

CASUALTIES.

Mr. Jos. Dovey, of Lindsay, had four fingers of his right hand cut off while jointing.

At Eddy's mill, Hull, a boy named Delany, while working at one of the saws had his hand badly cut.

A boy named German Asselin has been killed at Brompton Falls, Que., in a saw mill by the saw striking him in the abdomen.

A man named Lepense, aged 25 employed at Hurdman's mill, Hull, had his leg badly jammed, by getting caught among some chains.

Robert Newbury, of Belleville, who was employed in the saw mill at Deseronto, had three fingers of his right hand cut off by a buzz saw.

Lysander Johnson a Swede working in one of the camps of the West Michigan Lumber Co., near Big Rapids, Mich., had his head crushed, and died instantly.

Mr. Rogers an old man employed in the lumber mill of the Rathbun Co., at Deseronto, was severely injured by a speedy pulley striking him on the back of the head, cutting an ugly gash.

Mr. L. Gilbert, employed in J. & J. Kerr's planing mill Petrolia was badly injured by a board thrown from the saw. It is impossible to say at present whether he will recover.

A young man named Edward Begin, married, and father of a family, at Paradis' Mills, Levis, P. Q., had his thumb so severely injured by a circular saw that it is feared it may have to be amputated.

John Reynolds, a Canadian 53 years old, was run over and killed by a train on Load's logging railroad, near Mud Lake, Mich. Both his arms and legs were ground to a pulp, and he was literally scalped.

William Beadle, of the Railway Boarding House, Waubesa, while attending his work at the burner of the Victoria Harbor lumber mill fell a distance of thirty feet and was so much injured that he died shortly after.

Alexander Miller, aged twenty-six, of Remus, was killed in the mill of the Chippewa Lumber Company, at Chippewa Lake, Mich. A slab from the edging machine struck him in the side with great force, almost disembowelling him. He died soon afterward.

John Proctor, a young man of 20, employed as apprentice in T. A. Hodgson's planing mill, Ottawa, had a piece of the thumb of his right hand cut off and three fingers cut while working at one of the machines. He was cutting a piece of board, when it flew back and drew in his hand.

Mr. T. H. Carr, lumber buyer for McCraney, McCool & Wilson, of Toronto, while assisting to load flat cars at Flesherton station was suddenly seized with an attack of heart syncope and fell from the car to the ground so violently as to sustain a fracture of the skull. Death was instantaneous.

A man named Thos. Bailey was instantly killed on August 4th in Lambert Love's saw mills at Port Sandfield. Bailey was tail-sawing and was caught on the carriage and dragged on to the saw. He was terribly cut to pieces. Bailey had lived in Port Carling for a number of years, and leaves a wife and family to mourn his loss.

While working in the Cameron Lake Mill, a gentleman by the name of William Lace got his left hand caught in the saw while trying to catch a pile of lath that were about to fall, two fingers were almost cut off and cutting his hand badly in other places. The unfortunate man had just recovered from a severe accident of the same kind which happened some time ago.

While Mr. M. M. Vickery, of Port Perry, was working on the slabber in Green & Ellis' Mill, at Fenelon Falls, a slab got stuck in the gate and in trying to extricate it he was drawn towards the gate which struck him, inflicting several deep wounds above his right eye, which rendered him completely insensible and he remained in this state for some time afterwards.

In the early part of August a Frenchman named P. Lukan, who was working in Mather's saw mill at Keewatin as sawyer, was struck by a slab in such a manner as to throw him upon the saw, and before any assistance could be rendered him the saw had passed completely through his body, entering on the right shoulder, and in severing his body threw one-half some ten feet from the saw.

A very sad accident occurred on Aug. 4, eight miles from Port Carling, Ont., in Mr. Love's sawmill by which Mr. Thos. Bailey lost his life. He was tail-sawing and while stooping to pick up board he was touched by the carriage on the hip. This caused him to loose his balance and fall across the saw, which entered his left shoulder completely severing his head and right arm from the body. The unfortunate man leaves a wife and three small children.

