

—Work has been commenced with a large force of men on what is termed the Rainy river extension of the Duluth & Winnipeg, but which is in fact the new logging railway of the Itasca Lumber company, of Minneapolis. The point of junction is at Bass brook, six miles west of Grand Rapids, Mich., and the road as now projected and in process of construction will tap an exceptionally fine tract of timber belonging to the Akeley and Itasca companies.

—A. H. VanEiten, lumber dealer, Winnipeg, is in trouble and his stock has been sold by the sheriff, bringing 60 cents on the dollar. There is likely to be some further litigation over the matter. Judgment was confessed in favor of the Western Lumber Company, and other creditors propose contesting the case. Lake of the Woods mills are mainly interested. Liabilities are largely in excess of the stock, which is estimated at about \$4,000, but book accounts amount to considerable.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—A saw mill is to be erected at Mission.

—D. F. Adams has established a lumber yard at Victoria.

—Ward's shingle mill on the North Arm is doing a large trade.

—The Slater shingle mill at Vancouver has been purchased by H. H. Spicer.

—Another saw and planing mill is to be started at Chilliwack at an early date.

—A shingle machine has been placed in the mill of McLaren & Co., Edinburgh.

—The McLaren-Ross Lumber Company are carrying on logging on an extensive scale.

—The mill at Nanaimo is unable to supply sufficient lumber to meet the demand there.

—A \$75,000 saw mill is going up on the New Saanich town site, near the Briehour property.

—The mills at Chilliwack are taxed to their utmost capacity in supplying the local trade.

—A new sash and door factory is being erected at New Westminster by J. Galbraith & Sons.

—The barque *Leonor* will leave New Westminster for Australia shortly with a load of lumber.

—Alderman De Pencier, of Vancouver, intends going into the lumber business near New Westminster.

—The British ship *Leading Wind* will sail from Vancouver for Melbourne, Australia, with lumber, early this month.

—The steamship *Zambesi* left Victoria on the 10th ult., with a shipment of 700,000 feet of lumber for Japan and China.

—A company is being formed in British Columbia to build a fleet of large lumber ships to ply between that country and China and Australia.

—Richardson and Heathorn, Victoria, are no longer interested in the West Bay Saw Mill Co., which is now owned by the estate of Wm. Heathorn.

—A. McLaughlin is surveying new limits near New Westminster. On his return, arrangements will be made to start a number of new logging camps.

—A sale of 160 acres of the government reserve on Burrard Inlet, took place on the 15th ult. The property is known as part of the Moodyville Saw Mill Co.'s timber limit.

—A week since, the Hastings mill at New Westminster, made the largest run in their history, namely 165,000 feet and for some time past it has averaged 150,000 feet per day.

—W. L. Tait & Son's shingle factory on False Creek, near Vancouver, employs 18 men and manufactures about 80,000 shingles per day. They find a ready market in the Northwest.

—Another new mill is being erected at New Westminster, under the direction of Mr. Wilson, formerly millwright for the Brunette Saw mill Co. It is expected to be ready for operation by Oct. 1.

—The Canadian Pacific Timber and Lumber Company have commenced driving piles for their new mills on Lulu Island, Fraser river, near New Westminster. The building of the mill will be pushed ahead with all possible despatch.

—L. Geo. Brown, for many years engaged in the export timber business in the Philippine Islands, has been holidaying in Vancouver. From thence he returns to London, Eng. His business in the east, which he conducted for 27 years, he has sold to Smith, Bell & Co. of Hong Kong.

—The new mill at Chemainus, the property of the Victoria Lumbering and Manufacturing Co., has started work. The machinery used is of the latest and most improved pattern, and capable of cutting 250,000 per day when running at full blast.



FIRES.

Trigger's mill, West Lorne, Ont., was injured by fire on 14th ult.

The steam saw mill of H. Ross & Co., Orford, Ont., is an entire loss by fire.

J. H. Larkin's saw mill at Terranora, was consumed by fire a few weeks ago.

Great devastation is being caused by fires along the valley of the Madawaska, Ont.

Hitchcock & Foster will suffer severely by the bush fires on Cockburn Island, Algoma, Ont.

The shingle mill of A. Van, of Foxmead, Ont., has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$1,500.

The Imperial Lumber Company are heavy losers through bush fires in the vicinity of Warren, Ont.

Thos. Kinread, door and sash factory, Moncton, N. B., was burned out; loss about \$2,500; no insurance.

The Rathbun Company had 12,000 feet of lumber on Queen's Wharf, this city, burned on 24th ult. Loss, \$400. Insured.

Great bush fires have been raging around Bark Lake, Ont., in North Hastings and much damage has been done to timber limits.

The Pettit Bros.' mills four miles from Comber, Ont., have been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$12,000. Insurance, \$4,000.

Archer & Co., lumber dealers, of Quebec, Que., lost \$10,000 to \$15,000, by the destruction of their lumber yard by fire on the 10th ult.

Bush fires have been doing considerable damage in the Lake Superior region. Near Fort William there was danger at one time to outlying buildings.

Forest fires are raging everywhere on the North Shore. Advices from Cockburn Island point to the entire destruction of all standing timber. The loss will run up into hundreds of thousands. Indians are blamed. White people are also very careless.

Montreal, Que., had a big blaze on 13th ult., resulting in the destruction of the lumber yards and sash factory of Charles Brouillette & Co., St. Catherine St.; Roberts & Co.'s lumber yards and the property of Prolontaine, lumber and building supplies.

The extensive mill plant of Mitchell Bros., at Jennings, twelve miles north of Cadillac, Michigan, was burned. Eighteen million feet of lumber, the big planing mill and eight dwellings were destroyed, involving a loss of over \$200,000. The property was insured for \$150,000.

