

finally settled the Dunsmuir collieries deal. In an interview subsequently given out he stated that it was his intention to double the output of the mines which now turn out $3\frac{1}{2}$ million tons annually. Mr. Mackenzie also reconnoitred the ground at Port Mann on the south bank of the Fraser River, opposite New Westminster, where the first sod will shortly be turned on the construction of the Canadian Northern in British Columbia. The Mayor of New Westminster remarked to Mr. Mackenzie that they looked to the Canadian Northern to help them make the town grow to which Mr. Mackenzie replied, "We will make it grow."

Lumber Manufacturers and the Prairie Provinces.

Lumber manufacturers on the coast of British Columbia are arranging to invade the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba with lumber retailing yards in order to get into direct touch with the consumers in that territory. Millmen declare the high prices ruling in existing yards are killing consumption. At a meeting of the representatives of some of the largest saw-milling companies on the coast held in Vancouver it was virtually decided to immediately organize a company with ample capital to establish retailing yards in the provinces named. This meeting was attended by men at the head of companies whose capital, roughly speaking, is approximately \$40,000,000. It is planned to have at least fifty yards in operation by the end of the present year and this number will be rapidly increased till about 500 are established. The capitalization of the company establishing the yards will be about \$1,000,000.

Western folk are considerably interested in the charges of the United States post office against the United Wireless Telegraph Company in New York City. One million dollars' worth of stock has been subscribed by western farmers, though this is not all paid up. For many months past the company has had active selling agents at the principal western points.

FIRES OF THE WEEK.

CHATHAM, ONT.—Residence of Mr. W. Bell, of Tupperville, destroyed, June 18.

BOWMANVILLE, ONT.—Farm residence of Alvin Peters, destroyed June 22. Loss \$2,000; only insurance carried \$800 in Maple Leaf Co.

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—Forest fires north of Lake Nepigon exploded two powder magazines owned by T. C. R. construction contractor. Loss, \$15,000.

TORONTO, ONT.—Flames from brick kiln at Don Valley Brick Works set fire to wooden construction of kiln, June 20. Damage about \$1,000.

ARTHUR, ONT.—Methodist Church damaged, June 18. Caused by stove in which water was being heated to scrub church. Loss \$200, covered by insurance.

MIRROR LANDING, ALTA.—Government telegraph office destroyed, June 15, it is presumed through forest fires, which have been raging lately in the Upper Athabasca River district.

BERLIN, ONT.—Lyric Theatre, a moving picture show house, badly gutted by fire, June 15. Theatre owned and operated by H. Whipper. Origin unknown. Loss \$3,500. Well insured.

JOLIETTE, QUE.—Copping saw mill destroyed, June 21. Loss estimated at \$75,000. No insurance.

WADENA, SASK.—House and barns on farm of A. F. Strasser destroyed, June 21st. Total loss. Insurance, \$2,000.

GLASSVILLE, ONT.—House and barns of Kenneth McIntosh destroyed, June 19. Loss \$2,000; insurance, \$1,000.

SKIBBEREEN, ONT.—Mr. Bull's saw mill, shingle mill, chopper and quantity of first-class tools destroyed, June 17. Loss \$10,000; no insurance.

OTTAWA.—Frame stables at the Central Canada exhibition buildings, destroyed, June 20. Eight trotting horses killed. Loss computed at \$15,000,000.

MACCAN, N.S.—Belmont Hotel destroyed, June 20. Inmates escaped with difficulty. Loss includes \$1,000 in money. Loss \$6,000; insurance, \$3,000.

HALIFAX, N.S.—Wooden structure, 150 feet long, at I. C. R. station where oil supplies and lamps were stored, destroyed, June 23. Freight, baggage and mail cars slightly damaged.

HAILEYBURY, ONT.—King Edward boarding house, Browning Street, a frame structure, destroyed, June 22. An Englishman probably fatally injured and several others badly hurt. No insurance; damage probably \$4,000.

MONTREAL.—Small blaze at premises of "Le Pays," 230 Dorchester Street West, June 17. Bundle of paper in the printing room took fire. Firemen extinguished blaze with chemical extinguisher. No damage of any consequence.

BELLE RIVER, ONT.—Stave mills of James Strong, at Ruscom Station, on M. C. R., destroyed by fire with several cars of stave bolts and lumber, June 15. Small insurance on mill; no insurance on stock.

MONTREAL.—Court House found on fire at three o'clock in the morning, June 21. Fire easily extinguished, doing small damage only. But an examination will be held by fire commissioners as outbreak is suspected to be due to incendiary.

OTTAWA.—Laurentide Mica Company's fire on June 16. Insurance:

Western	\$ 5,000	Home	5,000
North America	5,000	North British	1,000
Canadian	1,500		
Estimated loss on contents			
\$25,000			

ATIKAKAN, Rainy River district.—Large saw mill of the J. D. McArthur Lumber Company destroyed, June 18. Insurance is as follows:—

Liverpool, London & Globe	\$ 3,000	Queen	\$ 3,000
Manitoba	6,000	Royal	2,500
North British & Mercantile	2,000	Scottish Union & National	3,000
North British	4,000		
National	2,500		
Total loss			
\$23,000			

MACKS SIDING, THUNDER BAY DISTRICT, ONT.—Fire on June 14th. Insurance as follows:

J. AND C. GREER SAW MILL.		VIGARS SHEAR LUMBER CO., LTD.	
Commercial Union	\$3,700	London & Lancashire	\$ 7,500
London & Lancashire	2,000	Norwich Union	6,500
Norwich Union	2,300	Royal	8,000
Royal	5,000	Scottish Union	5,000
Hartford	2,000	Hartford	5,000
N.Y. Underwriters	2,000	N.Y. Underwriters	5,000
Western	2,000	Western	5,000
Commercial Union	6,000		