

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—The planing mill of W. Donnel, Peterboro, has been enlarged.

—Logs are coming down the Gatineau in large numbers since the breaking of the jam at the Cascades.

—The McLennan steam saw mill, at Casselman, is well nigh completed and will likely be running in a few weeks.

—The employees of Cane & Sons, lumber, Newmarket, excused to Hiawatha island the latter part of August.

—McLachlin Bros., Arnprior, are about to build a new saw mill on the bank of the river a little south of the present saw mill.

—Negotiations are pending for the purchase of the Brennan & Sons sawmill property and timber limits in Bethune and Sinclair by the Rathbun Company.

—A lad named O'Neil, an employee of the Capital Planing Mills, Ottawa, lies in a critical condition from injuries received by a pile of lumber falling and striking him on the back.

Messrs. Stone and Fagan are handling with success three large drives consisting of 100,000 pieces belonging to Dickson & Co., of Peterboro. These logs are from the Scott limits.

Alexander Fraser's raft of square timber has been tied up at Portage du Fort, Que., owing to low water. The remaining raft of the season to pass Ottawa is Mr. Barnett's, of Renfrew.

The Ontario Government will sell the unsold timber limits at the head waters of Madawaska, Pettewawa and Muskoka rivers. This sale is necessitated by the building of the Ottawa and Parry Sound railway through this tract.

—The Ashburnham saw mill of the Dickson Co. is kept busy sawing ties for shipment on the C.P.R. to various points. The C.P.R. have been loading cedar ties from the mill for the past two months. About a thousand are shipped away daily.

—Alex. Lumsden has passed over the Chaudiere slides a raft of pine timbers got out on the Montreal river. It is pronounced the finest that has gone down the Ottawa river this year. There are 140 cribs in the raft and the average is seventy feet.

—A jobber of the Ontario Lumber Co., named Robert Smith, who resided at Pembroke, and did business at Commanda Creek, Parry Sound, has left the country. There are some creditors, and one of them, Neil McEachern, took out a writ of attachment against Smith's property.

—Rumor has it that an American company will shortly commence work on the erection of a pulp mill near Pembroke. The mill will probably be used exclusively as a spruce pulp mill. It is also said that they have purchased a water privilege on the Pettewawa where they will establish a poplar pulp mill.

—An explosion of sawdust occurred in the Ottawa river just above Nepean Point, causing a sensation on the river and throwing the water about fifteen feet in the air. The sawdust bank formed below the Rock Island is gradually growing larger, and lengthened, so that the Hull ferry is obliged to run much out of its course to avoid it.

—A correspondent of the Peterboro Examiner from Young's Point says: "I must put in a good word for all the men on the drives that have passed through here so far this season. They have been most orderly. Scarcely a drunk man was to be seen and last week there were over two hundred men in and around here. This says a good deal for them."

The following logs have been brought down the Ottonabee River and adjacent waters this season: Strickland and Co., 60,000 pieces; Dickson and Co., 225,000; The Rathbun Co., 100,000; Gilmour and Co., 46,000; Geo. Hilliard, 15,000, making a total of 446,000 pieces. A delay of about six weeks occurred owing to low water and high winds.

—A local paper is authority for the statement that an arrangement has been entered into by a syndicate whereby the executors of the estate of the late Mr. Hilliard, of Peterboro, have agreed to let them have the valuable mill property known as the Blythe mills, for a certain sum, unless they shall, on or before Monday, the 5th day of September next, receive a substantially better offer therefor.

The wholesale lumber dealers of Rat Portage, together with friends to the number of over 100, including many from Manitoba, excused to Rainy River on the 10th ult. Music was furnished by the Winnipeg band, and before reaching home Alex. Black, on behalf of the Retailers' Association, moved a vote of thanks to the wholesale dealers, which was carried with great cheering. Several other gentlemen, including Hon. R. Watson and Mr. Gilmour, also made short speeches, congratulating the hosts on the success of the excursion.

QUEBEC.

