

Upwards of 200,000 young forest trees have been sent from the Central Experimental farm at Ottawa this season to the Northwest Territories and Manitoba.

—A. H. VanEtten has sold his lumber yard at Winnipeg, to the Western Lumber Co., Ltd., of Rat Portage, Ont. Mr. VanEtten will remain in charge of the business as agent for the Western Lumber Company.

—August Pufal is the champion poplar peeler of Manitoba. He peeled 42 cords of poplar in seven days, in the bush of Hugh F. Coburn. Two dollars and fifty cents is being paid for poplar by Mr. J. H. Bromley, and he has already bought 4,000 cords, and it is not unlikely that he will run his purchases for the season up to 10,000 cords.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—Ward's shingle mill, on the North Arm, is very busy shipping to the interior.

—The barque *Ordovic* is loading lumber at the Hastings mill, Vancouver, for Callao, Peru.

—The Brunette mills at Sapperton are running overtime. They are shipping daily to the eastern markets.

—Murray Bros., local lumber dealers at Mission City, have just received a shipment of 200,000 feet of lumber.

—The Canadian Pacific Timber and Lumber Co., have concluded a contract for the getting out of two million feet of lumber near Sechelt.

—McLaren & Co.'s new circular saw mill at New Edinburgh, has commenced running. This firm carry heavy orders at present for supplying dimension timber.

—The residents of Moodyville are talking of starting a shingle mill, the stock to be owned by the residents of the Port. One hundred thousand feet a day is to be the output.

—The Shawngnan Lake Lumber Co. are going to increase the capacity of their mill and are putting in additional machinery, which will increase the cut to 40,000 feet per day. This is consequent upon the increasing demand the company have found for their fresh water lumber.

—Mr. John Patteson, of New Westminster, is credited with the "find" of a splendid stretch of the finest timber, some 45 miles from the Squamish. It extends for upwards of 100 miles and is composed of fir and cedar—some of the latter measuring 18 feet in diameter, six feet from the ground.

—The largest cargo of lumber yet exported from the mills on Burrard Inlet was that of the steamship Eton consisting of 1,765,714 feet. The steamship Remus cleared November 19 with 1,591,344 feet lumber and 6,143 bundles of laths; both of these vessels were loaded at the Moodyville saw mill.

—Johnston Bros. are rapidly surpassing the estimate of the quantity of lumber they expected to get from their camp at Port Moody. It has been said by those qualified to speak on the subject, who have visited the camp, that the quality of the cedar they are getting out is unsurpassed in British Columbia for making shingle bolts.

—It is reported that Mr. J. A. Carthew, the well-known capitalist, has purchased the Gamble saw mill and cannery site on the Skeena, midway between the Standard cannery and Port Essington, and will at once proceed to erect thereon a saw mill, the power being derived from two turbine wheels, of 150 horse power each. The location is conceded to be the finest for the purpose on the Skeena, and Mr. Carthew has already ordered enough in view to keep his mill running to its full capacity all through the season.

—The sale of the Moodyville Saw Mill Co.'s property to a foreign syndicate of wealthy capitalists has been finally completed, and a heavy deposit made as representing the bona fides of the parties who have made the purchase. The transfer takes place on the 1st of July when the new owners, in addition to assuming control of this very valuable property, will enlarge the cutting capacity of the mill to more than double the present output. The property will be cleared and laid out into city lots, sufficient, however, will be retained for the actual requirements of the company in connection with its manufacturing and shipping business. Other industries besides the saw mills are to be located there, of which fuller particulars will be made known hereafter. The consideration paid for the property is one million dollars. It embraces the mills and some 400 acres surrounding the village, about 6,000 acres of timber and prairie land on Mud Bay; several hundred acres of land across the Inlet from this city and leases covering timber limits which will supply the mills with logs for the next 50 years, if double its present capacity. The property has a foreshore frontage on the Inlet of about four miles, affording unrivalled shipping advantages. Amongst the names of the purchasers are those of Rothschilds and other well-known London capitalists, who are determined to make the estate a valuable one by establishing industries, building streets, operating electric tramways, ferries and railways in that locality.



