

## COAST CHIPS.

A. Grant has started a wood planing establishment in Vancouver.

The R. C. P. Mill Co. and B. S. Mill Co. keep shipping to our Northwest.

The American schooner *Salvador* has sailed from Brunette mills for Adelaide.

Daniel McIntyre, lumberman, Duncan's, has assigned to Philip Chapman Butts, also of Duncan's, lumberman.

Legal action is likely to be taken against a local logging company for damage caused in Central Burnaby by the damming of the lake.

Local trade continues very quiet, but export is improving. The Hastings mill, Vancouver, has a number of charters completed, and will be kept busy most of the winter.

Capt. Libby, manager of the Puget Sound Tow Boat Association, is spending a short holiday with us after an absence of five years. He says lumber business on the Sound is very dull at present.

A new lumber company has just been formed and registered "The Burrard Inlet Red Cedar Lumber Co." The mill will be built on Burrard Inlet. J. N. Kendall, of saw mill fame, is the builder. It will most likely be a band mill.

The Buse saw mill, at Hastings, with all buildings and appurtenances, has been sold to a syndicate of Japanese. The purchase price was 45,000 yen. These Japanese have extensive timber limits on Howe Sound, and on their property there is considerable hardwood, including oak. This they intend to cut into dimensions suitable for shipping to Japan.

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## FIRES AND CASUALTIES.

## FIRES.

—Robert Bram had his arm badly mangled in Young's saw-mill, Warton, Ont.

—The sawmill of Wm. Milne, at Ethel, Ont., was destroyed by fire on 18th ult.

—Murray Bros. of North Bay, Ont., had their sash factory and two million feet of lumber destroyed by fire.

—The shingle mill at Magog, Que., owned by Boright & Manson, of Mansonville, has been destroyed by fire.

—The steam sawmill of T. G. McMullen, at Ryan's Creek, N. S. has been burned to the ground. Loss about \$3,000.

## CASUALTIES.

—A young man named Godburt, an employee of Gilmour & Hughson's mill, Hull, Que., has had a leg broken in two places.

—Solomon White, a saw filer in Gilmour & Co.'s mill, Trenton, Ont., was severely crushed between a lot of logs, and injured internally.

—A young man named John Lebeck, belonging to the township of Willerforce, was killed at Davidson & Hay's mill, at Cache Bay, Ont.

—A young man named Boucher, employed in Booth's large mill, Ottawa, Ont., was severely bruised by a load of lumber falling on him.

The sawmill at Norvar, Ont., which has been operated by the Dominion Bank for the past season was destroyed by fire a fortnight ago. Loss \$2,000.

—A painful accident happened at Bronson & Weston's mill at Ottawa, Ont., by which a young man named Duquette lost four fingers of the right hand.

A man by the name of Sharkey, who worked in one of Gilmour's shanties, was killed a few days ago by the falling of a limb that struck him on the head.

—Cleophus Charon, who was at work in the Hawkesbury Lumber Co.'s shanties near Deux Rivières, was drowned a fortnight ago while playing on some logs.

—John Firth, an employee in Davidson & Hay's mill, at Cache Bay, Ont., while working at a lathe machine was struck in the face by a splinter, it penetrating about two inches into the brain.

—A man named Leroux while working on one of the highest lumber piles in J. R. Booth's yard, Ottawa, Ont., slipped on a thin coating of ice, and fell, breaking one leg and sustaining severe internal injuries.

—The hospital at Ottawa contains a number of sufferers who have been brought to the Capital from the various lumber camps. Among these are: J. Gagonon, from Wahnapiitac, who is suffering from an ugly cut from an axe having severed two toes, and a third partially, while chopping. F. Cote is here from Bronson & Weston's camp, four miles out, suffering from an injured back, having been struck by a falling tree.

## THE NEWS.

## CANADA.

—Moiles Bros., John's Island, Georgian Bay, cut 10,000,000 feet of lumber the past season.

—Mickle, Dymont & Son are erecting a new machine shop in connection with their mill at Severn Bridge, Ont.

