

THE NEWS.

L. P. Westergard has opened a lumber yard at Fox Warren, Man.

Robertson & Hackett, of Vancouver, B. C., have put in a new engine.

The Utterson Lumber Co. have put in a planing mill plant at their Utterson mill.

The Three Rivers Iron Works Company will probably increase the size of its works.

The Rathbun Company recently shipped several carloads of doors to South Africa.

Typhoid fever is said to be prevalent in the lumber districts of the Gatinneau valley.

Gilmour & Co.'s saw mill at Trenton, Ont., closed down recently, after making a small cut.

The Pacific Coast Lumber Co., of New Westminster, B. C., has added an upright shingle machine.

Joseph Campbell, of Newton, N. B., is shipping large quantities of spool wood to Glasgow, Scotland.

H. Stewart, of Detroit, was recently in Parry Sound looking for a suitable location for a shingle mill.

Keneetel & Young, of Turtle Lake, have purchased a shingle mill from Buchner & Reid, of Orrville, Ont.

A large boiler in the Royal City Mills, Vancouver, B. C., exploded on the 4th ultimo, injuring three employees.

Mr. P. Mutchenbacker has withdrawn from the Smider Lumber Company, of Gravenhurst, and will carry on a lumber business at Rosseau Falls.

The Rainy River Boom Co. will improve and strengthen its booms very considerably this fall to avert trouble from the usual spring freshet.

Shepard, Farmer & Co., of Boston, are reported to have booked an order for 1,200,000 feet of yellow pine for railway construction near Montreal.

H. B. Mitchell, a lumber dealer at Selkirk, Man., was recently accidentally shot in the arm while hunting, and it is reported that he will lose his arm.

An action in which \$70,000 is claimed has been entered against Alex. Fraser by Andrew A. Buell & Co., of Ottawa. The case arises out of a dispute concerning certain timber limits.

Mr. E. Methot, of Cap St. Ignace, intends rebuilding his saw mill and installing two 40 h. p. boilers, which are being built by the Jenckes Machine Company, of Sherbrooke, Que.

Buchanan Bros., who have managed the Thompson mill at Gravenhurst, Ont., have purchased a shingle mill at Powassan, which is now being put in readiness for manufacturing.

John McLaren, of Buckingham, and Louis McLaurin, of Templeton, are constructing a new steam saw mill on the south shore of the Ottawa river at East Templeton. It will cost about \$30,000.

Spencer & Spencer, of Freleighsburg, Que., are enlarging their saw mill, and for this purpose have placed an order with the Jenckes Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, for one of their 25" Special Crocker turbines.

A reorganization has taken place in the McEachren Heating and Ventilating Company, of Galt, Ont. The business in future will be carried on by J. D. McEachren and W. D. Sheldon, under the same name as heretofore.

During the month of September heavy losses were incurred by the insurance companies from saw mill fires. There were eight fires, which brought an insurance loss of \$116,800, or nearly one-third of the total loss for the month.

Bentley & Co., of Port Greville, N. S., are operating a portable mill on the property at St. Martins. The firm are getting out a lot of the largest trees and shipping them full length in the round state to the United States market.

It is stated that a large lumber mill at Ashland, Maine, with a capacity of 20,000,000 feet per annum, will remove to Fredericton, N. B., and be erected on the Simond's property. Scarcity of water is given as the cause of removal.

It is understood that Gillies Bros. Company, of Braeside, Ont., will build at Calabogie Lake a mill to manufacture cedar ties, shingles, basswood, elm and ash.

Another mill may probably be built at Braeside for the manufacture of box boards for foreign shipment.

Price Bros., saw millers, Quebec, have placed an order with the Jenckes Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, Que., for one of their special refuse burners, 18 feet in diameter and 120 feet high, for their Montmagny mill. This is the second burner of this size that the Jenckes Company have supplied.

A correspondent in Buenos Ayres writes that the Argentine tariff for next year recommended by the president of the republic contains certain increased duties, among which is a duty of 66 per cent. on yellow pine. The imports of lumber to the Argentine Republic during the year 1896 amounted to \$2,926,854.

The output of lumber in Alaska next year, if it can be compiled, ought to be interesting. There will be over 100 new mills in that region, principally of the portable variety, but the transcontinental roads will not worry about freight rates, nor will the cargo trade be menaced. The Alaska saw mills will devote their attention entirely to boat and house building lumber.

The Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands for Ontario has sent a letter to lumbermen requesting that they furnish a statement showing the quantity of logs and round timber proposed to be taken out this winter. The information is wanted to assist the government in determining what steps should be taken regarding the export of saw logs, the statement having been made that Michigan licensees were preparing for an enormously increased cut.

Messrs. George F. Roy & Sons are moving their saw and shingle mill from Starrat, Ont., to the south end of Doe Lake, in the township of McMurrich, where they will have increased facilities for shipping. From one end of the lake they can ship on the G. T. Railway, and at the other end on the Parry Sound Railway. During the last seven years they have made the remarkable record that no man was ever crippled in their mill, and they never had a break down that cost over five dollars for repairs. Their post office will now be Sprucedale, Ont.

A company of Minnesota lumbermen are said to be considering the building of a canal from Buffalo Bay, on the Lake of the Woods, to the Seine river. There is a fall of 300 feet and over between these points, and the scheme embraces the floating of logs to Winnipeg to be sawed into lumber from the Lake of the Woods timber limits, the supplying of good pure water from the lower end of the lake to the city, and a water power system. It is improbable that the scheme will ever be undertaken, as it is difficult to see how it would be made a paying investment.