FIRES

S. & R. Nixon's saw mill, Nietaux, N.S., has been burned out.

Fires have been raging on the limits of the Pembroke Lumbering Co.

James Calder's saw mill at Clayton, Ont., has been destroyed by fire.

The portable mill of Harvey Bros., of Udora, was destroyed by fire a week since.

Mr. James Playfair's mills at Sturgeon Bay, Ont., were destroyed by fire on the 12th ult.

Robinson & Co.'s planing mill at West Selkirk, Man., was slightly damaged by fire on the 8th ult.

Graham's shingle mill at North Chaffey, Muskoka, was burned down the first week in the month.

Higgins' mills at McGregor, Ont., were destroyed by fire a week since. The entire village was nearly wiped out.

Contractor Donald Grant says he lost 15,000 railroad ties by the recent fires along the Duluth and Winnipeg railroad in Minnesota.

Forest fires are reported to be raging on the south shore of the St. Lawrence east of Father Point, which are exceedingly bright at night.

Bush fires have been raging in northern New Brunswick, destroying much valuable timber and other property. Over 100 miles of country has been devastated.

The saw mill of Paul & Wiseman at Havelock, Ont., was destroyed by fire the first week in June. Loss \$2,000. Insurance \$1,000. They will rebuild immediately.

On morning of 24th ult., the heading and stave factory, Grey, Young & Sparling Co., Seaford, Ont., was seriously damaged by fire. Probable loss \$4,000. Insurance \$2,000.

On 4th ult. the mill belonging to Mr. Alex. Alves, on the shores of Parry Sound, was destroyed by fire, together with a quantity of hardwood lumber. Loss \$2,000. No insurance.

The mill of D. Brown, Forresters' Falls, Ont., was burned down on morning 2nd ult. Included in the conflagration was 75,000 shingles belonging to Mr. Jas. Davison, of Beachburg.

Jackson's pulp mill at St. Raymond, Que., was totally consumed by fire on night 4th ult. The mill cost \$49,000. Insurance about one-third. About 40 hands are thrown out of work.

Fire got into Whiteside's tent, at Huntsville, used by his men driving logs on the river, while the men were away at work and consumed the tent, blankets, grub and the whole business.

The saw mills of the Casselman Lumber Company, in the village of Casselman, on the line of the Canada Atlantic railway, were completely destroyed by fire on night 15th ult., together with a quantity of lumber the property of the company. Fully insured.

The warehouses and dock property of the Rathbun agency, Belleville, Ont., had a narrow escape from destruction by fire on 5th ult. A spark from the *Hero*, which had been lying in port over Sunday, lodged in a pile of cut wood and the heavy wind fanned it into a flame. The steamer hands were fortunately "on deck" and prevented what might have been a disastrous conflagration.

On 18th ult., a fire in the woods to the north-east of North Bay, Ont., fanned by a strong breeze, threatened disaster to the town, but by persistent efforts of the townspeople, who were very ably assisted by the Canadian Pacific railway employees, the hose was soon laid from the company's works and a stream poured into the fire, which with the pail brigade soon brought the fire under control without the loss of a single building.

—The depot of McLachlin Bros., Aylmer, Ont., near Kingston, Ont., was burned on 18th ult. The buildings took fire from bush fires raging in that section. As this is the principal depot on the Madawaska limits of that firm, the loss will be very great—said to amount to fully \$75,000. Nothing was saved except some barrels of flour and pork, rolled to the shore of the lake. The loss includes over 6,000 bushels of oats, 100 tons of hay, sleighs, harness, flour, pork and shanty material. Some of the settlers have also suffered. Miles of country are in flames, and the loss of valuable timber must be great. McLachlin Bros. have sent a large number of men to fight the fires on their limits. Men have also been sent up

by J. K. Booth to his limits on the Madawaska, where the fires are also raging. It is reported that Booth's depot at Egan Estate, on the Madawaska, has been burned with all its contents.

