

FOREST FIRES.

From nearly every section comes the report of forest fires, owing to the extreme drought of the present season. The United States, as well as Canada, has suffered considerable loss, especially in the east. In Canada, the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have been the seat of a number of fires, but the largest ones have been confined to Ontario, their location being along the line of the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway.

A despatch from Whitney, dated May 12, says: What proved to be the greatest fire this district has ever known started on Saturday not far from here. Every one thought that when it reached the Madawaska river, which is almost a quarter of a mile wide here, that this would afford a fire break. But the wind carried the cinders across into the bush on the opposite side, and away the fire continued in its career, feeding on brush and dry leaves and other vegetation of years' accumulation. At one part of this river McLachlin Bros.' rivermen, who were engaged in driving logs, had to take all their supplies,

place them in a boat and put out into the river. Some of the men who were less fortunate had to wade into the river until they were up to their chin in water and remain there until the flames were past. The fire kept along the Madawaska river until it reached the Egan estate, some twelve miles east of Whitney. By this time the wind was dying down, and the cool shadows of evening seemed to check the raging of the flames. The fire burned all night, however, and left in its track thousands of trees burning. At different places where there were gummy knots in the trees the spouting flame afforded a fine spectacle. Sunday morning the wind sprang up again, but altered its course so that the fire partly burned back over its course of the previous day, but settlers, who were unfortunate enough to be near its course, had all their belongings packed up ready at any minute to run to a place of safety. The efforts put forth by Mr. Booth's efficient firemen and also the officials of the O., A. and P. S. Ry., rendered valuable service in saving property and protecting their right of way, none of which was damaged to any extent,

as large forces of men were kept on hand to watch the fire closely. The fire is thought to have been caused by the burning of the right of way.

TRADE NOTES.

Mr. John Carew, of Lindsay, has purchased an improved shingle mill from the Kingston Locomotive and Engine Co., of Kingston.

The McEachren Heating & Ventilating Co., of Galt, Ont., will shortly ship a dry kiln outfit to Nova Scotia, being the fourth shipped to that province since March 1st.

Incorporation is being asked for by the MacGregor-Gonrley Co., of Galt, Ont., to manufacture wood and iron working machinery, castings, etc. The capital stock is to be \$300,000.

The William Hamilton Mfg. Company, of Peterboro, Ont., recently shipped two steam loggers to British Columbia, one for Gilley Bros. and the other for the Hastings Saw Mill Company, Vancouver.

Owing to increase of business the Penberthy Injector Company, of Detroit, Mich., have found it necessary to add a large number of monitor lathes and improved machinery to their equipment, and to put in a new engine to supply additional power required by increase of plant. The stock department has been moved to another building in order to make room for additional machinery.

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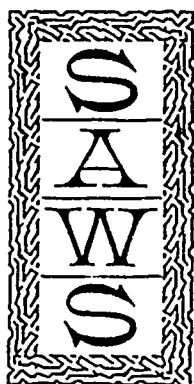
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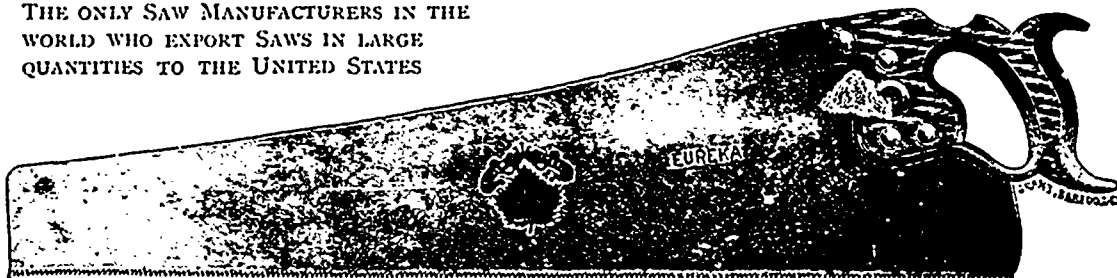


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