

THE NEWS.

—P. Atkins, lumber, Morden, Man., is dead.

—The saw mill at Rapid City, Man., has resumed cutting.

—Mr. Mitchell will erect a new saw mill at Selkirk, Man.

—A saw mill is being erected at Kenabutch, Sudbury, by Americans.

—Walnut lumber is being shipped from the vicinity of Leamington to Germany.

—An arc light electric plant has been put in Joseph Chew's saw mill at Chelmsford, Ont.

—Thos. Dumas, Bristol, Que., has purchased the sash and door factory at Eganville, Ont.

—McIlvanie & Ellis, saw mill and general store, have started business at Lumby, B. C.

—Lloyd & Co., lumber, St. Boniface, Man., have been succeeded by Lloyd & McCutcheon.

—T. Paradis, saw mill, Levis, Que., who recently assigned, is offering ten cents on the dollar.

—H. J. Hall has taken over and will refit and operate the Shantz planing mill at Berlin, Ont.

—Bush fires are reported to have done considerable damage in the vicinity of Fort William, Ont.

—Wm. Mason & Sons have recently put a system of fire protection in their saw mill at Ottawa.

—Wm. Proctor has sold his interest in the Beaverton, Ont., saw mill to John Ferris, late of North Bay.

—Two thousand six hundred pieces of yellow pine arrived recently down the Gatineau, having been rafted 156 miles.

—W. L. Johnson, of New Westminster, B. C., is shipping large quantities of shingles to the eastern provinces.

—Messrs. Paquette & Godbout, St. Hyacinthe, Que., will place a new 90 horse-power boiler in their planing mill.

—The Keewatin Lumber Co.'s large mill at Keewatin, Ont., has resumed operations for the regular summer's work.

—Ramesbottom & Spencer's saw mill at Little Current, Ont., has commenced cutting, with prospects of a busy season.

—F. Lloyd, of Chemainus, B. C., is erecting a saw mill at Hall's Crossing, having a capacity of 20,000 feet per day.

—The dam of Messrs. Boivin & Gagnon's saw mill at Baie St. Paul, Que., was severely damaged by floods on the first of June.

—The city of Winnipeg has awarded the contract for the supply of lumber to Mr. D. E. Spragge, at \$13.90 per M. delivered.

—The Muskoka Mill and Lumber Company, are reported to have secured 360 square miles of fine lumber district in New Brunswick.

—The Simcoe Wood & Lumber Company, Simcoe, Ont., has been incorporated under a provincial charter; capital stock, \$45,000.

—Miller & Woodmain's steam saw mill at St. John, N. B., closed down a fortnight ago, the employees refusing to accept a reduction in wages.

—The W. C. Edwards Lumber Company, of Ottawa, has purchased a timber limit on the Black and Coulonge rivers, from McKay & Hough.

—The demolition of the old saw mills at Montmorency Falls, Que., has been commenced, their usefulness having become a thing of the past.

—It is reported that a large raft of logs belonging to the Victoria Harbor Lumber Co., containing 79,000 pieces, has broken loose in Georgian Bay.

—Burglars recently broke into the office of Messrs. Dyck & Dauming, lumber dealers, Winnipeg, but secured no booty beyond fifty cents' worth of postage stamps.

—J. R. Booth has finished the re-building of the old Perley mill on the Chaudiere river, Ottawa, and operations have begun. About two hundred men will be employed.

—O. E. Konkle, of the Hamilton Lumber Company, of Hamilton, in conjunction with an American capitalist, will erect a \$200,000 opera house and hotel in that city.

A sawdust explosion took place in the Ottawa river a few days ago. After the explosion about fifty feet square of sawdust, two feet thick above the surface of the water, floated away.

—Since the opening of navigation there have been five million feet of lumber shipped from the Ottawa docks by barge for the English market. It is an unprecedentedly heavy shipment.

—The Musquash Lumber Co. has been incorporated in New Brunswick with a capital stock of \$25,000, to manufacture lumber, etc. John Sealy, St. John, N. B., is one of the incorporators.

—Mr. C. H. Waterous, general manager of the Waterous Engine Works Co., Brantford, visited St. Paul recently in connection with the rebuilding of their branch factory recently destroyed by fire.

—The Montmagny Manufacturing and Electric Company, of Montreal, are applying for incorporation, with a capital of \$10,000. The manufacture of lumber is one of the objects of the new company.