CASUALTIES

Murdoch Campbell, of Seaford, Ont., lost a finger in Brookfoot's planing mill on 26th ult.

A man named Remon, aged 63 years, was drowned at Perley & Pattee's boom, Ottawa, on 6th ult.

A tumor weighing six pounds was successfully removed from a horse belonging to the McLaren-Ross Lumber Co., New Westminster, B.C.

John Sabiston, one of the employees of McArthur's mills, Fairford, Ont. was caught in the milling machinery and almost instantly killed.

A young man named Marcus, lost an eye at Watson Bros.' mill in Ridgetown a few days since, from being struck by a piece of heading.

Mr. Harwood, whilst loading shingles at the lumber yard at Tavistock, Ont., was thrown from the waggon a distance of 25 feet, receiving severe injuries.

A man named Parke, an employee of the B.C. M. T. & T. Co.'s factory, New Westminster, B. C., caught his arm in a boring machine and had a hole drilled into it.

A barge of Messrs. Brown & Rutherford, of Selkirk, Man., ran aground a few days since and a large quantity of the lumber was blown off the deck by the high wind.

An employee of the B.C.M.T. & T. Co., New Westminster, had a hand badly mangled on the 11th ult., by the breaking of a belt connected with a feeder he was managing.

A man named Matthews, working for J. Whiteside, Huntsville, driving logs, had three of his ribs broken a week ago, by a rope breaking from its fastening and striking him.

A boiler explosion occurred on the premises of the Grand River Manufacturing Co.'s excelsior works a week ago, resulting in the death of Mr. Wm. Ariss, who was driving the engine.

A scow at Bradford, Ont., loaded with lumber and lath, collapsed and sank, a few days since, and it was quite a picnic for the boys to gather up the lumber and place it on a barge which came to the rescue.

At the Conger mill, Parry Sound, the first week of the month, Walter Moulton suffered a severe wound in the leg, through having a hook driven with considerable force into a point near the abdomen.

Mr. John Venson, in the employ of Mickle & Dymont, Bradford, met with a serious accident on Tuesday 2nd ult. by which his spine was injured and his body badly bruised. He was thrown from the log carriage while in motion.

Mr. D. Sutton, of Ft. Arthur, Ont., and who was engaged by Vigers Bros. in connection with the work of pile driving at Fort William, while in the discharge of his duties had his jaw bone broken by a spike flying through the air and striking him in the face.

Robert Scott, lumber inspector, residing at Bradford, Ont., the latter part of May, met with a serious accident at North Bay. He attempted to board a flat car on the tracks while a train was in motion, and, slipping, fell with his foot on the track. It was so severely crushed that the leg had to be amputated.

Two men named Paquette and Tremblay lost their lives on the Gatineau, near Ottawa, on the 11th ult. They were at work at Aylen's chute, which has three falls narrowing at the bottom, each one of which is worse than the Chaudiere. The men were swept over these boiling waters to death below.

Frederick Herman, an unmarried man, who has been engaged for some years past on Mr. J. R. Booth's log railway, between Lake Nipissing and the Mattawa, met with a very painful accident on 20th ult. In endeavoring to escape from a stick of cordwood that had fallen from the top of the engine tender, he slipped and was thrown heavily against a pile of ties at the side of the road, breaking his leg below the knee and sustaining other injuries.

PERSONAL

Mr. Isaac Cockburn, one of the lumber kings of Muskoka, has returned home from a trip to the Pacific coast.

Mr. Frank Nolan, head sawyer for J. B. Smith & Sons, of Franks Bay, is holidaying with his family at Angus, Ont.

Mr. W. R. Thompson, wholesale lumber merchant, Teeswater, favored THE LUMBERMAN with a call on 12th ult.

Mr. J. A. Spaulding, wholesale lumber dealer, Philadelphia, and Mr. E. B. Foss, Michigan, favored THE LUMBERMAN with a call during the past month.

Mr. W. E. Dodge of New York, president of the Georgian Bay Consolidated Lumber Co., with his family are putting in a vacation amid the Muskoka lakes.