# BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

Regular Cortespondence of the Canada Lumberman.]

mills throughout the province are quite busy, and by to continue so, as orders are now in the offices them raming for some time. The Brunette Saw re just filled an order of 22,000 feet of clear cedar, inches, 12 to 16 feet in length, for China. Another as five carloads of immense fir planks, to be sent twa, to be used in building lumber barges. The ity Mills have also shipped to China 600,000 feet as in sticks a foot square.

). G. Scott, of the Pacific Coast Lumber Co., stating on the lumber situation, remarked that they marking long enough at low prices, and that, now would be a good time for concerted action kind looking to the obtaining of better prices.

### COAST CHIPS.

Smelter Lumber Co.'s mill at Trail had cut 1,600,t of lumber up to the first of June.

J. A. Sayward Lumber Company are erecting a all at Nelson, with a daily capacity of 30,000 feet.

saw mill, lath mill and shingle mill at Wardner.

Loox nailers at the Brunette Saw Mills recently
for an advance of wages from \$1 to \$1.15 per

stated that the Cowichan saw mill at Genoa, which I lying idle for the past three years, will probably acceptations about the 1st of October, under the ment of Wm. Gidley, for the Mossom-Boyd Co.

he great botanical and forestry display centre. Section measures 6 feet 9 inches in diameter, and is

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### OTTAWA LETTER.

[Regular Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

FAVOR AN EXPORT DUTY.

IBERMEN in this district are naturally aroused at the action of the United States government confirming by of \$2 per thousand feet on lumber. There are who are not now in favor of the Canadian governimposing an export duty on saw logs, while many opposed to this action in case the American duty ept down to \$1. A fortnight ago an impromptu Intion of lumbermen was held at the Russell House, mong those present were the following: Messrs. trannell and F. Bronson, Bronson & Weston Lumcompany; J. Scott, vice-president Georgian Bay nion Bank; Senator Cox, president Bank of Com-1 ; G. B. Brooderick, manager Molsons Bank; or Drummond, representing the Bank of Montreal; Lash, Q.C.; J. B. Fraser, vice-president Bank of Nata; L. Burton, Burton Bros., Byng Inlet; W. Mann, Wm. Mason & Sons; Thomas Mackie, M. P.; S. Shearer, Montreal; James Mather, Keewatin meger Company; George Burns, general manager Bank Hawa; J. R. Booth; Peter Whelan, Sheppard-For Company; Robert Hurdman, Charles E. Read, Lumber Company; W. C. Edwards, M. P.; D. Company; Senator Owens Lumber Company; H. K. Egan, Hawkes-Lumber Company; Alex. Barnet, Renfrew; C. Mewillin, McLachlin Bros.; E. S. Leetham, estate James iren; W. C. Hughson, Gilmour & Hughson; C. J. Party, President Irondale, Bancroft & Ottawa Railway Stepany; Alexander Fraser: E. C. Whitney, St. An-केंद्रने Lumber Company, and others.

Levi Crannell was elected chairman, and the whole assign of duties was fully discussed. The policy of seeing our raw material to be manufactured in the self States was condemned. A deputation representable convention was appointed to wait upon the imment. This deputation obtained the assurance of sharles Topper that no objection would be offered by prosition, and Mr. Fielding promised that some steps and be token to meet the wishes of the lumbermen. A lays later Mr. Fielding gave notice that the government was assigned to the

Governor-General to impose an export duty on saw logs and pulp wood during the time parliament was adjourned whenever the cabinet should deem such a step advisable. This power has since been granted by the House, to the satisfaction of lumbermen generally.

#### THE SAW-DUST BILL.

A bill was introduced in parliament last week to amend the Fisheries Act by giving the lumbermen another year's exemption from the operation of the law prohibiting them from dumping saw-dust into the Ottawa river. Senator Scott stated that it was impossible for them to consume their saw-dust without changing their mills from water to steam power. They claimed that the enforcement of the law would mean the closing up of the mills and the discharging of a small army of employees, and the government did not feel that it could recommend such a course at the present time. Sir Richard Cartwright said: "It is exactly six and twenty years since I introduced the first bill to prevent this nuisance. These gentlemen within Ottawa have had six and twenty years notice, and I think that is long enough." The act was finally passed extending the time until May 1st, 1898.

#### INSURANCE FOR MILL MEN.

The Hull Lumber Company have inaugurated a system of insurance for their employees. Arrangements have been made with the Railway Accident Insurance Co. to introduce their employees' general collective system of accident insurance, in order to give the firm's men the opportunity of insuring and protecting themselves and family in the event of meeting with accidental injury or death. By this arrangement greatly reduced rates are obtained, and owing to the dangerous work in which they are engaged, it is hoped the men will avail themselves of the opportunity offered. The step is a commendable one on the part of the company.

#### INDIFFERENT LENGTHS.

Messrs. John McEwan and H. M. Gillett, lumbermen, of Bay City, Mich., were in this city recently.

A lumber train of about twenty-five cars was wrecked on the Canadian Atlantic railway at South Indian. The cars were badly damaged.

The suit between Mr. Alex. Fraser and the Hull Lumber Company regarding the Table Rock property at the Chaudiere has been settled, the latter having agreed to remove all the buildings by the first of September.

Messrs. Wm. Mason & Sons have lately added a planing mill to their already extensive plant. They report an active demand for building timber, and expect their cut of pine this season to reach fifteen million feet.

