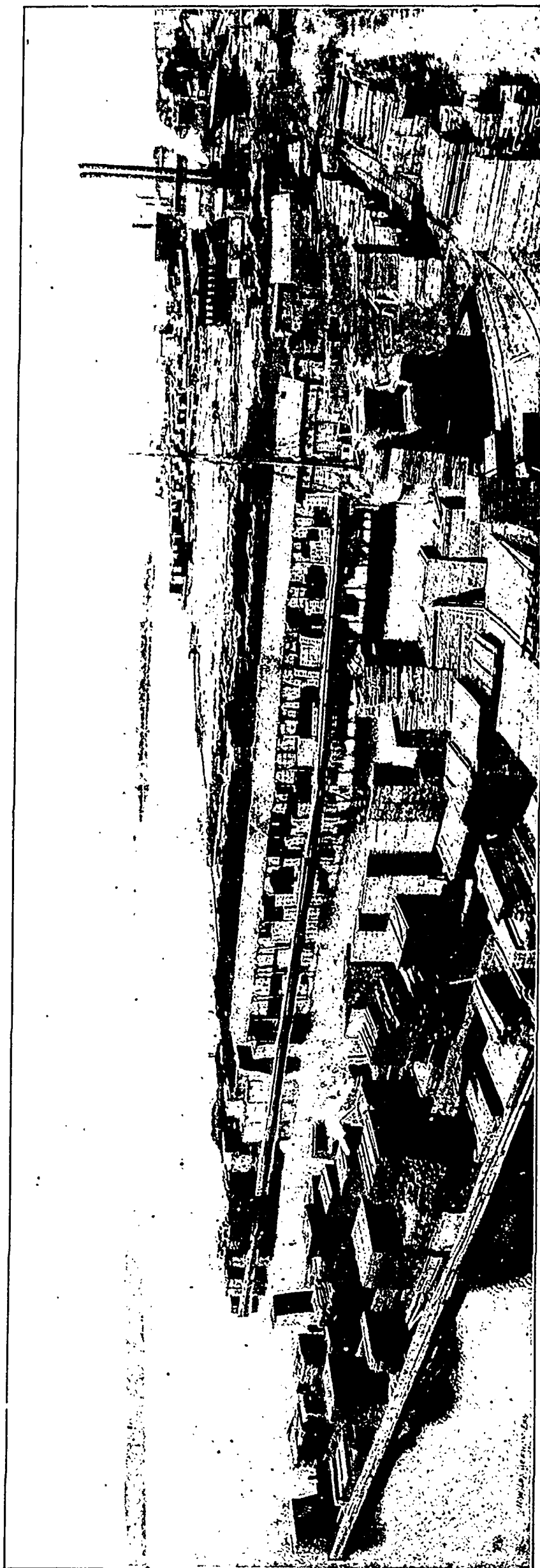




VIEW OF CEDAR MILL AND DOCKS, AT DESERONTO, ONT., SHOWING SHINGLE DOCKS WHERE THE RECENT FIRE ORIGINATED.

THE RATHBUN COMPANY'S CEDAR MILL.

THE accompanying illustration shows the cedar mill and docks of the Rathbun Company, Deseronto, with shingle dock where the recent fire originated which destroyed a large portion of the town. Fortunately, the mill escaped destruction, but the loss to the stock is placed at \$50,000. The total loss to the Rathbun Company is in the neighborhood of \$200,000, more than half of which is covered by insurance.

The cedar mill was started in 1872 to meet the demand from the United States for cedar timber cut to suitable sizes, and to furnish the necessary material for the company's car and ship work. It is a two-storey structure, built of frame, the outside walls lined with brick, with stone partition walls. The size is 60x180 feet, with an addition 50x85 ft., fitted with automatic sprinklers and steam force pumps. It is operated the year round, and is fully equipped with the best machinery for the economical manufacture of material. Its power equipment is a twin engine, 10x36 inch cylinders, making 125 revolutions a minute, and backed by five boilers of 375 horse power.

The mill cuts lumber, railway ties, fence posts, lath, shingles, box shooks, headings, pickets, stave bolts, paving blocks, and other products of wood.

SALE OF QUEBEC TIMBER LIMITS.

On the 28th of May there were offered for sale by the Department of Crown Lands at Quebec some 278 square miles of timber limits. There was a large attendance of buyers present, and competition was very brisk, particularly for the Upper Ottawa limits. The results were entirely satisfactory, the sale proving to be one of the most successful ever conducted by the Department. In every case the upset price was realized, and sometimes trebled. Mr. P. Blouin acted as auctioneer, Hon. Mr. Nantel and Mr. Tache being also present. Below are the details of the sale, with classes of timber which predominate:

UPPER OTTAWA AGENCY.

The value of these limits consists in the quantity of white pine existing thereon, although other species are to be found, such as red pine, spruce, and hardwoods.

Islands in Lake Kaniwanaka, Ottawa river. Area, $2\frac{1}{2}$ square miles. Upset price per mile, \$500. Price obtained, \$500. Total amount, \$1,259.53. Purchasers, Poupore & Frater.

Block A, 5th range, North, half No. 1. Area, 25 square miles. Upset price per mile, \$350. Price obtained, \$950. Total amount, \$23,829.37. Purchaser, Eugene Malo.

Block A, 5th range, South, half No. 1. Area, 25 square miles. Upset price per mile, \$350. Price obtained, \$510. Total amount, \$12,829.37. Purchasers, E. D. & C. A. Moore.

Block A, 5th range, South, half No. 2. Area, 25 square miles. Upset price per mile, \$350. Price obtained, \$380. Total amount, \$9,579.37. Purchasers, E. D. & C. A. Moore.

Block A, 1st range, No. 8 A. Area, $1\frac{1}{2}$ square miles. Upset price per mile, \$400. Price obtained, \$850. Total amount, \$1,281.35. Purchaser, Eugene Malo.

LOWER OTTAWA AGENCY.

Formerly this was a white pine country, but 40-day value consists in the spruce, although there is a fair amount of pine to be picked up.

Red River, South A. Area, 22 square miles. Upset price per mile, \$100. Price obtained, \$191. Total amount, \$4,248.32. Purchaser, E. D. Moore.

Red River, South F. Area, $49\frac{3}{4}$ square miles. Upset price per mile, \$50. Price obtained, \$100. Total amount, \$5,130.25. Purchaser, E. D. Moore.

No. 34 A. Back River. Area, $8\frac{1}{10}$ square miles. Upset price per mile, \$100. Price obtained, \$100. Total amount, \$837.27. Purchaser, Joliette Lumber Co.

SAGUENAY AGENCY.

This is principally a spruce timber limit, with a few scattering pine.

Laval No. 2. Area, $1\frac{1}{10}$ square miles. Upset price, \$14. Price obtained, \$15. Total amount, \$22.71. Purchaser, Chas. Belanger.

RIMOUSKI WEST AGENCY.

Value consists in spruce and cedar, with a few scattering pine here and there.

River Neigette. Area, $10\frac{9}{10}$ square miles. Upset price per