

ber east or west with the greatest dispatch. Also adjoining the mills are the docks of the Port Arthur, Duluth and Western and Ontario and Rainy River railways and the Dominion Coal Co.

The firm make it a point to keep ahead with the most improved machinery in all branches of the business, its motto being "up to date." They are also large dealers in sashes and doors.

D. E. SPRAGUE.

Mr. D. E. Sprague went to Winnipeg with W. J. Macauley in 1872 from Waubaushene, Ontario, where he had been for some time connected with the Georgian Bay Lumber Co. In



MR. D. E. SPRAGUE.

1882 he established his present lumber business on Higgins ave., Point Douglas, and since that time it has been steadily growing until it has assumed its present proportions.

The mill consists of a single circular saw, edger, trimmers, slab-table, lath and shingle mills, and all other accessories of a first class plant. It has a capacity of 50,000 feet in ten hours, and the cut for the present season, running night and day, will be about 11,000,000

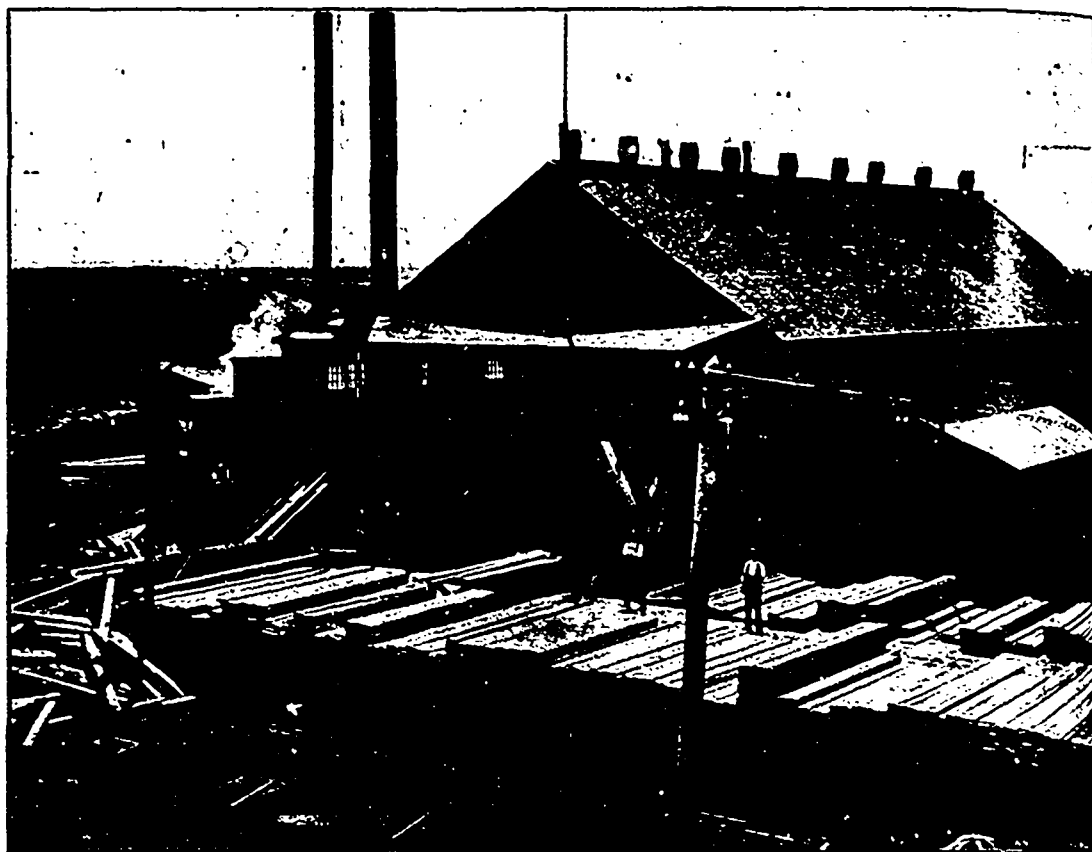
feet. Over 100 men are employed the year round in manufacturing the lumber and cutting logs on the timber limits.

A well equipped planing mill, containing two matchers, two surfacers, one moulding machine, three self-feed rip saws, two swing cut of saws, one resaw, and one large circular re-saw, together with the necessary blowers,

seasoned material for finishing purposes, which otherwise it would be almost impossible to do.

The most perfect system prevails in every department, and visitors will find much to admire in the bright and spacious office, the well kept stable and the 40 odd horses, in whose fine appearance Mr. Sprague takes a personal pride.