—Mr. Robert Stewart, lumber merchant, of Guelph, has purchased a timber limit, ten miles up the Muskoka River from Bracebridge, from Mr. C. W. Hays. There are 300 acres in the limit, all pine.

—J. W. Baker has erected a new steam saw mill at Lake Edward, Que., and will shortly commence sawing spruce logs there, of which a large quantity were cut last winter upon the limits around Rat river and the lake.

—The Eau and Bow River Lumber Company, of Calgary, met with a serious loss recently by the bursting of a boom by the freshet. The boom contained about \$5,000 worth of logs, most of which have gone down the river.

—The Rathbun company's mill, at Lindsay, Ont., has recently been enlarged. A new 100 horse-power Wheelock engine, a shingle mill, and an automatic machine for feeding the furnaces with the refuse, have been added.

—A log drive, consisting of three million feet of timber, mostly white pine, recently arrived at D. Sprague's mill at Winnipeg, having been rafted over a distance of 500 miles. The timber was cut from the Lake of the Woods district.

—It is reported that the Canada Lumber Co., of Ottawa, have disposed of their limits and improvements on the Mississippi to Wm. Caldwell, formerly of Lanark, who owns the saw mill on the south side of the river. The sale includes the limits, all the logs on the river after this season's cut, the shanty and mill appurtenances.

The E. R. Burns Saw Co., whose works in Toronto were destroyed by fire recently, have begun the rebuilding of their factory. The new building, which is being constructed of brick, will be very much larger than the old one, and will be supplied with a full outfit of modern machinery. Orders are now being filled at their branch factory in Montreal.

Muskegon, Mich., from being one of the largest lumber producing points in the States, is fast retrograding, until this season the cut will not much exceed 100,000,000 feet.

—The W. C. T. U. of the Dominion are taking an active interest in the welfare of raftsmen and lumbermen. During the past winter large parcels of literature, scrap books and comfort bags have been sent to the lumbermen in the Ottawa and Muskoka districts, which, it is said, are much appreciated by the men. A missionary has been engaged for three months to visit the camps.

—From the Ottawa Citizen we learn that probably the most commodious mill platform in America is that in connection with Mr. J. R. Booth's mills in that city. Since the acquisition of the Perley & Pattee mill the platform has been extended in nearly every direction, and now ample room is afforded the large number of men to keep the lumber properly classified. The work is so thoroughly systematized that a particular place is allotted to lumber of every grade and dimension, and a fair average of what leaves the platform daily is obtained through the medium of a check book in which all loads are marked.

FIRES AND CASUALTIES.

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—On the 10th of June A. Tuttle's planing mill at Moncton, N. B., was burned. Loss, \$3,000.

—John Dale's saw mill on Trading Lake has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$2,000; no insurance.

—J. H. Davey's sash and door factory, Bradford, Ont., destroyed by fire. Loss, \$1,000; no insurance.

—Kilbourn & Dunbar's saw mill at Kemble, Ont., has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$2,000; insurance, \$1,000.

—The steamer Red River arrived at Selkirk on May 26 with the first barge load of lumber of the season. It came from Drake's mill.

—Corry Bros. steam saw mills at Havelock, Ont., were burned to the ground on the 6th of June. The loss is only partially covered by insurance.

—Hamilton's steam saw mill, St. John, N. B., was destroyed by fire recently. The insurance had recently been cancelled because the chimney had no spark arrester.

On the 13th of June the shingle and planing mill at Hepworth, Ont., owned by James Hawley and leased by William Foster, was burned. It is supposed that a spark from the furnace falling in the dry cedar shavings, was the origin of the fire. No insurance.

—J. & T. Conlon's saw mill at Picnic Island, Little Current, Ont., was destroyed by fire on the 14th ultimo. The mill was one of the largest on the Georgian Bay, running two circulars and a gang saw, and employed from 100 to 125 hands. It will be some time before the mill can be rebuilt. The loss amounts to about \$50,000, with insurance of about \$20,000.

—A serious conflagration occurred at New Westminster, B. C., by which nearly the whole of the Royal City planing mills were consumed. The machine shop and plant, the shingle mill, box factory, three engines, four boilers, lumber racks, lumber piles, and wharf were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, and insurance \$75,000. The fire originated in the furnace room.

CASUALTIES.

—While adjusting a belt in Philip Brook's saw mill near the village of Newmarket, Ont., a few days ago, James Titus had his left arm nearly severed from his shoulder.

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