

THE NEWS.

—J. Rochon has opened a lumber yard at Port Arthur, Ont.

—Wm. Sellers is opening a lumber yard at Holmfeld, Man.

—Malcolm McDonald is erecting a shingle mill at Duck Lake, Ont.

—C. W. Gimby, lumber, Cartwright, Man., has sold out to R. Stead & Son.

—S. McLeod, saw mill, Prince Albert, N. W. T., has sold out to Keith & Co.

—James Hunter & Son, of Pennfield, N. B., have lately added a shingle machine to their saw mill plant.

—It is announced that the Dickson Company, of Peterboro', have decided to build a saw mill at Lakesfield.

—The enterprising firm of Knight Bros., Burks Falls, Ont., are rebuilding an addition to their planing factory.

—The Cowichan Lumber Company, of Cowichan, B. C., have been granted incorporation by the Dominion government.

—The Gravenhurst council has decided to offer the Longford Lumber Company a free site as an inducement to locate in that town.

—Broadfoot & Box, of Seaford, Ont., have lately sold \$20,000 worth of furniture to Hawke & Co., of 8 Cook street, London, Eng.

—The Rathbun Company, of Deseronto, are building an extension, 114 x 15 ft. and two stories high, in the rear of the joiners' department.

—The saw mill owned by Leopold Benz, of Wetasiwin, Alberta, was totally destroyed by fire recently. Some lumber and logs were burned.

—The cut of the Aberdeen mills, Fredericton, N. B., last season was about fourteen million feet. Clapboards and shingles will be sawn during the winter.

—The Gilmour Co., of Trenton, Ont., have recently shipped large quantities of box shooks and doors to Great Britain, and expect to do a much larger trade next season.

—Haley & Son., of St. Stephen, N.B., have had a much larger saw placed in their mill. They have received from the St. Croix Soap Mfg. Co. a large order for box shooks.

—Gardner Bros., of Leamington, Ont., are making extensive additions to their machinery and plant. They expect to make between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 berry baskets next year.

—Mr. Alexander Fraser has taken an action in the Superior Court against the Hull Lumber Co. and Buell, Hurdman & Co. for \$172,543.52. This was the amount of a mortgage on Table Rock.

—Wakefield & Kellington's planing mill at Neepawa, Man., was considerably scorched by fire recently, which originated in the engine room. The main building was saved. The damage is about \$800, with no insurance.

—The saw mill of Ferdinand Bellavance, of Sayabec, Que., was recently destroyed by fire through the imprudence of an employee, who attempted to fill a coal oil lamp with oil while it was burning. The loss is estimated at \$3,000.

—John Breakey, lumber merchant, of Quebec, and others, are seeking incorporation as the Chaudiere Valley Railway Company, to construct a railway along the Chaudiere river to Scott's Junction. The capital stock is \$150,000.

—The lumber surveyors of St. John, N. B., have decided to form an organization. They say the shortness of the active season renders it necessary that they receive more pay. They will prepare a schedule of rates and submit it to the lumber shippers before spring business opens up.

—Importations of lumber from the United States to Manitoba for the twelve months ending October 1, 1897, were as follows: Dressed, 1,913,832 feet; undressed, 14,857,372 feet. Each year has shown an increase since 1893, when the figures were: Dressed, 136,306 feet; undressed, 1,174,747 feet.

—T. L. Pardo, M. P. P., of Blenheim, Ont., after having the brickwork about the boilers of his extensive mills torn down to rebuild, concluded to replace the old boiler with a first class new one, and has given an order to Trotter & McKeough, of Chatham, for one of their best 4 ft. shell boilers.

—The Department of Trade and Commerce has received two reports from Mr. E. E. Shepherd, Trade Commissioner for South America, in which he deals fully with the question of the possibilities of trade between Canada and Brazil and Uruguay. Last year about \$52,000 worth of Canadian lumber was imported into Brazil.

—It is understood that Stetson, Cutler & Co., of New York, Boston and St. John, who are heavy stockholders in the Ashland Manufacturing Co., are negotiating for a lease of the mill at Ashland for a term of years, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the railway regarding rates, etc., they will run the mill all the year round.

—The Goderich Lumber Company have purchased the saw mill at Golden Valley from Mr. Brooks. Fred Thompson, late head sawyer in the Goderich saw mill, will probably leave in the near future for the Bruce Peninsula, to take a like situation in the new establishment. The cut of the new mill will be handled by the Goderich Lumber Company.