—The revenue from Quebec crown lands has increased under the present administration from \$623,997 to \$999,722.

—Neil McLean and Alex. Gow, of Fergus, Ont., will open a portable sawmill in Eramosa township this winter.

—John Doig, of Tuckersmith Township, Ont., has purchased a portable sawmill, and will operate it in the district.

—George Wilson, of Wilson's Corners, a village some fifteen miles up the Gatineau, is building a saw mill on the Blackburn Creek.

—The Schulu Lumber Co. have purchased the mill and lumber property of N. N. Bentley at Five Islands, near Parrsboro, N.S.

—Drake & Co., Selkirk, Man., have sold their saw mills, logs, etc., at Rice River, Lake Winnipeg, to Messrs. Robinson & Co.

—Work on the mills of Dunn Bros., at Grand Bay, and W. H. and J. Rourke, at St. Martin's, N.S., is being pushed ahead with vigor.

—McLeod & McCormick, of Peterborough, are sending a large number of men into the woods, paying from \$18 to \$22 a month with board.

—Arch McMullen, of Folly Lake, N.S., who got into financial trouble last mid-summer, has effected a settlement with his creditors.

—The Hawkesbury mills is becoming one of the big lumbering concerns of Eastern Ontario, the cut this season having run up to 50,000,000 feet.

—Wm. Goodwin, who had his hand cut off a few days since by falling on a circular saw at the lumber mills at Digby, N.S., is dead. He was seventy years of age.

—The sawing season in the Norman district is now over, the last mill to close down being that of the Western Lumber Company, formerly Cameron & Kennedy's at Norman, Ont.

—H. B. Mitchell, who proposes building a large saw mill at Selkirk, Man., next spring, reports everything in readiness to commence a heavy winter's work in the camps at Lake Winnipeg.

—J. Bower, formerly of Paisley, Ont., is now a partner with G. L. Keeling, of Cargill, the firm doing business at Warren under the name of Keeling & Bower, as manufacturers of lumber, lath and shingles.

—W. H. McAlpin, lumber merchant, Montreal, Que., bought in his stock recently at 63c. on the dollar. A. L. Savignac purchased book debts for 23½c. on the dollar. McAlpin will resume business.

The number of vessels clearing from Quebec to Nov. 3 shows a decrease in sailing vessels of 118,903 tons, as compared with last year, while in the tonnage of ocean going steamships there was a slight increase.

—It is said that Capt. Robinson, who has several mills on Lake Winnipeg, will consolidate them and build one large mill at Selkirk on the Red river, to which the logs will be towed from points along the lake.

—M. M. Boyd, of Boabaygeon, Ont., has purchased 9,980 acres of timber limits at Nitinat, from H. R. Morse. Mr. Boyd has also purchased the West Bay sawmill, from Drake, Jackson & Helmcken, executors of the Heathorn estate.

C. R. Peterkin, planing mill, Toronto, has a 14-in. leather belt made more than twenty years ago by F. L. Dixon & Co., and which is still in operation and used in driving his main shaft. Says a good deal for the Dixon belt.

—The statement is made that the Grand Trunk railway will shortly extend the Victoria Branch to the Ottawa, Arnprior & Parry Sound railway to reach the large areas of birch and maple forests, which have been comparatively little worked in that district.

—McArthur's saw mill, at Birtle, Man., has closed after one of the largest season's work ever done there, cutting about 75,000 ties and nearly two million feet of lumber. The outfit for the lumber camp have gone to the woods for the winter, where they expect a heavy season's cut.

—E. W. Dolloff, saw-mill, Magog, Que., is an absentee, and a meeting of creditors is to be held to appoint a curator to his estate. He was formerly at Fitch Bay, but last spring succeeded Taylor & Beech at Magog. He has not done well, having been sued in several instances within the last few months. Liabilities are not large.

—McConachie & Co. are rebuilding the shingle mill at the portage near Huntsville, Ont., on the ruin of the mill recently burned.

