

BITS OF LUMBER.

Forest fires have been raging along the lines of the Milwaukee and Northern and the Chicago and Northwestern railways north of Menominee.

The firm of C. K. Eddy & Sons, whose operations extend to Canada, has become incorporated with a capital stock of \$200,000. This firm is just now engaged in cutting a raft of 3,000,000 logs from Canada.

The piling ground of the Marinette sawmill yards is being severely tested owing to the shrinkage in shipments of lumber. Up to date the shipments of lumber from Marinette port have been 108,000,000 feet, which is about 40,000,000 less than at the same date last season.

A raft of 26,000 logs reached Alpena from the Georgian bay the early part of the month. F. W. Gilchrist took 14,000 of these and Albert Pack 12,000. Shipments of lumber from Alpena are not up to last year. For July the figures were 57,000,000 feet against 82,000,000 feet in July, 1892.

SAGINAW, MICH., Aug. 26, 1893.

PERSONAL.

E. E. Goddard, a prominent lumberman, of Saginaw, Mich., is dead.

William Pinchbeck, a well-known rancher and mill-owner, of William's Lake, B.C., is dead.

Mr. R. A. Ralph, a manager of the W. C. Edwards Lumber Co., has reached Ottawa, after having spent eleven months in the wilderness.

The LUMBERMAN was pleased to receive a call from James Dollar, of San Rafael, Cal., and recently ex-mayor and prominent lumberman, of Bracebridge, Ont.

Mr. John White, manager of the Toronto Lumber and Mining Company, which has mills at Sydney, B.C., has been spending a short time in the east arranging for machinery for a new sawmill at Edmonton, N.W.T.

Mr. Hugh McCormick, late of British Columbia, has transferred his services to Gilmour & Co., of Trenton, Ont. He is placed in charge of men working on the new limits of this company in the Georgian bay district.

Mr. Peter McArthur, of McArthur Bros., timber merchants, Toronto, and who has resided at Saginaw, Mich., for 26 years, has removed to Detroit. His business of late years has been removed largely from Saginaw. The firm owns large tracts of land in Canada and operates here, as well as in Michigan and Wisconsin. It is doubtless the largest timber firm engaged in the foreign trade in the country.

Premier Gladstone, the G. O. M., of Great Britain, has sent to the World's Fair, at Chicago, one of the axes which he used in felling trees at Hawarden castle. The axe is a gift to the Timber Trade's Association, of the United States. This is said by the Liverpool Timber News to be the only axe Mr. Gladstone has ever given away and that it is a very fine one, sharp and heavy, with an ash handle well worn by the hands of the Great English Premier.

Mr. B. T. Bayles, senior member of a lumber firm at Stoneybrook, Long Island, N.Y., died on the steamer Chicora on 20th ult., while returning from Toronto. He was looking out of one of the cabin windows with a friend watching an approaching storm, when suddenly he fell into his friend's arms unconscious with the remark, "Thank God I have written to my wife." Mr. Bayles was 64 years old. A wife, son and daughter survive him.

Mr. Robert Cunningham, of Pt. Essington, B.C., was married recently to Florence Bicknel, of Coventry, Eng. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles Quinney, the bride's uncle. Miss Bicknel and her younger sister are orphans and were brought out to this country by a friend some years ago. Mr. Cunningham came to the Pacific Coast as a missionary, twenty-seven years ago, but soon embarked in business, and from small beginnings is now proprietor of canneries, steamboats, hotel and sawmill, in short he is the owner of most of Essington, besides being a large shareholder in the C. P. Navigation company.

Universal sympathy will go out to Mr. J. B. Miller, president of the Parry Sound Lumber Company, in the loss of his estimable wife and his son, Clauson, by drowning at Sloop island, two miles from Parry Sound, on Friday, August 25th. Mrs. Miller only went to Parry Sound three weeks ago to spend the remainder of the summer. The boys were in bathing, and Clauson, aged 9 years, got beyond his depth. The mother jumped into the water to rescue him and both were drowned. Mrs. Miller was a daughter of the late Mr. Hunter, of the firm of Hunter, Rose & Co., publishers, Toronto. Mr. Miller was absent from Parry Sound the day of the accident, but returned next day.

