

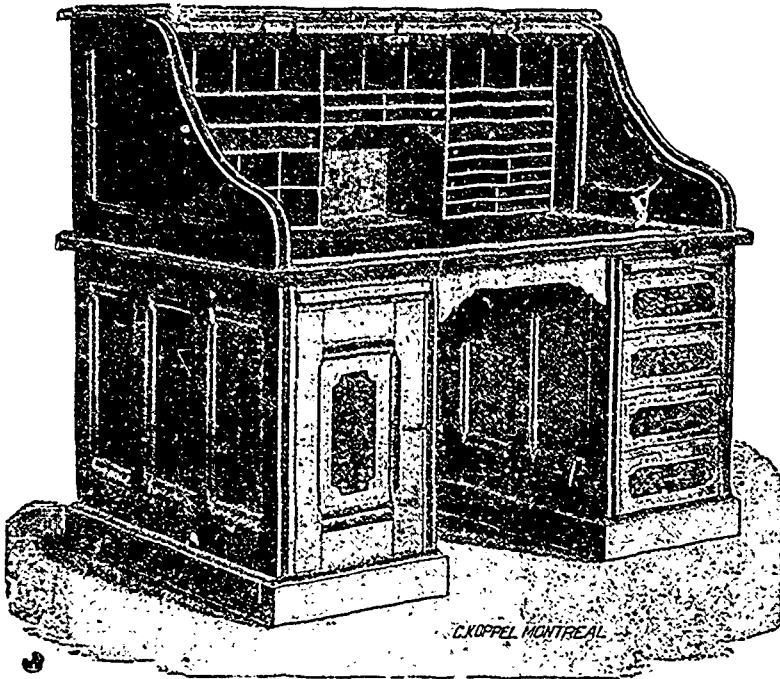
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Lumber Cuttings.

Bulmer & Co., Rat Portage are taking out six million feet of logs this winter.

Brown, Rutherford & Neilson, of Selkirk, Man., have sold out their entire stock of lumber to the Selkirk Lumber Co.

The saw mill at Macleod, Alberta, which some time ago closed down for the winter, has resumed operations owing to the mild weather.

A by-law will be voted on at Rat Portage, on January 9th next, to grant a bonus of \$15,000 to Ross, Hall & Brown, to establish a saw mill in the municipality.

The saw mill in the New Sweden Colony, north of Minnedosa, Man., was burned to the ground on Saturday. This will be a heavy loss to Mr. Hemmingsen and the colony.

Tait and his men have already taken out 26,000 spruce logs in the Riding Mountain district of Manitoba, and expect to take out 80,000 during the winter. Some of the logs have to be drawn about three miles to the river.

The increase in the export duty upon logs shipped from this country, from \$2 to \$3, has caused a good deal of discussion both in Canada and the United States. Mill owners in the State of Michigan will suffer the most, as they were the principal shippers of logs from Canada. These lumbermen have been in the habit of buying Canadian limits and shipping the logs to their mills in Michigan. The increase in the duty will strongly interfere, if it does not entirely prevent the export of logs. The Michigan mill owners are accordingly dismayed, and

they are asking the United States government to increase the duty on Canadian lumber. It is hardly probable, however, that the popular will would sanction an increase in the duty upon lumber, and the Michigan lumbermen will be obliged to move their plants to Canada, if they wish to cut Canadian logs.

The *Mississippi Valley Lumberman* says that the sash, door and blind business is badly demoralized. As to the fact all dealers and manufacturers are unanimous, but information as to the causes of this condition is contradictory and meagre. With all the rivalry and fierce competition incident to the trade it would be difficult, if not wholly impossible, to create such uncertainty, recklessness and demoralization without the influence of a disturbing factor. This factor exists in the jobbers, who more than any are responsible for the present disturbed market. Two other facts are obtrusive. One is that the dealers, both manufacturers and jobbers, are all at sea as to how to construct an association for the future. The other is, that there is an imperative need of protection against cut-throat competition before entering upon another year, else there will be nothing but loss, and possible bankruptcy, as a result to many.

Mississippi Valley Lumberman: The indications are that more lumber was made in Minneapolis during the past year than at any point in the country, with the possible exception of Muskegon and Menominee. The cut of the Minneapolis mills was approximately 338,000,000 feet. The cut of the Eau Claire mills was 188,000,000 feet; another 48,000,000 was made at the big mill at Chippewa Falls, and Knapp.

Stout & Co., at their various mills on the Red Cedar cut not to exceed 70,000,000. This makes an aggregate of 306,000,000 for the Chippewa valley. The La Crosse mills turned out 213,465,000 feet, and the mills in the St. Croix valley 177,000,000. The cut in the Wisconsin valley was somewhere in the neighborhood of 250,000,000, including Wausau, Merrill and Stevens Point. Muskegon and Menominee, Mich., are to be heard from yet, with the probabilities that their cut will not very much if any exceed that made by the Minneapolis mills.

British Columbia

Harry Bolton, of the Britannia hotel, Nanaimo, is dead.

A. U. Milne has opened a tailoring establishment at Vancouver.

Manahan Bros., brickmakers, Westminster, have established a pottery at that place.

Over 4,000,000 salmon eggs have been so placed to hatch out in the hatchery on Harrison River.

Isaac Oppenheimer, Mayor of Vancouver, has been re-elected mayor for the ensuing year by acclamation.

The Lovell block, Vancouver, fell with a crash and is now a heap of ruins. The building was in process of construction.

Dr. Griffin, of Victoria, has been convicted and sentenced to five years penal servitude for threatening, by the medium of anonymous letters, to kill Hon. Robert Dunsmuir.