An employe of the Holt Lumber Co., Oconto, Mich., named Godfrey Durand, was killed by a peculiar accident. He was adjusting some part of the gang, and had his head between the spokes of the fly wheel, when the machine was started by the sawyer. Durand was caught in the wheel, and whirled around a couple of times, his head being crushed and his limbs broken. He died within a few minutes after being removed.

A horrible and fatal accident occurred in Vigars Bros. saw mill at Port Arthur, in which a sawyer named Toby Smith was almost instantly killed. It appears that a piece of slab became wedged against a large circular saw. Smith ran the log carriage back and stopped the machinery to remove the slab. He omitted, however, inserting a safety pin in the lever which controlled the steam feeder and while busy removing the slab the feeder suddenly began working and the log carriage forced him forward against the saw. It was not running but he was ground against its sharp teeth and torn and mangled horribly. The main artery of the right thigh was cut. From this he bled profusely, and death followed in a few seconds. The unfortunate man was between 50 and 60 years of age. He had only been here about three weeks, coming from Orillia, Ont., where he is said to have a wife and family.

A very serious accident occurred on the logging road on the Gratiwick, Smith & Fryer Lumber Co., near Gaylord, Mich. A train of cars left the woods at 12 o'clock carrying 140 men from work to camp for dinner. For this one hour's time was allowed, and the distance being several miles, the engineer made all possible haste to get the men to headquarters. While going down grade with the throttle wide open a heavy piece of wood fell from the tender in front of the cars, derailing five, which with their load of human freight were overturned and piled up promiscuously. A large number of men were buried in the wreck and not extricated for nearly three hours. Two of them had their backs broken and could not be moved, another was sent to the hospital at Cheboygan, but died before reaching Indian River, and many suffered from broken arms. Three were killed and four others fatally injured.

FIRE RECORD.

Bush fires continue to do great damage throughout Parry Sound District.

The bush fires destroyed 240 cords of wood belonging to Mr. Mundy, of Penetang.

A serious bush fire raged at Cote St. Louis, near Montreal and the residents of the localities were in constant fear of seeing their homes and barns destroyed.

R. J. Francis' planing mill and the property adjoining, in New York city, was struck by lightning during the storm on the night of Aug. 3, and burned. The loss altogether was \$175,000.

The extensive sawmills of La Franciere, situated at Louisville, Que., were recently destroyed by fire. A number of logs were also burned. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, partly covered by insurance.

The steam power saw mill at Eel River, Restigouche county, N. B., owned by McNair and Bros., and operated by Messrs. Hayes & Co., was destroyed by fire Aug. 11. The building was insured for \$5,000.

The Muskegon Shingle & Lumber Co. lost about 2,000,000 feet of logs by a forest fire about nine miles from Big Rapids, Mich. C. J. Hamilton also lost 1,000,000 feet, and Big Rapids parties a small quantity.

Two store-houses belonging to the Georgian Bay Lumber Company, at Waubesa, were recently destroyed by fire, as well as a boat house belonging to the same firm. Several of the employees were badly injured while fighting the flames.

During the past month quite a number of bush fires have been raging in the vicinity of Pembroke. Though comparatively small compared to the large fires in the limits, yet they were large enough to cause uneasiness to several of the farmers.

The large saw mill of the Little & Croft Lumber Co., at Evansville, Ind., one of the largest hardwood mills in the country, burned Aug. 1. The entire lumber district was threatened, but by great exertion the flames were prevented from spreading. The loss is placed at \$100,000; insurance \$60,000.

The mill and yards of the Eddy Manufacturing Co., at Birchton, three miles from Ottawa Ont., were totally destroyed by fire Aug. 1. William Hobbs was burned to death, and several other hands badly injured. The loss is put at \$70,000 on the mill and about \$250,000 on the lumber. Insurance about \$100,000.

