

# The Work of a St. John Man in the West.

## Captain H. R. Robertson Proposes New Method of Transporting Lumber on the Pacific Coast.

(American Lumberman.)

Next to success nothing succeeds like persevering sticking to an idea until the desired result shall have been attained or it has gone down into defeat beyond hope of redemption. Capt. H. R. Robertson, formerly of St. John, N. B., the man who perfected the sea-going raft and demonstrated its practicability, met with sufficient disappointments early in his career to discourage the ordinary man. Convinced of the feasibility of his plan, however, he refused to give up and repeated attempts in the east, where the first attempts had been made, were not sufficient to dissuade him from carrying out the idea which has been perfected and is being demonstrated on the Pacific coast.

For a number of years rafts containing 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 feet of piling have been made up on the Columbia river from the north. The chief advantage of a lumbering operation conducted on this basis would be the reduction of the freight charge to a nominal sum and the ability of the operating company to dispose of its refuse at a profit. It is evident that if the proposition shall be carried out a big saving in timber will result. The St. and pine mills of Washington and Oregon now figure on a net loss in logs reaching the mill of 20 to 30 per cent, that proportion of the log being unsalable on account of the low grade lumber that would be made were it cut up. In southern California, however, it would be possible for the operators to dispose of practically all of the logs that reach their mills.

The success of a scheme of this character, which has been announced from San Francisco but which announcement has not been satisfactorily confirmed, would mean the revolution of the lumber trade of the southern portion of the state, at the present time conceded to be one of the most rapidly growing and consequently one of the heaviest consuming districts in the country.

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is to erect mills of sufficient capacity to produce probably 30,000,000 feet annually, which will call for the making up of about four rafts containing 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 feet of logs each.

It is natural to suppose, however, that if the mills of the company in California shall be found to be profitable it will not be a great while until a plant will be put in at San Francisco and operated in the same way. Just how much money will be saved in the item of transportation is not known, but it is claimed that logs can be rafted to southern California and supplied to the mills at a price not greatly in excess of that paid by Columbia River and Puget Sound lumbermen.

A possible drawback to the scheme is the interference by the national government with the movement of the sea-going rafts, but inasmuch as in the past they have been pronounced safe and the government has not tabooed the movement of rafts of piling it is thought it will change its attitude where the movement of logs by the means is concerned.

The proposition on the part of Captain Robertson is not a new one but a matter in which he has been endeavoring to secure support for a number of years. Those who have approached with the idea, however, have other interests which they did not think would justify them in taking up the proposal.

It is claimed now that he has secured the co-operation of R. D. Pike, the well known lumberman of Ashland, Wis. During the last month or so Mr. Pike has been on the coast and is said to have been investigating the feasibility of the plan, it being intimated that he has given his support to the project and that it is said plans have been so far perfected that the new company expects to spend about \$1,000,000 in securing mill sites and erecting plants in San Diego and San Francisco. If the enterprise should be carried through it undoubtedly will be the most gigantic undertaking of its kind, and if it shall meet with the success which its promoter claims will follow, the end of the lumber trade of the large sum to the earnings of the division.

Readers of the American Lumberman will remember the proposition advanced by Captain Robertson in the claim that it would be possible to tow rafts of logs to Panama, cut them into lumber and supply the requirements of the canal builders as they might arise. Because of the colossal expense of either the south or Pacific northwest to cut the lumber according to specifications after orders had been placed with them. While it is claimed that this project is entirely feasible the idea was not brought to the attention of the authorities in a manner that would induce them to take it up.

## HARRY TURNER WINS.

### Verdict Given in His Favor in the Action Brought by Greek Immigrant for Alleged Arrest.

In a special session of the circuit court yesterday with his honor Judge Tuck presiding, the decision was given in Anastasios Papatzoglou vs. Harry M. Turner. This was an action brought by the plaintiff, a Greek, against Turner at one time the American immigration agent in this city, for trespass and false arrest.