The fire on the Pembroke limits, Pembroke, Ont., has almost spent itself. A fire is raging on the old Capt. Findlay limits on Black River, now owned by Mr. Booth. A tremendous fire is raging on the Temiscamingue Government limits, and Bush Ranger, P. McGaughey, has taken down a gang of men to fight the fire. A fire started in Mr. W. Inglee's bush just outside the town.

The extensive saw mill of the Georgian Bay Consolidated Lumber Company, Byng Inlet, Ont., was completely destroyed by fire on the 3rd ult. The loss is about \$85,000. The following is a list of insurances: On the saw mill—Aina, \$2,500; British America, \$2,500; Mercantile, \$2,500; Royal Canadian, \$2,500; Hartford, \$2,500; Phoenix of England, \$2,500; Scottish, \$4,000; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$5,000; London & Lancashire, \$5,000; Western, \$5,000. On stores and stock—Royal, \$1,000; Manchester, \$2,000; Aina, \$3,500; Western, \$2,500; Lancashire, \$3,000. On tramways—Royal Canadian, \$5,000. On storehouse—Lancashire, \$1,000; Aina, \$1,500; Western, \$1,500. On lumber—Aina, \$5,000; Manchester, \$4,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$4,000; Western, \$5,000; London Association, \$2,500.

CASUALTIES.

Alex. Young, of Essex, Ont., fell from a load of logs and was seriously injured.

A. E. Armstrong lost the fingers of his right hand in a planing mill at Peterborough.

A lumberman at Bickly Bay, B. C., had two ribs broken and was otherwise bruised by a falling tree.

A lad fourteen years old, named Vance, had his knee horribly mangled in Ryckman's planing, Waterdown, Ont.

Mr. John Sublier, Booth's foreman, got his leg broken at Sturgeon's Falls, Ont., by a stick of timber falling on it.

A man named Bertrand had his fingers smashed a few days ago while at work in Eddy's mill factory, Hull, Que.

A despatch from Manitoulin Island, Ont., says that W. C. Latham, of Providence Bay, was killed while skidding logs.

A tree fell on Joseph Hopkins, of Vancouver, B. C., breaking one of his legs. He was connected with Tyler's logging camp.

Thomas White, a workman engaged in the Moodyville Saw Mill, B. C., had the end of one of his fingers crushed by a roller.

John Kingswood, an employee of Still's factory, St. Thomas, Ont., had his hand badly lacerated by a circular saw on 13th ult.

Recently, while giving directions in his factory, Mr. Schell, of Alexandria, Ont., had his left hand caught in the planing machine and lost two of his fingers.

A raftsmen named Ferdinand Fournier, was drowned in the rapids of Lake Deschenes, on the Ottawa, in attempting to spring from one crib to another.

Chas. Coch, an employee of the Union Furniture Co., Bass River, N. S., had his left hand badly cut in a circular saw in their factory, a week since.

William Walder, the head sawyer at Leary's saw mill, Whitechurch, Ont., had several arteries of the left arm severed by falling on a newly sharpened saw.

A young man named Thomas Nicholson, while working in the sash and door factory at Haslem's saw mill, Nanaimo, B. C., had his arm nearly cut off below the elbow.

On the 8th ult., Mr. Chas. Hebb had three fingers of his right hand taken off by a circular saw, while working in the steam mill of Mr. Alex. Nelson, Bridgewater, N. S.

A young man named Charbois, an employee of the Georgian Bay Co.'s saw mill at the mouth of the Severn, went out in a canoe on Sunday 19th, and upset and was drowned.

Wm. Parker, of Sundridge, Ont., met with a painful accident during the month, being struck on the head with the fragment of a large pulley, which went to pieces in Dunbar's mill.

John Chambers, employed in Senkpeil & Hauser's broom handle factory, Elmwood, Ont., was struck in the stomach on the 17th ult., by a piece of board thrown by the circular saw and died from the effects.

Theophile Carriere, an employee of Ross Bros., Buckingham, Que., was drowned a week since, owing to the bank of the river giving way, while he and a gang of men were busy excavating for foundations for a new slide. Five others narrowly escaped.

A logger named Thomas Michand, in the employ of the Hastings Saw Mill Co., Vancouver, B. C., was killed in the woods on Valdez Island, a few days ago, by a falling tree. His head was crushed into a pulp and death was instantaneous.

A promising young man, named Jas. Malouze, of Parry Sound, Ont., lost his life on the Sequin River, a week ago. He was working on Wilder's drive and took a step forward to get on the capstan crib within reach of him, when his foot slipped on the driftwood and he fell heavily on his side on a pin which stuck up at the corner of the crib, receiving injuries from which he died in a few hours.

Mr. George Gordon, of the Deseronto, Ont., machine shops, was the victim of a serious accident on 6th ult. He was engaged putting up a Sturtevant steam heater at the Napanee Cement Works, Napanee Mills, when suddenly it fell, crushing him beneath its weight. Though the injuries are severe, they are not likely to prove fatal.

—The British Columbia Iron Works are now engaged building a logging engine for Mr. J. M. Stewart's logging camp on the North Arm of the Inlet. It is of an American pattern, the first of the kind ever made or used in British Columbia and will be of 75 nominal horse power.

—A small saw mill is being erected at Tulameen for the Tulameen Gold and Platinum Mining Co. The mill will be erected on the property of the company, and there used for cutting timber for the flumes and sluices used in hydraulicking. The company expects to be washing out the gold and platinum in a few weeks, and from last reports the shareholders are more sanguine than ever of rich returns. The headquarters of the company are at New Westminster.