THE NEWS.

CANADA.

—The new planing mill of C. C. Baldwin, of Pt. Credit, Ont., is running.

—McKeechie Bros.' new sawmill at Glenora, Ont., is finished and running.

—Robertson & McCallum, of Mulbay, Que., are shipping lumber in large quantities and at remunerative prices to Barbadoes.

—King Brothers, Grand Pabos, Que., have loaded several vessels of lumber this season for France and England.

—A drive of logs numbering 1,700,000 is coming down the Otonabee for the Rathbun Co.

—The Rathbun Co. of Deseronto, Ont., shipped per the Damara, for Great Britain, 900 doors and other manufactured lumber.

—B. Clem of Toronto, has purchased 8,000 acres of poplar timber and in Grady County, Southern States. He will begin sawing within the next month.

—The Crown Lands Commissioner for Quebec has been collecting arrears of timber dues, which his predecessor had neglected. Some \$90,000 has been collected.

—The auction sale of timber limits in the Georgian Bay announced by the Georgian Bay Consolidated Lumber Co., to have taken place in August, has been postponed to the fall.

—A raft of 140,000 feet of deals belonging to Chas. Bragg, of River Phillip, N.S., went ashore in Pugwash harbor a few weeks ago. Many of the deals were lost by being blown out to sea.

—The creditors of Brosseau & Tremblay, sash and door factory, Montreal, Que., are considering an offer of 50c. on the dollar, 4, 8 and 12 months, unsecured. Liabilities probably \$40,000.

—It is estimated that the shipping trade at Quebec has declined this year nearly one-half. The shrinkage in the square timber trade of Great Britain is attributed as one main reason of the trouble.

—Shipping at Honora, Ont., is brisk. About 100,000 pieces of cedar have already been sent from here to Chicago, Cleveland, Tonawanda, and other United States points, and there are about 50,000 pieces yet to be shipped.

—The Lachute (Que.) sawmills have passed into the possession of W. J. Simpson and J. W. Boyd, who intend to repair and start both mills. The price paid the sheriff for the property was \$11,900.

—The people in the north of Frontenac and Addington are disposed to blame the lumbermen for damming up the inland lakes so that fish are unable to reach certain points to spawn. A petition is being circulated to be forwarded to Ottawa asking that the evil be remedied.

—In referring to the business of the Sanderson Company in the August LUMBERMAN the types located them at Brandon, Man. Their place of business is Prince Albert, N.W.T. The only lumber mills at Brandon are those owned and operated with marked success by Mr. J. A. Christie.

—A Campbellford (Ont.) correspondent reports shingle trade dull, and that shingles are now being sold at a loss. As a consequence shingle men say they will not get out any lumber for next season. David Richards, who has about completed a new steam mill for the manufacture of clapboards and shingles will not run it this season.

FIRES AND CASUALTIES.

FIRES.

Davidson & Sons, Halifax, N.S., have suffered a loss of \$3,000 by fire.

McRae & Powell's sawmill, at Madawaska, Ont., was burned on 15th ult. Loss, \$4,000.

A fire at Moncton, N.B., destroyed about sixty thousand feet of Southern pine lumber in the I. C. R. yard. Loss, \$2,000.

Timber and other property amounting to £180,000 were destroyed by fire in a timber yard adjoining the Mersey docks, near Liverpool, Eng., on 6th Aug.

J. W. Green & Sons' sawmill, Kingsville, Ont., was destroyed by fire on the 15th ult., together with 150 cords of wood. Loss over \$2,000; insurance \$400.

The sawmills of McRae Bros., of Ottawa, which are located at Calahogic, Ont., were destroyed by fire Aug. 14. Loss about \$12,000, covered by insurance. The mill will be rebuilt at once.

Matchwood, a little town of 200 inhabitants on the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic railway, was almost entirely wiped out by fire on 15th Aug. The flames crept in from the burning forests near by.