Mason's saw mill at Bedford was discovered in flames on the morning of July 29th. It spread to Moir's grist mill and elevator and the whole pile of buildings was destroyed in an

incredibly short time. The loss to Moir, Son & Co. will aggregate \$40,000. It was formerly well insured, but, owing to high premiums, the policy lapsed, until now there was only \$2,000 in Clarkson's agency. The fire was undoubtedly incendiary.

Killam's lumber mill and the Buctouche and Moncton railway bridge at the Scotch settlement, New Brunswick, were destroyed by fire July 30th, and 50,000 feet of lumber were destroyed. The building and contents were completely destroyed. The loss on the mill is \$4,000. The railway bridge burned was 200 feet long.

Charles Lee's planing mill and box factory at East Saginaw, Mich., burned Aug. 8, the fire also destroying some adjoining store sheds filled with lumber and several dwellings. Lee's loss is \$75,000; no insurance. H. C. Ripley lost \$12,000 and H. C. Hamilton \$5,000, the latter being insured for \$2,000. Other losses were on the residence property.

PERSONAL.

Mr. E. W. Rathbun and family spent a short time during August at Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

F. W. Gray, of Omaha, Neb., one of the largest lumbermen of that section, is a candidate for Congress.

Mr. Geo. E. Gladman, Sec.-treas. of the Midland and North Shore Lumber Company, gave THE LUMBERMAN a call the other day.

W. J. Macauley, an old time Winnipeg lumberman, intends to build a saw mill at some point on the Pacific coast, probably at Seattle, W. T.

Mr. John Waldie, of the Victoria Harbor Lumber Co., has been nominated by the Reformers of Halton as their candidate and elected as representative of the Riding in the House of Commons.

Mr. Wm. Hickey of the William Hamilton Manufacturing Co., left recently per the C.P.R. for Point Levi, Quebec, where he will erect and put in working order one of the firms' celebrated gang saw mills.

Mr. James Angus, of Pembroke, has recently been raised to the position of agent for Bronson & Weston's lumbering company on the Schyan river limit on the upper Ottawa, and left with a large gang of men for that region where lumbering is carried on on an extensive sale.

Wm. Hamilton, of the Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing Co., of Peterborough, Ont., has lately made a tour to British Columbia, with the object of introducing the saw mill machinery of the company in the province. F. S. Strickland of Westminster, has been appointed agent for the Hamilton Co.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

The purchase of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic railroads, will give the C.P.R. a line south of Lake Superior, to the eastern seaboard, that will be somewhat shorter and better every way than the north shore route. It will be important to the Lake Superior lumber interest in giving a direct outlet to the east for high grade stock, over a road controlled by one interest. It is probable that before long the Canadian Pacific Company will construct a line from Duluth north or northwest to connect with the main line. Without this link the through route by way of the south shore would be incomplete.

The terms of agreement between the Manitoba Government and the Northern Pacific have been made public. The chief provisions are as follows:—The Red River Valley road to be handed over to the Company with the tracklaying and the surfacing completed, but not ballasting. The Company to acquire the rolling stock now held by the government for \$720,000 secured by first mortgage bonds. The Company will also receive bonuses sufficient to construct a Howe truss wooden bridge over the Assiniboine, near Winnipeg, the cost not to exceed \$40,000. The Commissioner will acquire the right of way for a railway from Morris to Portage la Prairie, and also for the construction of the road, the legal title to remain with the government, which must be done before May 1889, when the right of way and the railway will be conveyed to the Company. In default of this repayment the government will assume possession. A second bridge will be constructed across the Assiniboine on this line, on the same terms as the one above mentioned. No stock to be transferred to the C.P.R., or the St. P., M. & M., or to any official of either, and no pooling contract or agreement must be entered into with either. The Company are to be exempt from taxation until the earnings are sufficient to maintain and operate the road, but this exemption is not in any case to continue longer than twenty years. Any railway company, with the exception of the St. P., M. & M., and the C.P.R., are to be allowed running powers over all these roads, and all freight rates are to be fixed by the Governor in Council.