The plaintiff alleges that he was persuaded by George Serafik, an employee of the United States government to enter that country by boat to Eastport and that there he was arrested by Mr. Turner and taken from there to Portland, Me., where he was detained for some months. Later he was taken to New York and left on the Grand Central railway to New York City. He further alleges that Mr. Turner acted with Serafik in the matter, both at Eastport and St. John, and that Turner informed him while on the way to New York that he was to be sent to Canada, but instead he was shipped to Italy. In Naples the plaintiff offered a passage back to Canada, through the agency of the Greek consul there and during the summer of 1904 returned to St. John, having been imprisoned nearly a year.

The court held that Turner was not liable for the gross coercion of Serafik and further that the arrest which Mr. Turner made at Eastport was not illegal, but was justified under the laws of the State of Maine.

The verdict was entered for the defendant, the plaintiff being given leave to appeal to the full bench; but in order to avoid a new trial, in this case, he assessed the damages at \$1,500, with power to the court to increase or diminish this as they thought proper.

Attorney General Pugsley and W. Watson Allen for the plaintiff and Attorney General Dyer, with Curry & Vincent for the defendants.

Judgment was also given in the case of Fleming vs. John Fleming and James Douglas of London, England, against William H. McLeod of Richibucto, to recover on four promissory notes, each amounting to £1,625 sterling, and payable in London in 1898, 1894, 1895 and 1896 respectively. These notes were made by George K. McLeod of New York in favor of the defendant, who endorsed them over to the plaintiffs, in consideration of an advance of \$1,500 sterling and a payment of some £1,500 sterling due from the late George K. McLeod of St. John. W. H. McLeod was only an accommodation endorser and the transaction was arranged by Geo. K. McLeod, jr., the defendants alleged payment, also that time was given to Geo. K. McLeod in 1900, after the notes had matured, without notice being given to the endorser. W. H. McLeod, and that a release of dishonor was not given. The court ordered a verdict to be entered for the defendant, holding as to all the notes that time was given to the endorser. One in which the defendant was ordered to pay to three of the notes that notices of dishonor were not given. C. J. Coster for the plaintiff, Messrs. Stockton, Price and W. D. Carter of Richibucto for the defendant.

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## QUARTERMAN

### Frederickton Police Unable to Secure The Colored Girl Who Was Assaulted.

FREDERICKTON, N. B., May 26.—St. Anne's Catholic church will be dedicated on June 6th, Bishop Casey conducting the services. There is a likelihood of a reception being planned here for the gross coercion of Serafik on June 5th. Just what form the reception will take is not known.

In the police court this morning Col. Marsh had before him Ernest Marsh, a prisoner, who was arrested several weeks ago on complaint of Edna Lawrence, a fifteen-year-old colored girl, charging him with felonious assault. Since the time of his first appearance in court H. P. McLeod, who has appeared for the prisoner, has asked to have the prisoner admitted to bail, but just as often Col. Marsh used his power to send him back to jail for eight days, while the police attempted to locate the Lawrence girl, who is now wanted as a witness. The case after her disappearance became known officially as King vs. Ernest Marsh announced that as the authorities had as yet been unable to locate the Lawrence girl that he was prepared to grant the wish of counsel, and the prisoner gave his future appearance on Friday, June 2nd. Bail was fixed at \$500, \$400 to be offered by the prisoner, and \$200 each by two persons satisfactory to the court. Owing to the small amount of money, Col. Marsh would accept his father in his stead for \$400. Mr. McLeod submitted himself and George Beatty as the two other bondsmen, and they were accepted for the prisoner's release. The case would be dismissed, as it is understood the girl is in the United States and will not return.

The marriage of Miss Letitia B. McGowan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McGowan, this city, to C. Heber Jameson, of East Florenceville, Carleton Co., will take place at the bride's home on Wednesday afternoon, June 7th. Mr. Jameson is one of the road representatives of W. S. Leslie & Co., Chatham.

## CLOSING THE BEER SHOPS IN MONCTON.

League Baseball Starts Today—Branch of Society of the Assumption to be Organized.

