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Lumber Cuttings.

Contractor McKenzie purposes getting out 100,000 ties in the Duck Lake district of Saskatchewan territory, for the Regina & Long Lake road.

Five ships arrived at Burrard Inlet, B.C., during August to load lumber for export. During the same month clearances with lumber numbered six ships.

Alargequantity of lumber, particularly for elevator construction in Manitoba, is being brought in from Minnesota. This is largely due to the opening of railway competition to the south by the Northern Pacific & Manitoba railway.

Malcolm Thompson, of Rapid City, has purchased from J. Jermyn, of Minnedosa, an extensive saw-log limit in the Riding Mountains, Man., and also machinery of the saw mill. The saw mill will be moved from Minnedosa to Rapid City shortly.

Brydon & McIntosh have the contract for building the station and section houses on the Northern Pacific & Manitoba Morris-Brandon branch, sixteen buildings in all. The contract requires 700,000 feet \(\epsilon\) lumber, which is being supplied by J. R. Sutherland, of Winnipeg.

Van Etten & Grahame, lumber dealers, Winnipeg, have secured the contract for supplying the lumber for the new N. P. depot and offices in Winnipeg. The contract calls for 800,000 feet. The material will be brought from Minnesota, and several cars will be shipped immediately.

The lumber trade is brisk at Westminster, B. C. The Royal City mills are running full time. The bark C. C. Funk was loading 700,000 feet of rough lumber at the mills. The Brunette saw mills are having gas put in in prospect of a heavy run of night work. The saws are kept busy all day and the planers have been used without stopping lately, turning out box lumber for the canneries.

Westminster Truth says: At Port Moody, B.C., on Tuesday night, a boom of logs containing 1,000,000 feet of lumber, the property of Tiffins Pioneer Saw Mills, through some unknown cause, broke from its moorings and

scattered all over the Inlet. The boom would be valued at about \$6,000, and in all probability it will cost the greater portion of that amount to gather the log again.

A company is being formed at San Francisco, California, to build rafts of from S to 12 million feet, on Paget Sound, after the Joggins plan, to be towed to San Francisco. The advantage of rafting is in freights. The present rate on lumber from Paget Sound to San Francisco is \$6 per thousand, while it is claimed the "fts of logs can be rafted at a cost of about \$2 per thousand. If the scheme works, it will be bad for the Paget Sound mills.

Vancouver World: The old Chemainus saw mill is at present shut down, and it is not likely that it will again re-open unless to turn out the building material required for the new mill. The frames for the new mill are about completed, and it will prove capable of doing fine work. There is a rumor that instead of rebuilding on the old site, the saw mill company intend erecting their new premises either at Victoria or Esquimalt.

Lumber prices at Vancouver, B.C., were quoted as follows last week: Common rough, at \$9, \$11 yard; common sized, \$11; common S, I S, do; on board cars, \$13; 1x4 flooring, Nq. 1, \$19; in., No. 2, \$17; 1x6 flooring, No. 1, \$18; do., No. 2, \$16; ceiling, No. 1, \$18; do., No. 2, \$16; No, 1 S, 4 S, \$19; No. 2 do., \$17; common rough plank for sidewalks, delivered, \$9; lath per M, \$2; rough cedar, \$10 to \$12 per M; double-dressed cedar, \$35 per M; single-dressed, do., \$30 per M; shingles, \$2 per M; maple, \$20 per M; curley do., \$75; pickets, rough, \$10 per M; dressed do., \$20.

The largest real estate and manufacturing transaction which has yet been consummated in this city was finally closed in Victoria, B.C., recently. We refer to the transfer of the ownership of the Hastings Saw Mill, Vancouver, the real estate attached thereto and the timber limits connected therewith, all of which constitute the most valuable property outside that of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the city of Vancouver. Py the terms of the new deal, John Hendry, President of the Royal



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City Planing Mills here and in New Westminster, becomes sole manager of the property. which will continue to be operated and known as the Hasting Saw Mill. Mr. Hendry steps into the position for many years occupied by Mr. Heatley, of San Francisco, as managing director of the concern for the new proprietors. The purchase consideration, it is understood. exceeded a quarter of a million dollars by a considerable sum. The manufacturing and cutting capacity of the mill is to be largely increased. New machinery and motive power of most approved pattern are to be introduced, and the entire establishment made second to none in the Province. It is understood that attention is to be given to increasing the export trade. - Vancouver Horld.

General Trade Notes.

The C. P. Railway will build a bridge over the Niagara river, to connect with roads for Buffalo, N.Y.

Duncan Campbell & Sons, tailors' trinmings, Montreal, have assigned, owing to forgeries committed by D. Campbell, junior partner. Liabilities \$45,000, half of which is to English creditors.

Letters patent have been issued at Montreal incorporating a company for the purpose of manufacturing grey and other cottons for Chinese or other markets by the name of the Montmorency Cotton Manufacturing Company with a total capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars.

No. 1 pig iron in United States markets is quoted at \$17.50, with expectations in some quarters that an advance to \$18 will occur before long. Steel rails are held at \$28, but it is reported that orders would not be refused at a slight discount from this price. Manufactured iron continues active.

THE last Manitoba Gazette was issued wholly in English. This looks as though the Local Government is in earnest in its declarations regarding the doing away with the official use of the French language,