

LUMBERING INDUSTRY.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF PROVINCIAL WEALTH.

In the report of the Minister of Land and Works recently issued, there are some interesting statistics as to the lumber industry. There are 25 sawmills in the Province, with a daily capacity in the aggregate of 170,000, or about 275,000-000 per annum. The acreage of timber leases held from the Provincial Government amounts to 135,063 acres, and on crown lands, 10,939,400; timber leasehold, 9,429,565; private property, 3,342,352; total, 31,878,384; royalty collected, \$12,575.59; rebate on timber exported, \$3,051.48.

The mills with situations, etc., are: Moodyville Saw Mill Co., Burrard Inlet, six locations, in New Westminster district, 33,577 acres in all; Hastings Saw Mill Co., Vancouver, with 8,316 acres on coast, 5,391 New Westminster district, 3,961 coast and Sayward districts; Royal City Planing Mills Co., New Westminster and Vancouver, with locations in Sayward, on the coast and New Westminster districts amounting to 20,458 acres in all; Leamy and Kyle, Vancouver, 6,239 acres in coast and Sayward districts; W. P. Sayward, Victoria, 1,380 acres in coast district; Wm. Sutton, Cowichan, 7,069 acres in Cowichan district; J. Martin & Son, 787 acres, Harrison Lake; Harlam & Lees, Nanaimo, 18,462 acres in Sayward district; Croft & Angus, Chemainus, 1,413 acres in New Westminster district; Ross & McLaren, 23,600 acres in Westminster; Knight Bros mill of 25,000 daily capacity, Shuswap Milling Co., Yale district, 3,200 capacity; Muir Bros., Sooke, 12,000; Brunette Sawmill Co., New Westminster, 30,000; Fader Bros., Vancouver, 75,000; Port Moody Sawmill Co., 15,000; W. A. Johnston, Cariboo district, Queenelle, 20,000; J. B. Nason, Cariboo district, Barker-ville, 6,000; Indians, Alert Bay, 5,000, Cunningham & Co., Port Essington, 8,000; G. Williscroft, Georgetown, 12,000; N. Hanson, Kootenay district; Indians, Naas, 3,000; Vancouver Lumber Co., Vancouver, 8,000.

The annual report of T. S. Higginson, Crown Timber Agent, for the year ending October 31st, 1888, gives the following particulars about the lumbering interests of Westminster District: The Royal City Planing Mill Co., of New Westminster, with a capacity of 75,000 feet per 12 hours, showed an annual cut