

McDonald's planing mill at Oakville, Ont., was burned on May 18th. Loss, \$3000; partly insured.

Mr. J. H. Bowman, of Dundas, is erecting an addition to his planing factory, in which to manufacture furniture.

The Dominion Terra Cotta Lumber Co., Deseronto, have applied for incorporation. The capital of this company will be \$200,000.

The large planing mill belonging to W. H. Baldwin & Co., Ottawa, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire on May 13th. The bursting of a coal oil lamp was the cause. Damage very slight.

Mr. Harvey Francis, of the firm of Francis, Carswell & Co., lumbermen of Calabogie, Ont., has severed his connection with that firm. His successor in business is Mr. E. McKay, of Renfrew.

Extensive repairs have taken place on the upper reaches of the Madawaska and the dams repaired between the High Falls and Arnprior. The slide at Arnprior has also been attended to.

The slides, piers and boom at Des Joachim have been carefully looked after, considerable improvements have been put on the South Chaudiere slides and also to the piers. The aprons of the slides have been replaced.

The river improvements this year have been extensive. At the Roche Capitaine the slides have been repaired as well as the slide piers and the same done to the mountain slide at Portage du Fort. The long slide on the Coulange has also received attention as well as the booms at the mouth of Black River. The slides near the mouth of the Pettewawa have been repaired and the aprons replaced and the boom at the mouth strengthened.

The men engaged at Chew Bros. mill at Midland having made up their minds that ten hours was sufficient to constitute a day's work, asked that they be allowed to go on at seven instead of six o'clock. Not getting a satisfactory answer immediately they went out on strike, resulting in the shutting down of the mill for a few hours only, as enough of the men went back to work to allow of the mill running as usual. The proprietors say that if the other mills are willing to adopt the ten hour system they will do the same.

The lumbermen and the City of Belleville, through the Harbor Committee, have arrived at an amicable understanding as to the terms of the new agreement, re harbor tolls. The Harbor Committee have reported the following as the text of the agreement entered into for the next five years, and recommend that the Solicitor be authorized to draw an agreement as follows:—That \$100 be allowed the lumbermen annually for swinging the booms. That a reduction of 1-16 of a cent be made on saw logs. That up to 12½ per cent. be allowed for repairs and renewals. That the city put in piers.

The Upper Ottawa Towing Company are making active preparations for the season's work. Tugs Hirman Robinson and Bronson, and the Str. C. O'Keley will manage the "pull" between Pembroke and Des Joachim. The two former will ply between the Des Joachim boom and Fort William boom, while the latter will handle the logs between Fort William and the head of Allumette rapids. In the lower Allumette lake the company will place a new iron boat which is now being finished at Pembroke. The boats will ply night and day during the towing season. Operations in this line will, it is expected, be later this season than it has been since 1884.

A large number of lumbermen were present at Coate & Co's auction rooms in the city of Toronto, on April 28th, when the executors of the estate of the late R. C. Smith, of Port Hope, offered for sale the timber limits and saw mills owned by the deceased. Parcel 1—On the White Fish River, Georgian Bay, area 36 square miles. Parcel 2—situate on the White Fish River, Georgian Bay, area 27 square miles, were disposed of by private sale to a gentleman representing a syndicate of Michigan lumbermen. Parcel 3—Dominion Government Indian Reserve, No. 8, situated at the mouth of White Fish river, Georgian Bay, area 14 square miles, was withdrawn at \$3,900. Four lots in the township of Sherbourne, estimated to produce 7,000,000 of merchantable timber went to Joseph Adams for \$19,000. Six lots in the township of Stanhope, watered by streams tributary to the Gull river waters, all of which are navigable for saw logs and timber, and within 30 to 35 miles of stations on the Victoria Railway, with an area of 25¼ sq. miles, were not sold, the highest bid, which was \$57,100, falling short of the reserve. Bidding on this lot started at \$5,000. Messrs. M. Boyd & Co., Bobcaygeon, by private sale secured 16 lots in the township of Glamorgan. The price paid was not made public. Three parcels in the township of Lutterworth were offered but withdrawn at \$2,500. A bid of \$2,100 secured the transfer of two lots in Monmouth township to Sadler, Dundas & Co., of Lindsay. Nine sections in Sherbourne and Digby townships were withdrawn at \$26,500, re-offered and again withdrawn at \$27,500.

## QUEBEC.

Large bush fires are in progress northeast of Quebec.