—Dobell, Beckett & Co., of Quebec, have purchased this year's lumber cut of W. C. Edwards & Co., of Rockland. The price has not transpired, but it is understood to be at full market rates.

—The Crown Lands Department of Quebec has made up a collection of samples of wood growing in the provinces for presentation to L'Ecole Forestiere Nationale de Nancy, France. The samples are 4x8 inches, neatly planed, and the hardwoods varnished. The samples were as follows: Basswood, balsam, firwood, white spruce, white cedar, rock elm, white pine, hemlock, hard maple, white birch, white oak, white ash, tamarac, red and black oak, red cedar, black birch, butternut, red pine. A similar collection for the Chicago exhibition will be prepared.

—Two important actions have been entered for decision at the next sitting of the superior court at Aylmer, Que., by Messrs. Gilmour and Hughson, lumber merchants, against Mr. Alonzo Wright, ex-M.P. In the first action Gilmour and Hughson claim a certain strip of land situate and crossing certain lots in the sixth, seventh and eighth ranges of the township of Hull as their property. The land in dispute was formerly used as a deal slide connecting with an old saw mill, of which the old firm of Gilmour and Co. became proprietors several years ago. In addition to the property the plaintiffs also claim possession of the slide, which still is serviceable, and over Mr. Alonzo Wright's property adjacent to his residence and through the very center of his large and beautiful garden at Chelsea. The plaintiffs in the second action claim a portion of an island situated in the Gatineau river opposite Mr. Wright's residence which has been occupied by the defendant and used as a summer resort. Some time ago notarial protests were served at the instance of Gilmour and Hughson, requesting Mr. Wright's consent to a surveyor determining the lines in both cases, but the request was refused, hence the present legal proceedings.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

—Timber in the Cypress hills, Assiniboia, has been burning for some days.

—Capt. Robinson is building an addition to his planing mill at Selkirk, Man. He purposes putting in a saw and carriage with which to cut the logs taken out last winter at Fisher bay. The logs will be brought in on barges, as the captain thinks there is too much risk in rafting them in.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—The B. C. Paper Mill Co., of Alberni, has purchased the little steamer Lily, which they will use in connection with their business.

—Hill Bros. intend starting a saw mill with a capacity of 20,000 to 30,000 feet per day on Wilson Creek, near Eldorado, City, West Kootenay. The price of lumber there at present is \$100 per M.

—It has been decided that the Canadian building at the World's Fair shall be roofed with B. C. cedar shingles; and various other provincial woods, it is expected, will be used in the construction of the building.

FIRES AND CASUALTIES.

FIRES.

Kelly Bros. steam saw mill, at River Hebert, N.S., destroyed by fire; loss \$12,000.

A fire broke out in Moffatt's planing mill at Carleton Place, Ont., but was discovered in time to be quenched by a Carr chemical engine.

The Lindsay Lumber Co.'s mills, Lindsay, Ont., were struck with lightning and the whole building was quickly wrapped in flames. The mill was burned to the ground and 200,000 feet of lumber, 200,000 shingles and a quantity of bill timber, the stables attached and some dwellings in the vicinity. The mills were built by Thomas Dean, of Lindsay, two years ago. The exact amount of the loss is not yet known, but it is considered to be between \$15,000 and \$20,000, with \$4,500 insurance.

CASUALTIES.

Two children, a boy and girl, were drowned while playing on logs, near Casselman, Ont.

A lad, Johnnie Wilson, nine years of age, was drowned while playing on a raft at Lanark, Ont.

Frank Moffatt had his fingers badly cut at Cane & Sons wood-working concern, Newmarket, Ont.

A lumber hand named Arthur Seguin, of Hull, Que., had his foot crushed while at work loading lumber.

Peter Bernard, knot Sawyer on the shingles in the M. and O. mill, Norman, Ont., had the index finger of his left hand cut off.

A millwright named John Linnoek, employed at E. B. Eddy's paper mill in Hull, Que., had his arm severely crushed while repairing some of the machinery.

Hugh Reynolds, a young man, was accidentally drowned, while working at the Pacific Coast Lumber Co.'s mills, B.C.