A good understanding of the magnitude of the



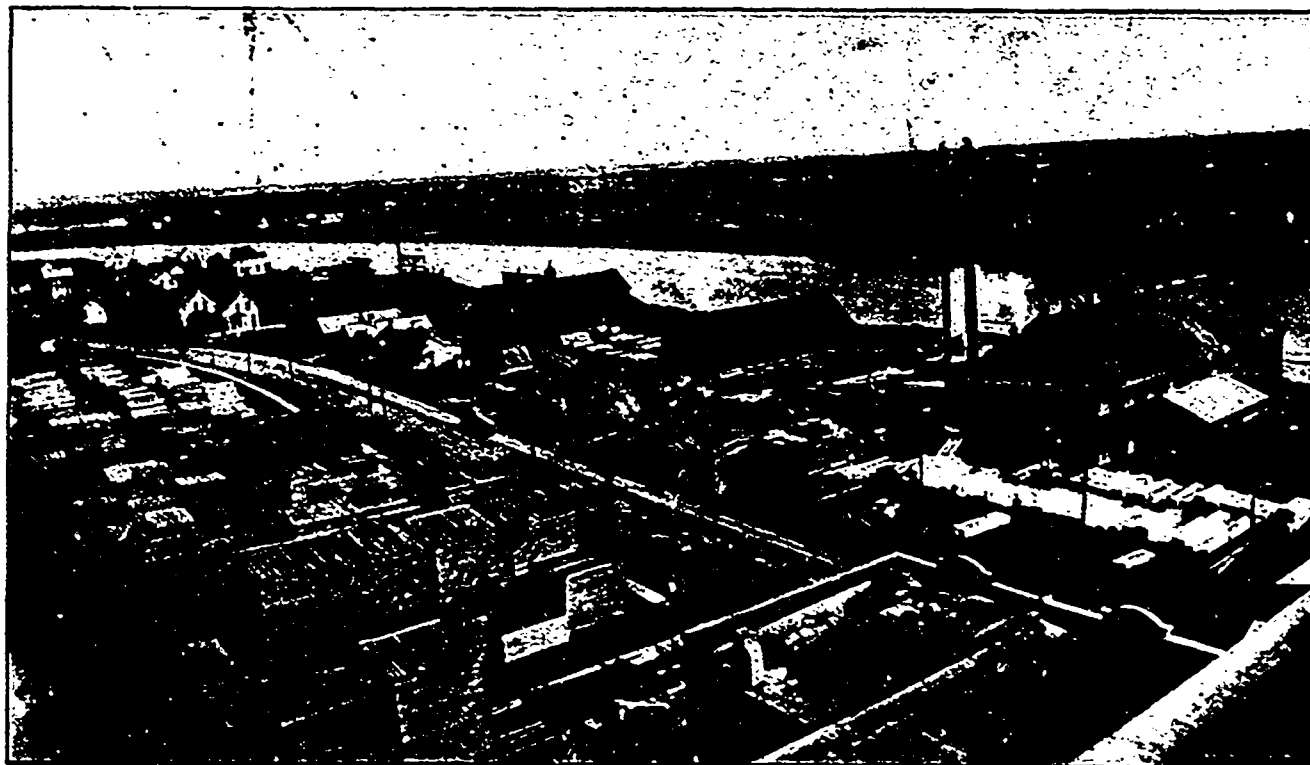
D. E. SPRAGUE—SAW MILL AT WINNIPEG.

shaving vault, etc., is operated in connection with the saw mill. Mr. Sprague has also recently added to his establishment one of the latest and most approved dry kilns, with a capacity of 48,000 feet. This is the only up-to-date dry kiln between Port Arthur and the coast, and has proved a great advantage to the city, enabling builders to procure thoroughly

establishment may be obtained from the accompanying illustrations.

HUGHES & LONG.

The above firm are also located at Brandon, Man. About three years ago they purchased the saw mill and plant of J. H. Hughes & Co., and claim to be about the only firm in the west that handles lumber from the stump to the customer, every branch of their manufacturing being within themselves. They own considerable standing pine on the Big Fork river in Minnesota, which they run down the river to their mill on Rainy river, where their logs are sorted from those of other companies. They have their own steam tug and barges, and ship their lumber to Rat Portage, where it is loaded on cars and distributed to their many customers throughout Manitoba and the Territories. They have yards at Brandon, Man., and Beaver Mills, Ont., and through the yard at the former place handle large quantities of American lumber. Mr. Long is a man of considerable experience and



D. E. SPRAGUE—GENERAL VIEW OF MILLS AND YARDS.