MONCTON, May 26.—The Sons of England, Lodge Shattewater, will attend service in a body in St. George's church of England on Sunday. The pastor, Rev. B. Bertram Hooper, will preside over the service.

A branch of the Society of the Assumption is to be organized in Moncton on Sunday. This is an Acadian society and Dr. Landry, the organizer for the maritime provinces, will be present and make known the object and benefits.

The opening game of the local senior baseball league is scheduled for tomorrow. The home umpire system will be tried, the umpires being Frank (Dutchy) Crandall, an old ball player, and J. H. Corcoran. The clubs in this league are the Franklins, the Young Men's Catholic Club, the Trojans and the Thistles. The players are confined to fifteen for each team. Those names have been sent to the executive and approved.

With dancing at the Corner, or "hog" beer will soon be a thing of the past if the authorities keep up the vigilance exercised of late. Several of the beer shops have closed and most of them if they are doing any business at all in that line are doing it very quietly. The wide open small shop beer bar is at all events a thing of the past.

Moncton's mounted policemen have been ordered to increase in clearing the back streets of loaves.

## DIAMONDS FOR DRAWING FINE WIRE.

(Electrical Review.)

Diamonds are used quite extensively as dies for drawing wire of the smallest size; for instance, the sizes less than, say, .025 inch diameter.

The hardest steel dies are not suitable for drawing wire of the smallest size; the diameter of the wire is not uniform within the required percentage of variation at the beginning and end of a drawing. Sapphire is used sometimes for this work. Copper, silver and platinum are the metals usually drawn to the very small sizes.

With diamond dies it is practicable to draw platinum to a diameter of five ten-thousandths of an inch. An idea of the fineness of a copper wire drawn to only three one-hundredths of an inch in diameter may be gathered from the fact that in one pound of the metal there are over six miles of such wire.

The weight of the diamond used for this work is from four to five carats, and they are uncut except to the die. The value of these dies, which, of course, are not of the first water, varies from \$15 to \$20 a carat, and several hundred dollars worth of diamonds are utilized as dies in the various wire factories of this country alone.

Skillful, however, as must be the artisans who sink these small dies, and attenuated as the wires drawn through them may be, yet neither will stand comparison with the output of the spinner of the common spider, which spins a single thread of silk so fine that 18,000 threads are required to equal in thickness an ordinary single strand of sewing silk.

## WORLD BREAK HIM.

(Memphis Commercial-Appal.)

Mr. Carnegie might establish a pension fund for day-labored, just to show that there is no ill-feeling.

## FOUND IN A BOTTLE.

### Another Fake Tale of the Missing Dauphin of France.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 26.—A bottle having every appearance of having been in the sea a long time, was picked up at Ocean Park today and was found to contain a note purporting to be from Wilbur A. Harris, a native of Pontiac, Mich., stating that on May 8, 1906, the whaler El Toro, out of Topsham, Mexico, was wrecked off of a small island south by southwest of Tahiti. Harris further states that among the crew who were drowned was Louis Aultermeiro, who had in his possession a French manuscript complete history of the lost Dauphin of France, written by a man in whose charge Robespierre left him, and fraud on the part of those who had been located under this scrip, and if not, whether the government would put a stop to the business immediately.

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This is largely due to the fact that it was beautifully illustrated with water colors and black and white sketches. There were artists in that crowd, and some of their best work was done for the newspaper.

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## PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, May 26.—In the house this afternoon Mr. Foster spoke again of the Indian scrip grant, and said that it seemed now that the injustice perpetrated upon the half-breeds was even greater than he had thought at first. He wanted the fullest possible return of papers on the subject. There were indications of misrepresentation and fraud on the part of those who were securing scrip from the Indians, and therefore the papers should be presented quickly. He wanted particularly to know whether any lands had been located under this scrip, and if not, whether the government would put a stop to the business immediately.

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## PROVINCIAL NEWS.