Mrs. W. T. Bell, while crossing the bay at Cameron and Kennedy's boom, in Norman, Ont., fell into the water and was drowned.

A little daughter of Mr. Hebert, of Bedford, Que., had all the fingers of one hand cut by the planing machine in Goslet's saw mill.

Angus Mackay, while working at the planing mill at Tiverton, Ont., received a severe cut in the ball of the eye by a flying splinter.

Ed. Quinn, of Peterboro, Ont., is suffering from a severe wound in the abdomen inflicted when putting a belt on a pulley at his saw mill.

A boy named Frank Smith, ten years of age, was drowned at Humphrey's mill pond, five miles from Moncton, N.B., while playing on logs.

David Turnhill, of Paris, Ont., while at work with a circular saw in his factory, received a cut severing the forefinger entirely from the hand.

Joseph Gravelle, of Hull, Que., an employee of Perley and Pattee's mills, Ottawa, Ont., received severe injuries on his leg by a board striking him.

John Bulman, of Michigan, foreman in E. L. Pratt's lumber camp, in the Georgian Bay district, Ont., is reported to have been drowned a few days ago.

A millwright named D. V. Waite, in the employ of the Pacific Coast Lumber Co., New Westminster, B.C., lost three fingers while running a shingle machine.

Joseph Vaillancourt, a mill hand employed at the Deschene's mills, Ottawa, Ont., was struck on the head by a heavy belt, while it was in motion, and dangerously hurt.

Marshall McIntosh, a clerk on the drive of Barnett & Mackie, at Gordon's Creek, near Pembroke, Ont., was drowned while endeavoring to carry some chains across the gap.

E. B. Rochefort had the flesh stripped from two fingers in the left hand, and two fingers of the right hand badly bruised, when working at a band saw at the axe factory at Galt, Ont.

Maxime Villeneuve, working with the Keewatin Lumbering Co., Keewatin, Ont., while piling lumber last week had both bones of the forearm fractured by some of the lumber falling on him.

Henry Miller, when at work at the edging table in the saw mill of J. and J. R. Gillies, at White Lake, Ont., was struck in the abdomen with a piece of board, and died in a short time.

Alexander Brown, of McDonald's logging camp, near Victoria, B.C., was engaged loading logs on the cars when his foot slipped and he fell between the landing and the car, and was crushed to death.

David Hanson, of Hanson's Mill, on the Nashuaak, N.B., while working among the machinery was caught among the belting and thrown against the shaft securing a wound fully eight inches long in his back and extending into the spinal column.

Willard Thompson, an employee of Thomas Johnston's shingle mill, at Rat Portage, Ont., got his head in contact with a saw and received a wound four inches long and cutting deep into the head. He lost largely of blood before medical aid could be secured.

Fears are entertained that Edward Boilleau, a foreman in Bronson and Weston's mills at the Chaudiere is drowned. He was put on night duty on logs and has been missing since. Boilleau was an employee of the firm for years and was always regarded as a steady and reliable man. He was married and has a wife and three children.

As Barnett & Mackie's raft was passing the rapids at Duchesne recently, a crib struck on the rocks. One of the hands, Joseph Laffleur, of Little River, Que., near Carillon, was thrown off by the concussion and, despite the efforts of his companions, was swept over the rapids and whirled to death. Laffleur was forty-eight years of age and leaves a wife and four children.

At Morrison's mills, Fredericton, N.B., a belt which runs to govern the engine came off, starting the machinery at a prodigious speed. This burst the supping wheel, in which are set a number of knives for peeling the bark off cedar logs. The knives flew in all directions. Craig, who was standing about ten feet from the wheel at the time, was struck in the hip with terrible force and reeled to the floor unconscious. McCuskey and Rider, who were at a greater distance from the wheel, were also struck by some of the knives and painfully but not dangerously wounded. Craig was removed to the Victoria hospital, where he died a few minutes after his arrival. The deceased was fifty-five years old and leaves a widow and five children.