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The Lumber Trade.

R. B. Bisset & Co. have received the machinery for a planing mill they are establishing at South Edmonton, Alberta.

The Dominion government is calling for tenders for the right to cut lumber over an area of fifty square miles, in timber berth No. 823, Northern Manitoba.

Six hundred men employed by W. C. Edwards in his saw mills at Rockland, near Ottawa, Ontario, are on strike and have given considerable trouble to policemen sent down to quell the disturbance. They drove off the police, and prevented those who were willing from going to work.

The Minneapolis Lumberman says. The situation in the shingle market is not as pleasing as in the lumber market. The capacity of the shingle mills, which is nearly all being used, is greater than the demand for shingles requires, and as a result there has been a falling off in prices that puts shingles to a point lower than they have been since the depression in trade last year. Some of the coast mills are now offering A shingles at \$1.10 at the manufacturing point.

The Rat Portage Lumber Co.'s sash and door factory at Rat Portage was destroyed by fire at an early hour on Wednesday, June 22nd. The building was struck by lightning. About 10,000 feet of lumber was burnt. The large planing mill close to the factory, was saved. The box factory and the warehouse filled with manufactured stock, were also saved. Mr. J. C. Graham, manager at Winnipeg, for the company, says the saving of the warehouse will enable the company to fill all orders until a new factory can be established.

ed. The company also carries a large stock of manufactured stuff at their Winnipeg branch. The factory will be rebuilt at once. A new plant was ordered immediately, and it is expected to have the factory running again within sixty days. The factory was insured, but there will be a considerable loss. The plant was practically new.

Grain and Milling News.

A bonus will be offered for the erection of a flour mill at Carberry, Man.

The Mather Joint Stock Elevator Co. has been formed at Cartwright, Man., to build an elevator at Mather siding, near Cartwright.

is the intention to put in a modern system. Letch Bros., the well known mill men of Oak Lake, Man., have the contract. The proprietors also intend erecting an elevator adjoining the mill, and a spur track will be put in for convenience in shipping.

The work of remodelling the Winnipeg oatmeal mills, recently purchased from Stephen Nairn, by the Ogilvie Milling company, is already well advanced. The plant and buildings will be greatly enlarged. Manager Thompson says their Winnipeg oatmeal mill will be made what they already claim for their Winnipeg flour mill, namely, "the largest and best mill of its class in Canada."

A bill has been passed by the United States congress to regulate the sale



THE LATE RIGHT HON. W. E. GLADSTONE, P.C.

Born at Liverpool, Dec. 29, 1809. Died at Hawarden Castle, Flintshire, May 19, 1893

The Italian wheat duty has been reduced from 7 1/2 to 5 francs for the first half of July owing to the high cost of wheat and the general distress in that country.

The Oxbow Milling company's flour mill at Oxbow, Assa., was burned on June 20, at midnight. There was no insurance. The fire is thought to be the work of an incendiary, no fire having been in the mill for thirty hours.

The elevator at Crystal City, Man., owned by Hon. Thos. Greenway, has been sold to the Northern Elevator Co., and a large quantity of metallic siding and shingles has arrived to be used in fitting up the building.

Greenway Bros. will remodel the flour mill at Crystal City, Man. It

of adulterated flour—that is, wheat flour mixed with corn flour. It provides that manufacturers of mixed flour must pay a special tax of \$12 per annum. Mixed flour must be branded, showing the contents of the package and name of maker, etc., and bear a revenue stamp, which will cost at the rate of 4 cents per barrel in addition to the special tax. The size of packages is also regulated by law.

Grieved Sister—Oh, Harold, you don't know what I would give to see you go to work with a will.

Wayward Brother—Go to work with a will, eh? Well, my dear sister, you just wait till uncle dies and you'll see me do it, if the will doesn't suit me.