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## MONCTON, N. B., May 27.—Henry Smith, a prisoner who was being taken to Dorchester on the Springfield local, last evening, by Constable Wm. Shediac, in a desperate attempt to escape prison fare. While the train was running thirty miles an hour he was seen by a constable on the car who had been in custody of the officer and jumped from the train. Since then no trace of him has been found, and it is not known to what extent he suffered for his rash attempt.

## HARCOURT, May 27.—Preparations are being made by the Millerton Tannery Co., for several weeks to be visited by his sister, Mrs. Woodville Barker. On her way she will attend the Mount Allison closing exercises at Sackville.

## MISS MABEL WATHEN, teacher at Lake Stream, Kent Co., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Wathen, J. P.

## Rev. R. Hensley Stavert, who recently called on the Presbyterian churches of Harcourt, Millbrook and Trout Brook recently, has accepted, and will settle here about June 1st.

## Rev. George L. Freeman, rector here, has accepted the rectorship of Waterford, Kings Co., where he will take up his duties on July 1st. No successor is spoken of here yet.

## The Imperial Coal Company at Beersville are mining coal regularly now, having over twenty men employed.

## The Canadian Coal Company, that up to about a year ago operated near Beersville, will hold a meeting next month, to decide whether or not to reopen their mines.

## BARON ROTHSCHILD DIED

### Head of French Branch of Famous Bankers.

### He Was a Noted Philanthropist and Recently Gave \$2,000,000 to Establish a Workmen's Home.

banking house said: "Baron Alphonse de Rothschild was the leading spirit of the Rothschilds in their relations with practically all the governments of Europe. Because of the colossal expense of financing the indemnity which France paid to Germany, after the Franco-German war of 1870-71, he actively carried on relations with other governments in Italy, these included both the government and the Vatican finances. The house has also large interests in Spain, largely controls Austria's railroad development and held considerable parts of all the Russian loan issues, but the house has not exercised a controlling interest in the new Russian loans. The large industrial interests of the house in Russia include the petroleum fields of Baku. The house has also considerable dealings with American securities.

Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, who died today was the second son of Baron James de Rothschild, having succeeded his brother, the late Baron Edmond de Rothschild as head of the Paris house. Baron Alphonse was born on February 1, 1827. He was a governor of the Bank of France, a member of the Academy of Fine Arts, a member of the French Institute and a commander of the Legion of Honor. The deceased baron leaves two children, Baron Edouard and Baroness Beatrice. He has two surviving brothers, Baron Gustav and Baron Edmond. Baron Gustav has a son Robert, and two daughters, one of whom married Baron Lambert de Rothschild, of Brussels, who has long represented the Rothschilds at that capital and who succeeds Baron Alphonse as head of the Paris banking house.

PARIS, May 26.—Baron Alphonse de Rothschild, head of the French branch of the banking house bearing the name of Rothschild and governor of the Bank of France, died this morning at 4.30 from acute bronchitis, aggravated by gout. The eminent financier had been sinking slowly for many days, but there was no apprehension that his death was imminent. He first took to his bed two weeks ago.

The announcement of the baron's death caused widespread regret for besides his position in the financial world, Baron Alphonse was known for his lavish charities, one of the latest being the gift of \$2,000,000 for the erection of workmen's homes. The news of the baron's death caused a deep impression among financiers generally. It was said that his death would probably momentarily influence the extensive interests in which the house is concerned, but that it would not have a lasting effect on the markets.

The deceased will be succeeded as head of the Paris banking house by Baron Lambert de Rothschild, of Brussels, whose business capacity has earned for him a world-wide reputation.

The burial of Baron Alphonse will be simple, according to the strict rule of the Rothschild family, including a plain coffin without incensing tributes. The funeral, the date of which has not yet been fixed, will be the occasion of a notable tribute of respect.

A member of a French-American

## WHAT NEXT?

MONTREAL, May 15.—It is announced that the late Baron Edmond de Rothschild, who has long represented the Rothschilds at that capital and who succeeds Baron Alphonse as head of the Paris banking house.

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