

Croix. While there are steam mills of larger size at Shulie, Sand River, Apple River, Eatonville, Newville, near Parrsboro, Stewiacke, and on the Aven river above the town of Windsor, there are a number of medium size mills, steam and water, at Weymouth, Meteghan and Hec-tanooga, at the western end of the province.

The principal markets for the mills from Annapolis around the shore via Yarmouth to,



HON. ALFRED DICKIE.

say, Gold river, is the West Indies and South America, while the Bay of Fundy and the Atlantic coast mills east of Halifax prefer the English market when prices are right, but they are prepared to saw to specifications for the best paying markets.

ALFRED DICKIE.

THE county of Colchester, N. S., stands foremost in the counties of the province in natural resources, and no part of the county in this respect excels the Stewiacke valley. In this valley, on the bank of the Stewiacke river, and in close proximity to the Halifax terminus of the Intercolonial railway, stands the widely known milling property owned and operated by Hon. Alfred Dickie, of Lower Stewiacke. This mill, of



MR. JOHN A. GILLIS.

Manager for Alfred Dickie at Lower Stewiacke, N.S.

which a view is shown, is a modern and up-to-date establishment in every respect, was built by the present owner in the year 1894, and up to the present date has cut up and manufactured some forty million superficial feet of lumber, averaging yearly about a five months' operation.

The mill proper is a structure 80 x 120 feet, containing, on the upper floor, gang and rotary,

patent double edgers, lath, planer and box machines. The ground floor is occupied chiefly by saw-dust carriers, which convey saw-dust to the furnaces. Here also are found turning lathes and general repair apparatus. Adjoining on the north side is a brick engine and boiler house, containing large tubular boilers, and a one hundred and sixty horse power engine.

One of the strong features of this mill is its almost unique contrivance, consisting of an endless chain six hundred feet in length, which carries all refuse material to a distance where it can be burned with safety. The cutting capacity of the mill is eighty thousand superficial feet of deals per day, and a correspondingly large quantity of laths, palings and shooks. The present season's operations, when completed, will amount to as much as ten million superficial feet of manufactured lumber, of course necessitating an unusually long season's work. Mr. John A. Gillis, whose portrait we present, is manager of the mill.

Here a few words as to the nature and extent of similar industries carried on by Mr. Dickie at Three Fathom Harbor (near Halifax) and Glengarry, in Pictou county, might be given.

Three Fathom Harbor is nicely situated, eighteen miles east of Halifax, with which, of course, it has easy and direct communication by water. The business carried on here consists of an 80 h. p. mill, containing a rotary, edgers, trimmers and lath machines. During the past season this mill has turned out some three million superficial feet of deals and other lumber. It is situated in a cove at the head of the harbor, from which the lumber is loaded on large scows, carrying 150 M. superficial feet each, which in turn are towed to Halifax harbor, where they are discharged into vessels; but arrangements are now being made by which Mr. Dickie hopes to load large vessels at Three Fathom Harbor.



SAW MILL OF ALFRED DICKIE AT LOWER STEWIACKE, N.S.

As to the operations at Glengarry, during the past two seasons Mr. Dickie cut and shipped from that place some eight million superficial feet of spruce and other woods from his portable mills, which wood is carried by rail to Pictou landing, some 18 miles, thence by water to the various ports where markets have been found.

Mr. Dickie recently purchased large interests at Ship Harbor, some 40 miles from Halifax. This property, containing about thirty-five thousand acres of heavily timbered land (principally spruce), was purchased within the last year from Messrs. Hill & French, who carried on lumbering operations in a section of country adjacent. Ship Harbor is considered one of the best ports of shipping in Nova Scotia. This will not seem inconsistent when we say that ships of two thousand

tons capacity can sail ten miles inland, where they can be loaded direct from the mill. It is the intention of Mr. Dickie to erect at Ship Harbor the coming winter a mill equipped with every modern milling appliance and with a capacity of six million superficial feet of manufactured lumber each season. At Tusket, N.S., Mr. Dickie, in conjunction with Mr. Thos. N. McGrath, also owns a valuable mill property, which has been



MR. THOS. N. MCGRATH.
(Dickie & McGrath, Tusket, N.S.)

previously described in this journal. This year they have been cutting largely for the markets of South America, France and the West Indies.

A few words as to the career of Mr. Dickie. He was born at Lower Stewiacke, where he now resides, some 38 years ago, obtained the degree of B.A. at the age of eighteen, and subsequently an M.A. degree. Afterwards he studied abroad, and launched out into the business world, with what success can be gleaned from the above reference to his lumbering operations. He has also been active in public life, having represented

the county of Cumberland in the Dominion parliament and being chosen a member of the Cabinet.

A. C. & C. W. ELDERKIN.

THE lumber mills and property at Eatonville were originally owned by the firm of D. R. & C. F. Eaton, who carried on shipbuilding and a general saw-milling and mercantile business up to the year 1884. Mr. D. R. Eaton died in 1882, and some time afterwards the firm was reorganized and the name changed to C. F. & F. R. Eaton, F. R. Eaton being a son of D. R. Eaton. About this time the building of wooden ships ceased, and the firm turned their attention to the manufacture of spruce lumber for export. They had a rotary mill about two and one-half miles up the stream, where the timber and planking