



THE NEWS.

—Mr. T. B. Caldwell is about to erect a saw mill at Lanark, Ont.

—Mr. Arthur McGregor has started a sash and door factory at Middleton, N. S.

The Laurentide Pulp Co., Grand Mare, Que., proposes building another pulp mill.

—The recent bush fires in the province of Quebec have done more damage than at first reported.

—A new dock is to be built at West Superior, Wis., which will require 1,750,000 feet of west coast fir timber.

—The hardwood flooring manufacturers of the Northwest have formed an association for mutual protection.

—The unsecured creditors of E. & B. Holmes, of Buffalo, will be fortunate if they get 25 cents on the dollar.

—Advices from Chili, South America, report rapid improvement in business, and increased demand for lumber.

—The Czar of Russia is a lumberman. He has an interest in extensive fir, spruce and pine limits in the Caucasus.

—The drought has seriously affected business on the St. Croix river, N. B. The mills have been almost idle for eight weeks.

—The losses by fire in the lumber trade in the United States so far this year have not been so great as for a number of previous years.

—A Toronto firm has received an order for 2,400 wash boards, the largest single order ever received by any firm making these goods.

—The new pulp mill of the Masterman Sulphite Co., Millcove, near Chatham, N. B., will be ready to turn out pulp by the first of the year.

—The receipts of lumber, shingles and staves at New Orleans for the year ending 31st July were valued at \$3,748,899, as against \$5,542,848 the previous year.

—Canadian made bicycles are being sold in the leading Australian cities. With a growing demand all over the world, what wonder that good elm is hard to get.

—The Bryan Manufacturing Company have secured the contract for all the boxes and packing cases required by the Collingwood Meat Co., for the next two years.

—The Australian mines have been in the habit of using sawn timber for mining props. An effort is being made to induce them to use Douglas fir from British Columbia.

—The prospect with regard to lumber operations in Algoma is very good. The large crop in Manitoba has created a demand for lumber and great activity is anticipated during the winter.

—Mr. Vance, lumberman, of Bruce County, has been in Parry Sound district looking for a site whereon to erect a saw mill for cutting hardwood and cedar, and is also trying to purchase limits.

—The safe in the store of the Dudley Lumber Mills Co., at Scottstown, P. Q., on the C. P. R., was blown open on the night of the 17th of October, and \$2,600, placed there to pay the men, stolen.

—Messrs. Parker Bros., of Hepworth, are pulling down their shingle mill and will build a new one twenty-two by thirty-four feet, on the same site, with a capacity of eleven thousand shingles per day.

—Mr. Schilde, a pulp mill expert, has been in Richibucto, N. B., on a prospecting tour. He says it possesses better facilities for a pulp mill than any place he has seen, and a company to build one is talked of.

—A factory for the making of oars exclusively, with a \$30,000 plant, has been started at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The material used is principally ash and oak, and a market is found among the navies of Europe and elsewhere.

—Those interested in the wood pulp and paper trades say the supplies of spruce timber in the United States are not by any means unlimited, and that in the near future all wood pulp required by American paper mills must come from Canada.

—A boy named McIlwain brought an action, at the Berlin Assizes, against Mr. Oberholtzer, a saw mill owner, for damages for the loss of three fingers in defendant's mill. The jury found for the plaintiff, holding that there had been negligence on the part of the defendant.

—The movement of Pacific coast shingles through Duluth and Superior this season is very heavy. Shipments of over 48,000,000 from these two ports on line boats to Buffalo mark the growth of the Washington trade with the east as something wonderful.

—Hon. John Haggart, Minister of Railways and Canals, has been interviewed by the solicitor of Mossom Boyd & Co., of

Bobcaygeon, who complain that, owing to the construction of the Trent Valley Canal, the water in Little Bob Lake is being lowered, to the injury of their milling operations.

—The Africa, recently lost on the Georgian Bay, with all hands, and her consort, the Severn, belonged to the estate of the late Alex. R. Christie. They, with another consort, the Marquis, formed the fleet of the Michael's Bay Lumber Co., of which Mr. Christie was president. When the company wound up Mr. Christie took the boats, and since his death the estate has been running them. The Marquis was wrecked on Lake Michigan about two years ago; now both the others are gone. They were engaged largely in lumber freighting.

—The collector of customs at Point Vincent, N. Y., recently inquired if ordinary yellow cedar timber squared by sawing, which is not commercially known or used as a cabinet wood, is dutiable under the provisions of the Wilson law, and was told that the department has already held that red cedar boards not being specially provided for in that act, should be classified as articles manufactured in part and dutiable at the rate of 20 per cent. ad valorem, and that this decision is applicable to yellow cedar and the same rate of duty should be collected thereon.

CASUALTIES.

—Peter Lauzon, of Ottawa, was killed in the woods by a falling tree.

—George Hopkins lost a finger in a jointer in the Rathbun Co.'s mill at Brockville.

—P. Hiffnor, a shantyman, said to come from Toronto, was accidentally killed at North Bay.

—D. J. McDiarmid, proprietor of the hub and spoke factory at Aylmer, Ont., was instantly killed by the bursting of a wood pulley in the stave works. The pulley struck him on the head.

PERSONAL.

Mr. T. Cushing, of Tacoma, has gone to the Canary Islands in the interest of Andrew Cushing & Co., of St. John, N. B.

