

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—Henry Helmka, sawmill, etc., Springfield, has sold out.

—The Rathbun company are making an addition to their sash and door factory at Deseronto.

—Vigar Bros., sawmill, Port Arthur, are claiming exemption from taxation from the court of revision.

—Toronto failures of the month are: W. H. Drayton, Josiah Hall, and G. G. Kerr. All are small.

—Shaw and Douglas, of Kemptville, whose mill was lately destroyed by fire, will push ahead with rebuilding.

—Business is so brisk at John Milne & Son's planing mill, Huntsville, that the factory will be kept running night and day.

—An unusual quantity of lumber, the property of Bronson & Weston, of Ottawa, is on their new piling grounds at Rockland.

The lumber factory of J. B. Miller, of *1* into, suffered damages to the extent of \$3,000 by fire a fortnight ago. Fully insured.

—W. B. Bennett, of Harley, is removing his mill to the fifth concession of Burford, where he has lots of custom logs waiting cutting.

—At McLaren's mills, in New Edinburgh, booms of logs were broken by a hurricane and piles of lumber scattered in every direction.

—Logs that had been hung up for the season on the Trent, Moira and other rivers of Central Ontario are fast reaching their destination.

—It is stated that a number of agents of American firms are in the Georgian Bay district bargaining for large quantities of spruce for the American mills.

—Several thousand logs are at present running the Government slide at the Chaudiere, being the property of the Hawkesbury Lumber Co., of Grenville.

—Klock's lumber is all over the slides and is now anchored at the Queen's wharf. It makes one of the largest rafts to go down the Ottawa river this season.

—Geo. Cormack, of Whitby, is importing British Columbia fir to this province. Boards are thirty-two feet long and three and a-half feet wide, free from knots.

—Mickle, Dymont & Sons are constructing a switch to their proposed mill site at Severn Bridge. They also purpose building a shingle mill for immediate operation.

—The largest load of timber ever carried on the inland lakes was delivered at Garden Island last week by the schooner Ceylon. It consisted of 67,397 feet of pine from Spanish River.

—The tug Summer recently passed through Sarnia with the largest raft of long timber that ever passed through the St. Clair River—about 3,000,000 feet. There were over 325 cribs, containing over 6,000 logs.

—It is estimated that 3,000,000 feet of logs will be brought down the Ottawa district streams this season, of which 2,000,000 are coming down the Ottawa proper. The value of the total shipment will be over \$5,600,000. Much of this timber is what was left in the woods last season.

—The Ontario Government give notice through the LUMBERMAN advertising columns that a large number of timber limits in the Nipissing, Algoma, Thunder Bay and Rainy River districts will be sold at public auction October 13, at the department of Crown Lands, Toronto.

—The Peterboro Examiner of a week ago says that "a drive of logs consisting of 230,000 pieces, the property of the Rathbun Co., of Deseronto, and the Gilmour Co., of Trenton, is passing down the Trent River now. Over 100 men are employed on the drive, which is one of the largest that ever passed through these waters."

—The applicants to the Dominion Government for a charter for the Toronto and British Columbia Lumber Co., are: John White, of Roslin; Robert Thomson, of Hamilton; John Davidson, of Barrie; Thos. John Hamill and John Stinson Hatton, of Toronto; John Alexander Strathy, of Barrie; William Bell, of Guelph; Jonathan Henderson, of Barrie; Henry Hatton Strathy, of Barrie, and Ernest V. Bodwell, of Victoria. The capital stock of the company is \$1,000,000. The chief place of business is to be at Toronto.

—Lumbering operations at Port Arthur are being conducted on a much larger scale than at any previous time in the history of the district. Large contracts have been let by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for ties, which are being taken out between here and Rat Portage. The trade in cedar, for paving blocks, fence posts, telegraph poles, ties, piles, and as square

timber for bridge and culvert work, is largely increasing. Three firms have camps on the line of the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western Railway, which are expected to cut 8,000,000 feet of pine, which will be sawed in the district for the trade of Manitoba and the Territories.

QUEBEC.

—The brigantine Alaska, of Quebec, owned by Maguire and Co., has sailed for Las Palmas, Canary Islands, laden with lumber. This is the first export of lumber for the Canaries from Quebec.

—The Quebec & Lake St. John Railway Co. has purchased a large tract of the most valuable timber land on the continent, situated in the northwestern part of Quebec province. The railway will be extended to the tract, which is 500 miles inland.

—The old E. B. Eddy lumber yards in Hull, which have for years been stripped of lumber are rapidly assuming their former appearance. Since the ground was taken over by Messrs. Buell, Orr & Hurdman a vast quantity of all kinds of lumber has been piled there.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

—Gideon D. Reid, lumber, Hopewell, N.B., has assigned.

—Lumbermen hope, as a result of recent heavy rains, to relieve some 12,000,000 feet of logs in a jam near Aroostook Falls, N.B.

—Lewis and Starret's steam sawmill at Pleasant Hill, Economy, N.S., destroyed by fire with a considerable quantity of lumber.

—The Keswick Lumber Company intends erecting a new sawmill at Upper Keswick, N.B., the coming fall. About 1,500 cords of hemlock will be peeled by this concern this year. The bark will be shipped to the United States.

—An important patent suit which will interest mill owners and lumbermen is pending in the equity court of New Brunswick. The suit is brought by H. A. Connell, Woodstock, against John Fraser, Woodstock, for the infringement of the patent of the Kearney shingle jointer, patented in 1886. The Kearney jointers are now used in nearly all the shingle mills in Canada. Connell Bros. obtained assignment of the patent, and allege that the Union Foundry Company is engaged in the manufacture of the jointers. This suit will test the validity of the patent.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—The capital stock of the Columbia River Lumber Company (Limited) is increased from \$30,000 to \$250,000.

