxeter, Ont.

It is understood that Mr. W. R. Beatty, M.P. P., of Parry Sound, Ont., has been appointed manager of the large timber interests in Nova Scotia recently purchased by the Beardmore Company, of Toronto, and that he will take up his residence in the eastern province. Mr. Beatty has had a wide experience in the lumbering business.

There passed away at Pembroke, Ont., recently, Mr. Alex. McDougal, one of the pioneer lumbermen of the Ottawa valley. When a young man he took rafts of square timber to Quebec, operating on the Madawaska and Bonaventure rivers, and afterwards becoming agent for the late John Egan at Quyon, Que. He was 87 years of age, and for some time had lived retired.

As we go to press it is learned that Mr. A. F.



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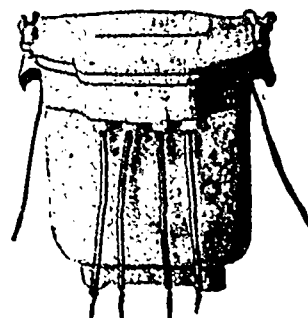
E. Phillips, representative in Winnipeg of the Brunette Saw Mill Company, of New Westminster, B.C., is seriously ill with appendicitis.

Mr. G. H. Moulthrop, of the Moulthrop Lumber Company, which bought the saw mill on John's Island, Georgian Bay, has removed from Bay City to John's Island, where he will remain for the summer.

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