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AN OTTAWA LUMBER FIRM.

One of the young but aggressive and progressive firms of lumber shippers in the Ottawa district is Messrs. Hurdman & Elmitt, whose offices are located in the Central Chambers, Ottawa. Established in 1898, the firm has enjoyed a remarkable growth of business. The members, Mr. G. Charles Hurdman and Mr. Thomas F. Elmitt, are young men, each possessing practical and full knowledge of the lumber business, and each giving its operations their personal attention. They buy direct from the mills. All lines of Canadian lumber, hardwoods, pine, spruce, lath and shingles, are handled, and in quantities that make exacting assortment and quick delivery possible. The firm has the very best of shipping facilities, and can handle stock in both barge and car lots.

Mr. G. Charles Hurdman is a born lumberman. He is the eldest son of the late George Hurdman of Ottawa, one of the founders of the original firm of Hurdman Brothers, afterwards Buell, Orr & Hurdman, and now the Hull Lumber Company. Mr. Robert Hurdman, the present well-known timber operator, is an uncle of the subject of the sketch. The late Mr. W. H. Hurdman was similarly related. On his mother's side Mr. Hurdman is connected with a prominent family of lumber operators. The late Charles Tucker, one of the organizers and principal shareholders of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Company, of Tacoma, Wash., was his uncle.

The first five years of Mr. Hurdman's career in the business found him "up river," the term commonly used to describe the timber limits as a base of operations. There he obtained a mastery of the details of the bush end of the business, which has stood him well in his present position. Determined to secure an all-round knowledge, and especially that relating to the mill and yard, Mr. Hurdman entered the services of the Shepard & Morse Lumber Company. He remained with that concern five years, and was advanced to the position of manager of the yard. He severed his connection with the firm to enter into partnership with Mr. Elmitt. He has a thorough knowledge of

selling, sorting and shipping. Hurdman & Elmitt have numerous customers who know the firm only through the mails and the stock they ship.

Few men in the business have a better or more thorough knowledge of the mill and manufacturer's end of the lumber trade than Mr. Thomas F. Elmitt. Years of study and service have enabled him to grasp every detail and apply to it a sound judgment, perfected by experience. In the mill, yard and office he is as much at home as the saw before the log. Mr. Elmitt is in close touch with the American and Canadian markets, and the firm's customers find in him a man who has the happy knack of filling every requirement of every order.



MR. G. CHARLES HURDMAN.



MR. THOMAS F. ELMITT.

His boyhood days found him in the employ of the old-time white pine house of Bronson & Weston, then conducting operations that included in their scope every branch of the lumber business as carried on in Ottawa and the Ottawa Valley. His keen discernment and intelligently applied industry earned him promotion, and ultimately advanced him to a more responsible position in the employ of the Shepard & Morse Lumber Company, of Ottawa. He was associated with their business in various capacities for a period of six years, severing his connection to accept the position of yard superintendent with the St. Anthony Lumber Company, with mill at Whitney Station, on the western branch of the Canada Atlantic Railway. His experience in this latter capacity might be termed a post-graduate course in

lumbering, and it rounded out a practical knowledge of every line of the business. Mr. Elmitt is an enthusiastic rifleman, and out of office hours often finds his way to the Rockcliffe Range, the Canadian "Sea Girt," where many a bull's-eye has been marked to his credit.

Hurdman & Elmitt handle a large quantity of hardwoods as well as their extensive pine trade, and are always in the market to buy either large or small quantities.

CANADIAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION.

Arrangements are being rapidly completed for the third annual convention of the Canadian Forestry Association, which will be held in Ottawa on March 5th and 6th. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance, as the subjects to be discussed will be of very special importance at the present time. It is a most practical moment to the future of the lumber industry.

The programme as already arranged will include the following papers: "The Laurentide National Park," by W. C. J. Hall, of the Crown Lands Department, Quebec; "The Fire-Ranging System of Ontario," by Aubrey White, Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands for Ontario; "Tree Planting in Manitoba," by A. P. Stevenson, of Nelson, Man.; "Forest Conditions in New Brunswick," by His Honor J. B. Snowball, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick; "The Growth of Forest Trees at the Arboretum of the Experimental Farm," by W. T. Macoun, Horticulturist; "Forestry in Relation to Irrigation," by J. S. Dennis, Irrigation Commissioner for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the North-West Territories. It is also expected to have papers from Nova Scotia and British Columbia, but final arrangements have not yet been made in regard to them.

A WELCOME VISITOR.

Mr. Jasper Martin, of Hillsdale, Ont., in renewing his subscription to the CANADA LUMBERMAN, writes: "The paper contains much valuable information and is a welcome weekly visitor."