—J. Whiteside, of Huntsville, Ont., has shipped six horses, sleighs, and a lot of other lumber supplies to Duluth, Minn., where in connection with others he will take out about 15,000,000 feet of logs in what is known as the iron range district north of Duluth. His company is erecting a \$15,000 mill.

—A Midland dispatch says: "The large tow of logs belonging to Merrill & Ring that went adrift a few weeks ago has been gathered into small booms in sheltered spots, and will not be towed to Michigan this year because of the difficulty in securing storm booms. The gathering of the logs was made with difficulty and hardship."

The Sable River Milling Company have erected a portable sawmill at Mitchell's Brook, between Port le Bear and Port Jollic, N.S., and have contracted with Mr. Thos. Nicoll, of Mahone Bay, to saw and place on the wharf at Port le Bear one million feet of lumber. The concern have a number of men at work in the woods.

—A Rat Portage correspondent of the Winnipeg Commercial says: "One by one the different saw mills in this vicinity are closing for the season. The Keewatin Lumber Co.'s mill has shut down, and the others will follow. The season's cut with them all has not been as great as former years, as there seems a slight depression in the lumber trade. The lumbering firms in Rat Portage and Norman, which are co-operative, will not send any men to the lumber camps this winter. This means that Rat Portage and the vicinity will harbor a large number of idle men this coming winter unless they find employment elsewhere."

—A despatch from Burk's Falls, Ont., says: "Messrs. McCormick and McLeod have taken from the Emery Holland Lumber Co. a contract to take out of the township of Burton and Ferrie this fall and winter, from thirty to thirty-five million feet of sawlogs. They have sublet contracts to jobbers who will operate seven camps in the township of Burton and ten in the township of Ferrie. The jobbers employ at present about 300 men and the contractors about 150 in two camps they are operating in township of Ferrie. In a short time jobbers and contractors expect to increase their force to 600 men. Messrs. McCormick & McLeod will make their headquarters at Abmie Harbor."

—The failure of the Toronto Wood and Shingle Company is proving a rather mixed-up affair. The assets figure at about \$110,000, while the liabilities amount to \$150,000 or thereabouts. The Toronto Bank is the heaviest creditor, holding, it is alleged, the company's paper for between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Wm. J. Keiran, the company's manager, together with Mrs. Kieran and Edward E. Rush, executed a guarantee to the bank on the 30th of September, 1892, for this amount. Upon this guarantee the bank have filed a writ against the members. Another writ in this case is issued against W. M. Buchanan, of Thamesville, Ont., for \$3,000 damages and an injunction. Mr. Buchanan had just sold 875 cords of wood to the company on their promissory note. He supposed that he could now retain the wood, and the writ has been issued for possession of it. Henry Barber has been appointed liquidator of the company.

—The loss of the steamer *Fraser*, belonging to Davidson & Hay, lumbermen, on Lake Nipissing, Nov. 7, was one of the most calamitous accidents of the past shipping season. A total of sixteen men lost their lives by the accident. Mr. John Adams, of Toronto, one of the survivors, has given the following account of the accident. He said: "Some time after the departure of the boat from Callender heavy volumes of smoke were noticed coming up from between the smokestacks, and on the manhole above the boiler being opened to locate the trouble, the bursting flames drove all hands back from the opening. In an incredibly short time the boat was a mass of fire. A signal to reverse the engines was given but no response came, the engineer being probably already suffocated by the heat. Only one boat could be lowered, that on the port side, the heat already too intense to permit of the other being worked. The yawl was lowered, and several men got in her, but her bow striking the revolving paddlewheel they were all thrown into the water. Some, however, including Adams, managed to make the scow, and picked up all whom they could reach. It was soon after this that Captain Burritt came to the rescue of the exhausted men. Captain Carr and Mate Barbeau endeavored to hang by the anchor at the bow, but they could not hold on, and one by one they gave up the effort, and dropped off." The boat was engaged in taking timber supplies to the lumber camps of the firm, and the accident will cause them considerable trouble in completing the work before navigation closes. The loss is a heavy one to the owners, the insurance of \$6,000 not nearly covering the entire loss.