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Lumber Cuttings.

E. Menzies has opened a wood and lumber yard at Rapid City.

The Royal City Planing Mills' New Westminster, B.C., average daily shipment of dressed lumber to the Western Territories is about four carloads.

The Royal City Planing Mills and the Brunette Saw Mills, New Westminster, are now busily engaged in getting out 5,000 ties each for the Westminster Southern Railway.

The Brunette Saw Mill, New Westminster, B.C., will be lighted by electricity. The necessary plant, including engine, dynamos, etc., is now being placed in position.

An unusual activity is reported in all the logging camps around Vancouver this fall. None of the camps have closed down for the winter yet, and possibly they will continue operations all winter. The season is undoubtedly the busiest Vancouver has ever seen.

The Brunette Saw Mills Company have received the contract for cutting the bridge timber for the Great Northern Railway across the Nicomekle River, and also for a quantity of railway ties for the Westminster Southern branch. A scow-load of 600 ties were shipped yesterday.

Application will be made next month to the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario-in-council for an act to incorporate the Capital Lumber Company of Ottawa. The objects for which incorporation is sought are to manufacture and sell timber and lumber of all descriptions; also to carry on business of a planing mill, sash, door and furniture factory.

A discovery has recently been made of a grove of giant redwood trees in Pierce county, Wash., similar in character to those of the Yosemite National park in California. Some of the trees are said to be 400 feet high and 13

feet in diameter. The people of Tacoma are agitating the subject of having a flag pole made of one of the tallest trees and sending it to Chicago as one of the contributions of the state of Washington to the World's exposition.

The Nanaimo *Free Press* says: A scheme has been on foot for the past few months to raise a syndicate in London, England, for the purpose of purchasing the Chemainus Saw Mills, together with their extensive timber grants. The scheme apparently failed in London, but has been taken up by a New York syndicate, who it is believed will have this valuable property transferred to them in the course of a few weeks, but as yet nothing definite has been settled.

Notwithstanding the difficulties in the way of rapid production early in the season, Minneapolis mills have succeeded in manufacturing more lumber in 1899 than in any previous year in the history of the business at this place. The total lumber cut is 311,571,362 feet, 162,217,500 shingles and 80,275,350 lath. The lumber cut is 65,718,714 feet more than it was last year and 6,911,067 feet more than it was in 1888, which was the best year for manufacturing prior to this.—*Mississippi Valley Lumberman*.

An invention, in the shape of endless chains, alternated with stationary timbers sloping to the lower part of the mill, for the safe transference of trimmed lumber is working very satisfactorily in the Brunette Saw Mill, at Westminster, B.C. The lumber is pushed on to a system of hooks attached to the chains after coming from the saws, and is gently and continuously deposited to where it is transferred to the waiting trucks by the men in attendance. The Brunette Mills, it is understood, were the first in the Province to take advantage of this way of carefully handling the lighter classes of lumber from the upper floors of the mill to the ground.

The Westminster *Columbian* of a recent date says: A large scow-load of choice hard timber arrived round from Howe Sound, consigned to Messrs. Wintemute Bros., of New Westminster. The timber consists of maple, birch, ash, and other hard woods, and among the maple there is some which is extra lustrous in its way. This consists of a number of planks of bird's eye maple, many of the planks measuring as much as 24 inches across, and from 20 to 23 feet long. This timber is beautifully marked and will make up into magnificent furniture and interior decorations. The fact of bird's eye maple growing in this country will no doubt surprise many who imagine that this species of the genus *Acer* is indigenous to Eastern Canada. Some experts who have seen the timber say it is quite equal to the best they have seen in the east.

Minneapolis will have a big macaroni factory. The capital stock will be \$100,000. The company will be known as "The Cunningham Egg Macaroni Company." The company will seek to manufacture under the Dole system the highest quality of Royal egg macaroni. Specially designed machinery will handle the product from start to finish. It is a matter worth the consumers' notice to know that under this scientific basis of manufacture the product is untouched by hand. It is proposed to make this one of the finest factories of its kind in the world. Royal egg macaroni will be shipped to all parts of the world, and orders are in hand now for a considerable quantity for the London market. It is estimated that a ready sale of thousands of cases will be effected annually in Australia.

The last key of the last section of the metal lining of the St. Clair tunnel, constructed by the Grand Trunk Railway Company, has been put in place. The stone portals of the tunnel are in process of erection and the approaches are being rapidly completed. It is anticipated that the tunnel will be ready for traffic in February next.