There is a proposition before the Dominion government from the Rathbun Company, of Deseronto, for the manufacture of wood alcohol in Canada. This is a product that is not manufactured in the Dominion. It is used in the United States and found to be very cheap and perfectly suited for the manufacture of methylated spirits, such as is not drinkable. The wood alcohol leaves a charcoal which is disposed of at a profit in the States for smelting purposes. Up to the present there has been no market for the charcoal in this country, but now it is said that since smelting has developed into an industry in Canada the charcoal might very easily be disposed of.

A member of the Dominion parliament, referring to the recent bush fires, said: "It is my firm conviction that the starting of a fire in the woods should be made a criminal offence, and punishable by heavy penalties. I do not believe that there have been many instances of large bush fires in recent years which have not been the direct outcome of gross neglect and carelessness. Our forest wealth is worth to us as much as any gold mines; much of it has been swept away by the devastation of great fires. Is this to continue? If it does there will very soon be little left. The provincial governments would do well to take the matter into their consideration very seriously. It properly belongs to them, and would, if the law were enforced a few times, be soon understood."

Speaking of his recent exploration to the Hudson Bay, Dr. Bell says: "The forests extend two-thirds of the way up either shore of Hudson Bay, and further north in the interior on both sides. Around James Bay and to the south of it much of the timber will be valuable for sawing into lumber and for other purposes. The verge of the forests crossed the northern part of the Labrador Peninsula from near Richmond Gulf to Ungava Bay in Hudson Strait, but except around this bay no timber was

to be seen on any other part of the strait. Driftwood brought down by the rivers falling into Hudson and Ungava Bays, was strewn along the southern shore of the strait, and was very useful for fuel. The small quantity of wood stranded on the northern side had perhaps come from Siberia, after drifting for thousands of miles with the ocean currents which set from one coast to the other."

CASUALTIES.

Wm. Sullivan, jr., of Bass River, N. B., aged 23 years, while working in the lumber woods near Berlin Falls, N. H., was killed by a falling tree.

While assisting in building a skidway at J. D. Shier's camp, beyond Dorset, Andrew Kirpatrick, of Uxalington, a young man 24 years of age, was instantly killed.

While C. F. Barker, proprietor of the Burford lumber mills, Burford, Ont., was at work at the mills on Saturday, a big log rolled over him, breaking his collar bone and bruising him terribly. He was injured internally.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Francis Dubee, lumberman, of Sussex, N. B., died recently, in his sixty-sixth year.

Mr. Robert Kay, a prominent lumberman of Upper Sackville, N. B., is dead. He was 60 years of age.

Mr. Daniel McNab, who is said to have erected the first saw mill in the Nipissing district, died at Powassan, Ont., last month.

Mr. Edwin Haynes, of the Timber Trades Journal, London, Eng., arrived in New York on November 6th, in the interest of his paper.

Mr. R. M. Beckett, of Dobell, Beckett & Co., timber merchants, Quebec, sailed last week for his home in England, where he will spend the winter.

Mr. John H. Eby, bookkeeper for the Southampton Lumber Co., is receiving the congratulations of his friends upon his recent marriage to Miss Pyke, of Elmwood.

Mr. W. Malcolm Mackay, of St. John, N. B., has recently recovered from the effects of a serious sprain, which incapacitated him from business for about six weeks.

While Dr. George Kennedy, of the Ontario Crown Lands Department, was attending the recent Caledonian banquet in Toronto, burglars entered his residence at 147 Bloor street west. They secured \$2.58 in cash, a gold medal and diamond ring.

Mr. Honore Petit, M.P.P., of Chicoutimi, returned last month from Europe. He was over in the interests of the spool wood industry, and reports the English market active. Millions of feet will shortly be sent forward by Canadian exporters.

Captain Charland died at Windsor, Ont., on the 12th inst. He was born in Quebec, and when sixteen years of age commenced in the lumber business, and had been engaged in that line from Quebec to the Gulf of Mexico. He helped to build the docks of the Great Western Railway in Windsor.

One of the oldest and most respected lumbermen of Buffalo has passed away, in the person of Mr. George R. Haines, of the firm of Haines & Co. Deceased was born in New York state in 1833, and in 1861 entered the lumber business at Buffalo with his father, who has since died. Alfred Haines and Mr. E. Preisch were his partners.

Mr. Charles K. Eddy, head of the white pine firm of C. K. Eddy & Sons, Saginaw, Mich., with large timber interests in Canada, was married in Chicago on November 3rd to Miss Chapman, of Penobscot, Maine. Mr. Eddy is seventy-six years of age, and his bride is said to be sixty-eight. Mr. Eddy has amassed a fortune in the lumber business.

Early in November death removed Major J. D. Hay, vice-president of the firm of Davidson & Hay, wholesale grocers, and a popular and highly respected citizen of Toronto. Deceased was born on November 13, 1854, his father, the late Robert Hay, being a native of Perthshire, Scotland, and for many years M.P. for Centre Toronto. Besides being connected with the grocery business, his firm for many years carried on extensive lumbering operations. Major Hay took an active interest in military affairs, and as lieutenant of the Tenth Royal Grenadiers, rendered signal service during the Northwest Rebellion. In 1892 he received the rank of major, retiring in 1896 but retaining rank.