W. J. Brown's large lumber yard, at Quebec, was destroyed by fire on the 14th May.

The offices being erected at the Chaudiere by Messrs. Hurdman & Co. are fast approaching completion.

The saw mill at Island Brook, belonging to G. W. French, was burned recently. Loss, \$2,200; insurance, \$1,000.

Messrs. W. J. Hunt and John B. Paddon, have purchased the Wilson farm and saw mill at Milby, Que., for \$4,000.

Messrs. McNevin & Co's saw mill was completely inundated during the recent Montreal floods, and \$2,000 worth of timber floated away.

The Quebec Chronicle notes that large quantities of square timber, round maple, firewood and other lumber are now coming into the city daily over the Lake St. John Railway.

Messrs. Gilmour & Co. have given Father Paradis permission to cut on their limits 600 pine logs, to be used in the construction of a new church at Ste. Philomene de Montceuf.

It is stated that pine deals in the province of Quebec and elsewhere are likely to be much under last years, heavy sales having been made for the United States markets at high prices, and there are prospects of still further considerable sales for the latter market, which is in exceptionally good condition.

The principal timber on which crown dues were paid during the last fiscal year, in the Province of Quebec, was as follows:—Saw logs, 861,339 white pine 17 in. and over; do. 1,325,759 under 17 inches. Spruce, 1,038,957; hardwood, 491; ash, hemlock and tamarac, 9,190—all logs; boom timber, 9,037 pieces; firewood, about 8,000 cords; shingles, 6,833 M.; railway ties and sleepers, 123,946; and some smaller items. The dues paid by timber men amounted to \$411,220, ground rents \$100,548. The timber manufactured in the province in 1884-5 was: saw logs, pine, 2,187,098; Spruce, 1,038,957; square timber, white and red pine, 6,148, pes., 222,552 ft., (a vast shrinkage from 111,529 pes. and 5,453,890 ft. in 1875-6); birch elm and maples, 5,784 pes. or 148,526 ft., (a shrinkage from 36,595 pes. or 913,713 ft. in 1874-5); small tamarac, pine, spruce, boom timber and flat timber, 14,650 pes. or 603,012 lineal feet. (a shrinkage from 25,952 pes. or 4,849,402 lineal feet in 1882-3); knees, buttocks, ties, pickets, etc., 155,587 pieces, or less than one third of 1881-2; firewood, lathwood, bark, etc., 12,699 cords, or less than half of 1883-4. The totals of dues, ground rents, bonus, interest and fines collected since Confederation are as follows:—

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| 1866-67..... | \$ 95,115 | 1876-77..... | \$351,323 |
| 1867-68..... | 331,751   | 1877-78..... | 314,880   |
| 1868-69..... | 362,868   | 1878-79..... | 342,881   |
| 1869-70..... | 406,480   | 1879-80..... | 543,518   |
| 1870-71..... | 444,752   | 1880-81..... | 668,596   |
| 1871-72..... | 518,682   | 1881-82..... | 684,743   |
| 1872-73..... | 527,976   | 1882-83..... | 660,757   |
| 1873-74..... | 532,734   | 1883-84..... | 530,115   |
| 1874-75..... | 386,774   | 1884-85..... | 528,574   |
| 1875-76..... | 391,618.  |              |           |

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

Business men in Sackville, N. B., are consulting as to the establishment of a wood-working factory at that point.

Ritchie's mill and the Hickson mill at Newcastle have commenced operations. Both have undergone extensive improvements this spring.

Messrs. B. Toombs & Co., Moncton, N. B., have six ship loads of pulp wood and 30,000 railroad cross-ties ready for shipment, the most of which will go to Philadelphia.

Upwards of six million feet of lumber is reported to have floated through the Fredericton Bridge one day recently. Some of the logs came all the way from Madawaska.

Last winter's crop of logs at Sackville, N. B., is numbered by the *Chignecto Post* at 437,500. At Joggin's store the quantity got out was 23,000,000 feet, 36,500 pieces piling and 500 cords of pulp wood. The latter will be shipped to Providence, R. I., for paper making. The *Post* says that a greater amount of logging was done last season than in any previous year.

## MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

The Selkirk Lumber Company, of Manitoba, have the largest cut of any on the lake. £60,000 logs.

Wyatt & Co are thinking of establishing a sash and door factory in connection with their lumber yard at Virden, Man.