Rayside, the well-known football player on Queen's University team, has retired from football to engage in the lumber business.

Mr. M. M. Boyd, the Bobcaygeon lumberman, is on a visit to the Pacific coast, looking over the lumber interests of Washington and Oregon.

Dr. D. F. Hurdman was married at Ottawa a few days ago to Miss Helen McNutt, daughter of Mr. C. H. McNutt, late of the crown timber office.

Mr. Charles K. Grigg, of Owen Sound, has been appointed one of the rangers of Algonquin park, to take the place of Mr. Timothy O'Leary, who has been appointed to the chief ranger-ship.

Lord Rosbery, ex-Premier of England, is said to be about to visit America to look after his investments, among which is the Southern States Land and Timber Company, which made an assignment several months ago.

F. W. Buchanan, who died recently in Winnipeg, was a son of one of the earliest lumbermen on the Ottawa, and who met his death suddenly when superintending the running of some of his crabs down the slides at the Chaudiere, near to where the Bronson mills now stand.

Mr. E. M. Fowler, the principal shareholder in the St. Anthony Lumber Co., whose mills at Whitney, Ont., have been recently set in operation, is a Chicago millionaire, whose wealth in millions is said to reach two figures. He recently visited Ottawa and Whitney to inspect the business of the company.

Mr. Arch. H. Campbell, youngest son of Mr. A. H. Campbell, the well known lumberman of Toronto, was married on the 8th of October, to Jessie Lefroy, only daughter of Senator MacInnes, of Hamilton. The groom is manager of the saw mills on the Musquash River. The LUMBERMAN extends congratulations and good wishes.

WM. HAMILTON & SONS, PETERBORO.

THIS firm's buildings cover an area of 3½ acres, and their machinery is of the most modern design. They employ 150 men and build everything in the machinery line.

The machine shop is in the form of a T, each leg being 300' x 40'. The boiler shop forms another leg, it is 150' x 30'. To this building are annexed the blacksmith shop 40' x 40', and the boiler and engine room. Across the street is the foundry containing perhaps the finest moulding shop in the country, 280' x 80' in size.

In the machine shop is the largest planer in Canada, its dimensions being 18' bed, 18' long, 8' square. The boring mill will take a 16' pulley by 6' face. The firm have turned out the gears, bridgetrees and shafting for the Soo pulp mill.

I WOULD not object to hold a few thousand acres of pine timber lands, if the statement I saw the other day as to the way it increases in value is correct. A lumber company purchased, in 1880, a tract in Upper Michigan for \$19,000, which is now said to be worth \$150,000. That is better than holding real estate in Toronto.

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I have heard wonderful stories of the durability of timber under water, but this breaks the record. I read in a Vienna paper that a pile supporting a bridge built across the Danube by the Emperor Trajan, seventeen centuries ago, was taken up and found to be perfectly sound. Nor is it a bad take-off on the yellow pine dealers, who claim great durability for their wood, when a contemporary remarks that they will probably claim that the pile was of that variety of wood.

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Some of the furniture dealers complain that the craze for bicycles has injured their trade, though just how they connect the two I do not quite see. The furniture men will simply have to take to selling bicycles, and some of them are doing so, and making them too. The craze, however, if it can be called such, does good in some directions. The introduction of the wood rim has caused an increased demand for the better class of elm, and also hickory, which is good for the hardwood men.

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THE West Coast lumbermen of the United States, who have formed a combine against British Columbia, which promises to assume still greater proportions, justify their action by the assertion that they cannot compete in their own market against British Columbia lumber. They say that the B. C. lumberman has not to buy his timber, but merely leases it from the government and pays for the logs as he takes them out, that his stumpage is only 25 cents as against \$1, and that his labor is cheaper. That may all be so, but the complainants have shut out cheaper labor by excluding the Chinaman.

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PHILADELPHIA has established as a municipal enterprise a commercial museum, which should be a most useful institution. It will contain collections of natural products from all the countries of the world which have entered the United States markets or may be available for them, and samples of manufactured products from foreign countries, which may serve as aids to their own manufacturers. There will also be a bureau of information and an experimental department. Canadian lumbermen should see to it that samples of their timber are placed in the museum. It may be the means of securing many good customers.

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I saw a curious report the other day which had been sent in to the Crown Lands Department. It is the diary of Ignace Dufond, who is engaged as a fire ranger by Mr. Wm. Mackay, of Ottawa, and whose district lies along the Amable Dufond river, which flows into Lake Nipissing. Dufond is paid partially by Mr. Mackay and partially by the Government, and one of his duties is to send to the department an account of his ranging during the season. It is written in the Ojibway language and contains many terse Indian expressions. He speaks of May as the flower month, June as the strawberry month, etc. It is clearly and neatly written.

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It appears as if the United States was going to have a grievance against Canada as a set-off to the lowering of the water in our harbours and streams by the Chicago drainage canal. A great power dam is being built at the outlet of the Lake of the Woods, which, it is asserted, will raise the water in the lake four feet. This, if it should turn out to be the case, will flood some low lands in United States territory at the south end of the lake, and kill considerable timber—70,000 acres would, they say, be destroyed. Government agents are on their way to investigate. I do not believe the damage would amount to anything like the figure stated, but our neighbors to the south are never modest when it comes to putting in a claim against England. They know she is rich.