

Lumber Cuttings.

Fred Robinson is rushing work on the new mill at Beaver, B.C.

Major Walker, of Calgary, expected to have his mill at Kananaskis running last week.

John Frederickson will start a shingle mill near Oyster Harbor, Vancouver Island, B.C.

Captain Armstrong, of Golden, will build a sawmill at Oliver's Landing on the Columbia river, near Golden, B.C.

It is the intention of the Chemainus mill company to open lumber yards in Nanaimo and other centres of British Columbia.

Brown & Rutherford's men and teams returned to Winnipeg last week from getting out logs at Fisher Bay, Lake Winnipeg. About 25,000 logs were taken out.

E. B. Eddy, the great lumberman and manufacturer of woodenware, etc., of Hull, Ont., advertises his lumber mills and limits for sale, with the object of following his other manufacturing lines exclusively.

Jas. and Geo. Mocring have arrived at Brandon, Man., from Toronto to take charge of the engineering department of J. A. Christie's new saw mill. They are putting the engine, boiler and machinery in the mill.

The mill at Birtle, Man., will likely be operated this season by the Banks owning the property. A rebate of taxes is being given by the town, as an inducement to operate the mill, which has been idle for some years.

The Royal City Planing Mills Co., Westminster, B.C., are manufacturing 105 land rollers for Sir John Lister-Kaye, for use on his farms in the Territories. The rollers are turned out of fir logs, and will be heavy enough for all purposes without the usual weighting.

Truth, of Donald, B.C., says: This week Garden, a Dominion land surveyor, surveyed four mill-sites on the banks of the Columbia east of Donald. One of the four has been applied for, and that by a gentleman largely interested in the saw mills at the Beaver. Garden also surveyed four sites at Revelstoke, all of which are applied for.

The dissolution of partnership between Grady and Anderson, who owned the Vancouver Company's saw mill, Vancouver, B. C., has been followed by the purchase of the property by T. L. Ruggles, of California, and James Anderson, the former having two-thirds interest and the latter one-third. Part of the machinery is at hand for the new mill and they are waiting for the remainder to arrive when operations will be pushed with vigor.

In Montreal, says the *Mississippi Valley Lumberman*, paper is now being made from saw dust. The process is a new one, but is consuming all the saw dust from one mill, and is proving a success. The paper made wholly from saw dust is said to form admirable sheeting and is fit for building after leaving the mill, being tarred and dried. In the production of the better quality of paper one-quarter of waste paper is used, the remainder being saw dust. It is estimated that about 12,000 tons of saw dust are converted into paper annually.

Insurance Briefs.

The town authorities of Portage la Prairie, Man., intend purchasing a new fire-bell, and they purpose buying a good one while they are about it.

The city council of Brandon, Man., has voted to purchase a chemical fire-engine from A. A. Andrews, of Winnipeg. The town now has a steam fire-engine.

Several citizens of western towns are talking of moving in the direction of incorporation, mainly with the object of providing better fire protection. Among these towns are Carberry, Morden and Moosomin.

The new postmaster-general of the United States—John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia—carries \$1,505,000 life insurance, and \$25,000 of it is in the Canada Life. There is only one person in the world who carries a larger amount of insurance than Mr. Wanamaker, namely, the Marquis of Anglessea, who is insured for \$2,500,000.

The Lake Superior Region.

A board of trade is talked of for Fort William West.

It is reported that the two railway companies formed with the object of building railways south and west of Port Arthur, have amalgamated. The Ontario Legislature recently voted \$3,000 per mile for fifty miles, to one of these roads. The amalgamation of the two roads is considered as likely to bring about the early commencement of construction. Bonuses from Port Arthur and Fort William are being talked of in aid of the road to the amount of \$60,000 from the former place and \$40,000 from the latter town. The question, however, should be very carefully considered before the corporations undertake to pledge themselves for such large amounts.

Port Arthur *Sentinel*: Some trouble exists between the customs department and the Beaver Mine Co. with regard to the duty on their diamond drill. The machine was imported from New York early in 1888, and was brought in as "a diamond drill for prospecting purposes" under the free list. The department later concluded that all the machinery connected with the drill should not be entered free, the drill only being covered in the enumeration of the articles on the free list. A duty of 30 per cent. on the cost of the machine, which was \$1,750, is now demanded. This makes \$525. The board of trade have taken up the matter, considering that the imposition of duty is unfair to the company.

THE B. C. Assembly adjourned on April 5.

GEO GREENLEES has formed a partnership with Braithwaite, blacksmith, Grenfell, Assa.

JOHN FORSYTH, of Toronto, has recently been employed putting the Oak Lake flour mill in thorough order.

MISS CUMMINGS has arrived at Regina, from Strathroy, Ontario, and will go into the dress-making business.

H. GERHART, from Forest, Ont., was at Virden, Man., last week, looking out for a place to establish a furniture business.

THE Hotel Brunswick, Minnedosa, is now under the management of C. Scobell, who entered into possession lately.

MR. MATTHEWS, representing Green & Sons Co., hats, fur goods, furnishings, etc., Montreal, is now on his route through the west.

HORATO ROSS and W. Podger, both of High River, Alberta, have formed a partnership in the ranching business. The firm will be known as Ross & Podger.

At a meeting of the Winnipeg council board of works the contract for the season's supply of lumber was awarded to D. E. Sprague of Winnipeg saw mill at \$24 per thousand, delivered.

THE general store stock of Sutherland & Atherton, Fort Qu'Appell is offered for sale by tender, up to April 15th. Also separate tenders for book debts. The stock amounts to \$5,185, including \$412 fixtures. Book debts, \$3,000.

Grain and Milling

Rorison will build an elevator at Carberry, Man., to replace the one burned recently.

J. J. Walterhouse, milling engineer, etc., Winnipeg, has received a large quantity of patterns of roller milling machinery and devices from the East.

Bonuses to Markle & Clemens, in aid of the establishment of a mill at Birtle, Man., will be voted upon; \$2,000 and tax exemption for ten years is asked from the town, and \$3,000 from the rural municipality surrounding the town.

"The only mill in the province for the manufacture of pot barley is at St. Leon, Manitoba." The above from the *Pilot Mound Sentinel*, is not strictly correct. Pot and pearl barley is manufactured at the oatmeal mills, Portage la Prairie.

It was reported in a telegram from Ottawa, on Friday, that the Government had decided to change the act regarding grain standards, so as to allow of the fixing of Manitoba grain standards by western boards of trade. The telegram says the bill will grant everything asked by western grain buyers.

A local stock company is being formed at Pilot Mound, Man., to establish a flour mill. Most of the stock has been subscribed and notice has been given of application for incorporation. The applicants are: Thomas McKay, James B. Baird, John Hiebert, general merchants; William A. Donald, solicitor; John M. Fraser, postmaster; John Knox, registrar; William Carson, miller; James T. Gordon, lumber merchant, and William C. Burns; all of Pilot Mound. The proposed corporate name of the company is "The Pilot Mound Milling Company (Limited)."

GROCER—"What kind of tea will you have, madam?"

"Black, I suppose; as I am in mourning."—*New York World*.

CHICAGO WIFE—Were you looking at some boots for me yesterday, dear?

Husband—I think not. Why do you ask?

Chicago wife—Because I heard you say in your sleep last night that you were holding a pair of nines.—*Boston Beacon*.