A large lumber camp, out from Bradford, Pa., two miles east from the Kingua bridge, on the Erie R. R., was seriously injured by fire the early part of August. Kane's big sawmill was completely destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

A fire at Ottawa on 12th ult., consumed \$5,000 worth of lumber owned by the Rathbun Co. Fully insured. While this fire was raging the lumber piles belonging to E. B. Eddy Co., near Hurdman's mill, were also burnt. Loss about \$5,000.

A sawmill at Turner's station, owned by Sewers & Thompson, of Teeswater, Ont., and leased to J. A. McArthur, was totally destroyed by fire three weeks ago. About 70,000 feet of maple lumber for flooring and 35,000 feet of hemlock all ready for loading on the cars were destroyed. Loss, \$4,000; no insurance.

The planing mill of the Safety Bay Lumber company at Norwood, Ont., was destroyed by fire the early part of last month. The fire was confined to the mill and some lumber around it. A railway car in a siding, partly loaded with lumber, was destroyed. The estimated value of the mill and machinery was about \$7,000; insurance on same, \$3,500. The lumber in the car, about 9,000 feet, and around the platform 15,000 to 20,000 feet was destroyed; no insurance.

CASUALTIES.

A boy named Athier had his hand badly crushed in the McLaren mill, Ottawa, a week ago.

A lumber worker named Wm. Kavanagh, who came from Michigan, was drowned near Dur church, Muskoka, on 21st ult.

Robert Easton caught his right arm in a saw at Ford's sawmill, Glen Morris, Ont., and had it cut off above the wrist.

Robt. Reid, of Hepworth, Ont., sawmill proprietor, was choked to death while eating his noon-day meal a few days ago.

Sam. Bromley, of the Pembroke Lumber Co.'s mills, had his finger badly crushed while working at the knife sharpening machine.

At Trout Creek, near Bracebridge, Ont., Robert Washburn was putting a belt on a pulley in a sawmill when he got caught and killed instantly.

A young lad, son of Daniel Cushion, of Peterboro', Ont., lost four fingers while at work on a shingle machine at the Dickson Company's mill.

A young man had his arm badly bruised in Edward's mill, New Edinburgh, Ont. A large piece of wood flew from the slash table and narrowly missed his head.

Two young men named O'Connor and Ducairo, of Ottawa, employees of the Buell, Hurdman & Co.'s mill, received ugly wounds by being struck by a piece of edging sent flying from the saws.

W. H. Crowe, foreman at Dowling & Leighton's sash and door factory, Harrison, Ont., had his hand torn recently by one of the saws. This is one of several painful accidents he has suffered lately.

A hand of the Muskoka Mill and Lumber Co., named McIsaacs, was drowned a fortnight ago. He was on the way from Orillia to Muskoka Mills with others, and was under the influence of liquor.

A man named Boulanger, employed in one of the sawmills, in Arnprior, Ont., was nearly squeezed to death by being caught in a pulley. Fortunately a fellow employee seized an axe and chopped the belt in two, releasing him from his perilous position.

Two men were badly hurt on Yonge St., Toronto, a fortnight ago. They were in charge of two horses and a waggon loaded with lumber, on the top of which they were riding. The ropes tying the lumber to the cart gave way, throwing the men to the ground.

A ghastly fatality occurred at the new Gilmour & Hughson's mill, Hull Ponds, Ottawa Valley, a week ago, by which Wm. Marquell, an expert hand sawyer, had his body literally cut in two pieces. A very large saw log was being flipped on the carriage when a knot sticking out on it caught the endless chain which drags the logs into the mill from the pond below. The log was given a jerk forward and struck with considerable force against the unfortunate sawyer's right shoulder. He fell forward on his hands against the moving carriage and the saw cut his arm off below the elbow. It was done in a moment, and the severed arm let his body fall on the moving carriage. He caught the hand saw and the rapidly moving strip of steel ripped him in two before a word could be said or any action taken to prevent the accident.