Major Walker, of Calgary, will open a branch lumber yard at Banff, which will be supplied from his mill at Kananaskis.

Lowell & Scarry have at out finished a contract for cutting 50,000 ties at Black Island, in Lake Winnipeg, for the Hudson Bay railway.

The Eau Clair Milling Co. are building an immense saw mill on the Bow River, and are anticipating a healthy business as soon as it gets in operation.

R. & J. Watson have purchased the planing mill property at Portage la Prairie, which has been idle for some time, and will put it in shape for beginning operations at once.

The Keewatin Lumber Company intend opening up a yard at Winnipeg, under the management of Mr. R. E. Souter. That gentleman will be succeeded at Keewatin by Andrew McNeil, of Vermillion Bay.

At Chatham, N.B., on May 12th, J. B. Snowball's locomotive shops, blacksmith shop and 50,000 feet of lumber was destroyed by fire. Loss, partly covered in Greenwich Insurance Co., of New York, and Sun, of London.

A deputation on the Calgary Board of Trade waited on Supt. Whyte of the Canadian Pacific Railway the other day in regard to freight rates on lumber, and asked for a reduction of the now practically prohibitory rates from the west. An exchange says that he agreed with the deputation and said that he would endeavour to have the rates reduced.

Application is made by the Moore & Macdowall Lumbering Company (limited) for an act of incorporation empowering them to purchase and hold timber limits and to transact a general lumber business. The capital stock is \$200,000. The chief place of business is Prince Albert settlement, and the incorporators are Messrs. H. S. Moore, Prince Albert; Day Hoyt McDonald, Prince Albert; A. Lewden, Prince Albert; R. Blanchard, Winnipeg; A. Waldo and F. Newby, Ottawa, Ont.

The Winnipeg *Free Press* says:—British Columbia lumber is taking quite a hold in the city and is becoming a prime favorite with carpenters and cabinet makers for certain classes of work. Large quantities of pine and cedar are being imported and the trade gives promise of developing into quite a business. Its advantage over our local timber is that much larger boards can be obtained. For instance a consignment to hand the other day contained a board three feet broad and sixteen long without a flaw or knot in it.

The saw mill owners at Keewatin, believing that they were paying more taxes than they should, got up a petition to the Government, asking that Keewatin be declared a separate municipality. The Rat Portage people objected strongly to the withdrawal of the mill men from the municipality, and a deputation was sent to Toronto to look after the interests of the council. The matter has been compromised by the Rat Portage council agreeing to exempt logs and lumber from taxation; remit one-half of taxes on mill building, plant, etc., except school rates; and exempt all mill property from any debenture by-laws which may in future be passed by the majority of the people in the western part of the municipality. The arrangement will apply to all mill property in the township of Rat Portage.

Application has been made to the Dominion Parliament for incorporation of a company under the name of "Moore & Macdowall, (Limited)." Incorporation is sought for the purposes of purchasing and holding and selling timber lands and other lands, in fee or otherwise, and also timber and timber limits by lease, license or otherwise, and for the manufacture and purchase and sale of saw logs, timber and lumber, and the carrying on of the business of lumbering in all its branches, including the building of dams, piers, docks and timber slides, and the making of improvements in the channels of rivers; also the erecting or acquiring by purchase, lease or otherwise of sawmills, planing mills and other mills for the manufacture of doors sashes and any other articles of which wood shall form a component part; also the building and opening of grist mills and flour mills and the carrying on of all business incident thereto or usually connected therewith, with power to purchase and sell and deal in grain and flour and breadstuffs generally. Also the building, acquiring, owning, chartering, navigating and using steam and other vessels and craft and other works and means of transport necessary or convenient for carrying on the operations of the company generally, all within the Dominion of Canada. The chief place of business of the company is to be situated in Prince Albert Settlement in the District of Saskatchewan. The capital stock of the company is to be \$200,000, divided into 4,000 shares of fifty dollars each. The names in full of the applicants and their addresses and calling are as follows:—Henry Stewart Moore, of Prince Albert, Lumberman; Day Hoyt Macdowall, of the same place, Lumberman; Alexander Loudoun, of the same place, Lumberman; Robert Blanchard, of the City of Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba, Doctor of Medicine; Edward Waldo, of the City of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, Insurance Agent, and Frank Newby, of the said City of Ottawa, clerk in the Civil Service of Canada, who will be the first or provisional directors of said company, and all of whom are resident in Canada.