

for their vessels was sawn, and a horse railroad connecting the mills with the shipyards. When the change was made, they moved the mill frame to tide water and put a gang into the mill. The power was also increased, the engine now being 250 h.p. The mill was designed specially for sawing deals, being supplied with all the improved machinery necessary for the purpose. The Messrs. Eaton carried on the business up to last year, besides building two vessels for the Greenland trade for McKay & Dix, of New York.

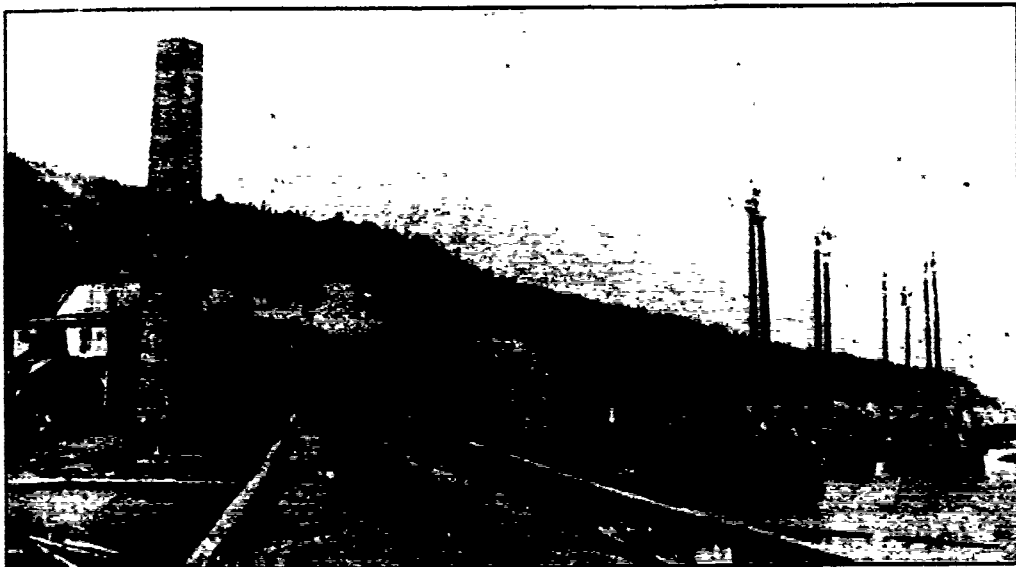
About the first of December last, Messrs. A. C. & C. W. Elderkin, of Advocate Harbor, N.S., purchased the property from Messrs. Eaton just as it stood, and have since operated it. The Messrs. Eaton had begun operations for the winter's logging, and had about two million feet of logs yarded. The purchasers took these, along with the teams, logging appliances and camping outfits—in fact, they just stepped in and continued the operations as outlined by the previous owners, although they did not get out quite as many logs as Messrs. Eaton intended to cut. The firm cut at this mill this season three million feet of deals and two million lath. The deals have been shipped to

and one-half million feet for a long time. The limits are situated on the Chignecto peninsula, the land being strong and the growth of timber rapid. Danger from fire is very slight, as the ground is covered with a mossy growth which is always damp. The timber itself is slow burning, being exposed for a great part of each season to the salt fogs that prevail on the Bay of Fundy; the wood absorbs the salt and becomes partially fireproof.

On account of the situation of the limits, about two miles is the longest haul, and the logs cut at the head of the stream are landed three miles above the mill. There are several driving dams on it, which hold enough water to run the logs to the mill in a few hours. Further down the peninsula the logs are browed along the shore, and when wanted are boomed and towed to the mill. There is a large pond just above the mill, into which logs can be run at high water on each tide, and where they are perfectly safe from any storm. The logs from the head of the stream before referred to also run down into this pond. The capacity of the mill is 60,000 feet of deals per day, but Messrs. Elderkin prefer quality to

of the Intercolonial railway, and on which the cut of this and several of the portable mills is sent to Halifax for shipment.

The mill is water power, furnished by the St. Croix river, the outlet into the Bay of Fundy of a large system of lakes, around which the company have an immense quantity of very fine spruce and pine timber, and on which the logs are taken to the mill. A system of dams gives them an ample supply of water to operate



SAW MILL of A. C. & C. W. ELDERKIN AT EATONVILLE, N.S.

English markets, but they have all their boards yet on their wharf, preferring to hold them rather than sell at the prices prevailing in the United States markets. The firm intend getting out about four million feet the coming winter, and are prepared to saw for the best paying market. They are looking over the South American and West India markets, and will probably test both. Boston and New York have been the best markets for their short lumber and boards, and when business in the United States gets back to its normal condition, it will absorb such goods as heretofore. Vessels of six to eight hundred tons can load directly at the mill wharf, but when they sell to parties shipping to the English markets, the deals are lightered either to West Bay, near Parrsboro, or to Grindstone Island, about ten miles distant, where the largest steamers can take cargo, there being a good depth of water, plenty of sea room, and good anchorage. For South American trade vessels of five to eight hundred tons are the most profitable. These can load at mill.

The timber property of this estate is nearly all spruce, and comprises about twenty thousand acres. By preserving the timber as far as expedient, the supply will stand a cut of about two

quantity. They believe that they can take a smaller quantity of logs and by careful manufacture make quite as much money out of them, allowing nothing to go to waste, and thus conserve their forest area. The firm own a steam mill and general store at Advocate Harbor, and also have a store at Eatonville. They have some good schooners which they built themselves and run in the coasting trade. They are natives of the county of Cumberland, and are very enterprising young men.

#### T. G. McMULLEN & COMPANY.

AN account of the lumbering operations of the province without special mention of the firm of T. G. McMullen & Co., whose head office is at Truro, would be incomplete. Mr. McMullen has been prominent in lumbering and milling operations since the early seventies, having built a large rotary mill in Truro in 1873. Logs became scarce there, and he operated a number of portable mills in different parts of Colchester, Hants and Pictou counties. The firm at present probably own the largest quantity of timber lands in the province. Besides several portable mills, they own and operate a modern band saw mill at Hartville, on the line



MR. A. C. ELDERKIN.

the mills during the summer drought. At this mill there is sawn about eight million feet per year, while their total cut runs from twenty to thirty-five million, according to the market demands. The bulk of their lumber is shipped from the port of Halifax, but they also ship a quantity from Pictou. The greater portion of their cut is deals for the English market. This firm also believe in the crosscut saw for selling trees and cutting into logs, and so satisfied are they of the advantages obtained by so doing that



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they stipulate in all contracts with jobbers that the logs must be sawn as far as possible.

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