

THE ST. CROIX LUMBER COMPANY.

Among the latest additions to the lumber industry of Nova Scotia is that of the St. Croix Lumber Company, of Hartville, N.S. The company was incorporated under the laws of Nova Scotia in December, 1903, operations being immediately commenced by the purchase of the mills and limits of T. G. McMullen at Hartville, N.S. The limits comprise 30,000 acres of first-class timber lands, heavily clothed with spruce, pine, hemlock and birch. The management consists of the well-known David McPherson, M.P.P., of Nova Scotia, president; J. C. McIntosh, vice-president; and J. M. Davidson, secretary-treasurer and manager, with office in Halifax, N.S.

The plant, which comprises a saw mill and lath mill, is equipped with the most modern machinery, including log haul-ups, trimmers, band saw, edger, planing machine, resaw, slab saws and lath machinery. Power for driving the machinery is obtained from a turbine water wheel of 150 horse power. Piling grounds afford room for the piling of from two to three

million feet of lumber, the company having at the time of writing 2,000,000 feet awaiting shipment via the D.A.R. to Halifax, thirty-seven miles away.

Most of the stock, which figures out at four and one-half million feet annually, is marketed in Great Britain, about twenty per cent. going to the United States and fifteen per cent. locally. The lumber is manufactured in the proportion of 65 per cent. spruce, 10 per cent. pine, 20 per cent. hemlock and the remaining 5 per cent. hardwoods, chiefly birch. The percentage going to Great Britain is sold at the mill to W. Malcolm McKay, of St. John, who ships via Halifax, where he has an office, while the company deal directly with American purchasers for the New York market.

Not content with the property as purchased, the management, desirous of producing first-class lumber, have improved their equipment by shortening the carriage and adding an extra saw to the edger. They purpose increasing the capacity by installing a new edger next spring, while, providing the market for their lumber improves, it is their intention to extend operations by the purchase of other properties known to be on the market. Despite the pres-

ent slump in the price of lumber the company are well satisfied with the result of their first year's working, as they had the good fortune to dispose of 2,500,000 feet of lumber before the slump in prices came on.

Mr. David McPherson, the president of the company, was born in Shelburne County, N.S., in 1834, of Scotch parents. On attaining the age of manhood he came to Halifax and began work as a shipbuilder there, soon building up a large trade in the construction of wooden ships, which he owns and runs to this day. At the age of thirty-five he began to take a large interest in public affairs and it was not long before he succeeded in being elected to the city council of Halifax. Since then he has twice been elected as mayor of the city, between the years 1892-1898. In 1898 he entered the Provincial House and soon distinguished himself, being appointed as a member of the cabinet of Nova Scotia in 1900.

Mr. J. C. McIntosh, the vice-president, is a much respected private banker and broker of Halifax.

Mr. J. M. Davidson, the secretary-treasurer and manager, is a member of the bar and a graduate of Dalhousie College, where he took the degrees of B.A. and L.L.B.

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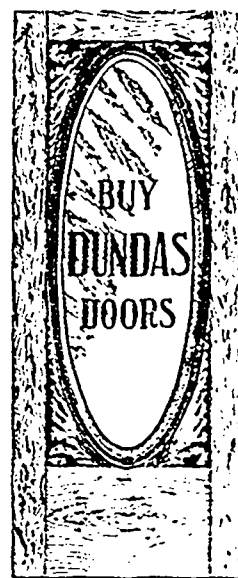
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