—Frank McLeod has purchased a sawmill plant and intends to erect a mill on his property at Chemainus. He has some fine timber limits. The mill will be running this fall.

—Timber piracy to a greater or lesser extent is being carried on in different parts of this province. A case came before the New Westminster courts a few weeks ago where four men were charged with cutting cedar timber for shingle bolts, with intent to steal the same. The men had been arrested the previous day by Sheriff's Officer Patterson in the act of cutting the timber, but they disclaimed having cut any more than what was actually found piled up on the ground at the time, although there were abundant indications all around of extensive cutting having been done there. The land is the property of J. W. Horne, M.P.P., and is considered worth \$50 an acre, the timber being very valuable. It is said that the business with many has come to be looked upon as perfectly legitimate, or at least one which usage has sanctioned. The authorities, however, assert their determination of putting an end to it.

—Ship-owners are holding for higher freight rates for Australian ports, but shippers do not seem willing to accede to their demands. Among recent arrivals are the Hindostan, 1,543 tons, at Moodyville to load for Valparaiso on owner's account. The Palawan sailed for Iquique and the Leonor for Valparaiso on July 8. The Colorado, now on the way from San Francisco, will probably load a cargo for South America. The Zebina Gowdy, 1,087 tons, has been chartered to load at Vancouver. There are three vessels, aggregating 2,088 tons, loading at British Columbia ports, all for Valparaiso. Quotations are as follows for cargo lots for foreign shipment being the prices of the Pacific Pine Lumber Association: "Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet, inclusive, \$9 per 1,000 feet; rough deck plank, average length 35 feet, \$19; dressed flooring, \$17; pickets, \$9; laths, 4 feet, \$2.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—John Irwin, builder, etc., Minnedosa, has sold out to G. F. Burgess.

—Dennis Coghlan was drowned while rafting near Moore and McDowall's mills, Edmonton, overbalancing himself on the logs.

—Brine & McDonald, bankers, lumber dealers, etc., Fort Qu'Appelle, Assa., have dissolved. The business will be continued by D. H. MacDonald and Co.



FIRES.

Shaw and Dougall's sawmill and planing factory, at Hallville, Ont., destroyed by fire.

Captain Robinson's sawmill at Fisher's River, on Lake Winnipeg, has been destroyed by fire with all the winter cut of logs.

The Rathbun Co. have suffered a loss of several thousand dollars by fire in their lumber yards at Kingston, Ont. Insured.

G. F. Allen's barrel factory, and Kenney, Haley & Co.'s sash and blind factory, including much valuable machinery, at Yarmouth, N.S., were destroyed by fire. Loss \$50,000; insurance \$20,000.

CASUALTIES.

George Turner slipped from a boom at Trenton, Ont., and was drowned.

Leon Lachapelle, a chopper, fell dead while cutting a tree at North Vancouver, B.C.

John Neil had his right arm cut off in McGugan's sawmill, St. Joe's Island, Algoma, Ont.

At Centreville, N.B., a young man named Simonson, who runs a sawmill, was drowned while booming logs.

A. G. Scott, a workman in McCaffrey's planing mill, Huntsville, Ont., has had three fingers terribly lacerated.

A shantyman named Laroche, working on the Gatineau, is suffering from a broken leg. He slipped on a lot of logs.

Moses Burt, who worked at Brewster's mill, near Fredericton, N.B., had his arm so badly injured that it had to be cut off.

Arthur L. Roix, a mill hand at Gagnon's sawmill, Templeton, Que., loses two fingers by coming in contact with a circular saw.

Norman Pubble received a compound fracture of the right arm through being caught by a belt in a Campbellford, Ont., mill.

While running an edger in Perchbecher's sawmill, Williamsford, Ont., Fred Evers had the three first fingers and thumb of his right hand cut off.

Doman Gogang, working at David Jackson's mills, near Tiddish, N.S., has had one hand amputated because of injuries received with a circular saw.

Joseph Valiquette, a shantyman who lives near Montebello, Que., had his legs severely crushed while engaged in driving logs. One leg may need to be amputated.

Henry McDowell Hodgins, aged twenty-one, eldest son of Mr. Edward Hodgins, of Yarm., was drowned at the sawmill of Hodgins Bros., of North Clarendon, Ont.

An employee of Murray Bros.' mill, North Bay, Ont., had his left leg almost severed and the right foot and thigh severely cut and bruised while working around a saw.

Solomon Peters, colored, of Kingsclear, N.B., was rafting logs some distance above Fredericton. He went on one log into the middle of the river, rolled off and never reappeared.

A lad of thirteen years, Patrick McNeil, was killed at Burton Bros.' mill, Byng Inlet, Ont., while endeavoring to cant a log to the large circular. His body was severed in two in an instant.

A lad named Charles Leduc was severely injured in McCray's mill, on the Ottawa, while engaged working around a hand saw. He loses one finger and may have to have two others amputated.

A man named Charles Scott, forty years of age, in the employ of the Hastings mill, at Vancouver, B.C., had his right foot caught between the line rollers of the lumber carriage and suffered terrible injuries.

While Donald Caverly, of Madoc, Ont., was unloading shingles at a house one of the bunches fell on him. The second day after the accident he was taken with hemorrhage of the lungs, resulting in death.

David Boggs, a partner in Boggs Bros.' woodyard, Toronto, lost his life by becoming entangled with a circular saw. He was literally sawn in pieces before the workmen noticed the accident. He was a widower with six children.

Nellie, the six-year-old child of Mr. Thomas Conlon, lumber merchant, Thorold, was burned so badly that she lived only about four hours after the accident. The child was playing with fire when her clothing caught and was burned off her body before assistance could reach her.