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## CASUALTIES.

- -Ernest Seguin, of Montreal, had his hand badly lacerated in Lalonde & Girard's saw mill.
- Moses Sommers, employed by the Longford Lumber Co., was drowned at Longford Mills, Ont., recently.
- -On May 28 Michael Leaby was drowned while working on a raft of timber in the Ottawa river near Pembroke.
- -Mr. Neil Hunter, a saw mill owner who lived near Schaw Station, Ont., was recently thrown out of his rig and killed.
- -Wm. Ewart was seriously injured by coming in contact with a circular saw in W. H. Fowld's saw mill at Hastings, Ont.
- —A young man named Edmond Pelnaud met his death recently by falling into a log-chute at McLaren's mills at Buckingham, Que.
- --By the explosion of the boiler in Jean Baptiste Rheault's saw mill at Sable Lake, Notre Dame des Anges, Que., A. Fissett, the engineer, was killed.

The Jenckes Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, Que., have lately furnished "Crocker turbines to the following. The Chicoutimi Pulp Co., Chicoutimi, Que., three wheels, the Lake Megantic Pulp Co., Lake Megantic, six wheels, Boston Rubber Co., Ltd., of Montreal, one 55-inch wheels, Royal Paper Mills Co., East Angus, one wheel, for driving their saw mill; Drummondville Co., for driving their dynamo, one 50-inch wheel, North Shore Power Co., four 20-inch wheels, direct connected to dynamo, Champoux Lumber Co., D'Israeli, two wheels.

## THE NEWS.

- -Mr. Vance is building a new saw null at Parry Sound, Ont.
- -- R. C. Innis contemplates opening a lumber yard at Portage la Prairie, Man.
- Sicken & Co. have nearly completed their lumber and planning mill at Sombra, Ont.
- -- Ritchie Bros., of Aylmer, Ont., have started the old Cormier saw mill in operation.
- The Hardy saw mill at Lime Bank, Ont., has been fitted with modern machinery.
- The R. H. Smith Co. are electing an addition to their saw works at St. Catharines, Ont.
- The Nova Scotta Lumber Co. have decided to rebuild their mill at Sherbrooke, Que., recently destroyed by fire.
- Messis, Laurie & Gillies, of Parry Sound, have purchased Mr. Storey's saw and shingle null at Orryille, Ont. Messis, F. McGibbon & Son, lumber dealers, Sarma,
- Ont., report business good in their locality.

  An electric light plant is being installed in S. P. Ben-
- jamin's saw mills at Windsor, N. S., by Mr. F. E. Norton, of St. John.

   Mr. James Jaines, late of Hepworth, has purchased a
- site from Mr. A. Oastler at Parry Sound, and will erect a saw mill thereon.
- —Mr. Jas. Wilson, of Wallaceburg, Ont., has his new saw mill in running order, and is cutting up a large quantity of this season's logs. George Bad, a contractor of Montreal, was recently
- before the police court for obtaining lumber under false pretences from Prefontaine & Co.
- —McDonnell & McDongall have lately purchased the retail lumber business of J. H. Fraser, at Wallaceburg, Ont., and report a good business in their locality.
- Messrs, Blondie Bros, & Co., of the North Chatham planing mills, handled over 1,500,000 feet of lumber last year, and report prospects good for this season's trade.
- The Sable and Spanish Boom and Slide Company of Algoma have been granted supplementary letters patent limiting its existence to twenty-five years from March, 1885.
- Messrs. Biggs & McCormick, saw millers of St. George, Ont., have secured a large quantity of logs for this season's sawing, and report business very satisfactory in their locality.
- The Wilson Company, of Montreal, has been granted incorporation, with a capital of \$100,000, to deal in fuel, lumber and tan back. The promoters are Messis. Jos-Patrick, David Mitchell, Wm. Mitchell and G. A. Wilson.
- The St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co, sawed in its mill at Tacoma, Wash., the other day, a single stick scaling 10,276 ft, by Doyle's rule and 8,024 ft, by Scribner's. The stick as it came from the null was 6 feet 4 inches at one end, 5 feet 2 inches at the other, and 112 inches thick. The log was 30 feet long, 0 feet in diameter, at the butt and 6 feet at the small end. It was taken to the mill in three sections, each occupying a car.
- —The Natural History Society of Montiead held their annual excursion last month. Arriving at La Rouge, the party, on invitation of Hon. J. K. Ward, proceeded to one of the shanties tenanted by his lumbermen, where an appetizing lunch had been prepared, consisting of the bill-of-fare dear to the heart of the river-driver. The menu embraced pea-soup, pork and beans, good home-made bread and butter, and green tea without milk or sugar.
- --The formation is announced of the Patent Cloth Board Company, of Parry Sound, with a capital of \$40,000. The principals in the enterprise are Messrs. W. H. Marcon and W. W. Keighley, of Toronto. The forests adjacent will turnish suitable raw material for the making of cloth board for textile manufacturers, for which a market will be found in Great Britain and elsewhere. The machinery has been obt uned from the United States.
- A new pulp wood saw mill has been introduced in the Port Arthur district. It is built on a big scow. The log is carried from the water by an endless chain, shifted to a set of barbed rollers, from which it is carried to a table with a guide. When it is in right position a lever is pressed and the big cacular saw cuts it. By an automata arrangement the piece of wood is rolled off the table down an incline into the water. It is possible to cet 75 cords a day with the machine.