—From Doaktown, N.B., comes the following news: H. & F. D. Swin are embarking in a large enterprise, viz., the cutting of six hundred thousand superficial feet of spool bars. The Messrs. Swin claim that they have a contract with parties in Scotland, and are starting out to engage in the work. They purpose putting up a mill in the woods on the Muzerall brook and sawing the birch into bars, and then haul the sawn wood to the track and pile it there until spring, when it will be shipped.

—The Department of Interior at Ottawa has taken up the question of lumber supply and forest preservation in the North-West. Mr. E. F. Stephenson, of Winnipeg, has been appointed a commissioner to go into the subject and enquire how the forests should be maintained. Suitable areas for permanent forest reserves will be selected, and it will be ascertained whether some lands in the West poorly adapted for agriculture could not be as well planted with trees. Information will be gathered as to what means are most effective in preventing forest and prairie fires.

—There appears to be a bright future for the Willow Creek Gold Mining and Development Company, which is capitalized at \$99,000. Mr. Eldoras Todd, lumberman, of Brantford, Ont., is president and general manager, and we are informed that it is the intention to combine lumbering and mining. The company have erected a large steam saw mill, with a capacity of 60,000 feet in twenty-four hours. It is their intention to run this as a custom mill, and also to saw and manufacture lumber to sell. Rough timber sells for \$16 per M feet, and dressed at from \$25 to \$35 per M feet. Slabs and sawdust will be used for fuel.

—Denmark is said to offer a market for Canadian timber. The total import by that country in 1896 was 19,965,000 cubic feet, most of which was supplied by Norway and Sweden. Oak is in good demand, and is used for furniture, shipbuilding and house building, and should be shipped in planks and boards. Pine is used for ship and house building; poplar for veneering, billboards and furniture, also in the manufacture of pianofortes and carriages. Poplar is also used largely for stoppers to beer kegs, liquor barrels, etc. Maple also has a future in Denmark for veneering and inlaid work. There is no duty on oak imported into Denmark. Other woods pay a duty of 13 oere (3½ cents) per cubic foot.

—Messrs. George St. Pierre & Co., of Fraserville, Que., have over fifty men in the woods, and will next season cut a large quantity of shingles. They are under contract to cut 2,000,000 feet of spruce and birch. Their machinery has lately been improved, and they now have one of the best equipped mills in the province, comprising a 75 h.p. engine, new, built by Carrier, Lane & Co., of Levi, last June, at a cost of \$1,200; one rotary, one steel gang saw, one Catharine, one double

edger, one planer and matcher, ten Small & Fisher machines, double action steam pumps, etc. The firm cut last summer 2,000,000 feet of spruce, mostly deals for the English markets, besides a few local contracts.

CASUALTIES.

—A man named Simard was accidentally killed in a shanty near Ste. Felicite, Rimouski county.

—Alphonse Cyr, who ran a nail into his foot while working in Booth's saw mill at Ottawa, died of lockjaw in the hospital.

—George Smith, of Wilberforce, while working in Brennan's shanty on the Petewawa, was crushed by a falling tree. His recovery, at time of last report, was doubtful.

—While running a power sawing machine at Buckingham, Que., Samuel Jamieson was killed by the breaking of the bar, a piece striking him on the head. Deceased was 63 years of age, and had been up-river agent for Ross Bros' lumber firm for twenty-eight years.

—Napoleon Paquin, an employee of the Rat Portage Lumber Company, was badly injured whilst working in the lab and died the following day. The deceased was a native of Andrews, Ottawa county. By an excellent system all employees of the Rat Portage Lumber Company are insured against accidents, and the relatives of the deceased will receive \$1,000.

PERSONAL.

Hon. R. R. Dobell, of Dobell, Beckett & Co., Quebec, returned a fortnight ago from England.

Mr. R. N. Wakefield, lumber merchant, of Seattle, Wash., has returned to Ontario, after an absence of eighteen years. He is visiting at his old home at Battersea.

Mr. Martin Allstadt, of the lumber firm of Allstadt & Mayer, Mannheim, Germany, is at present on the American continent, placing orders for oak, poplar and ash for export.

The LUMBERMAN regrets to learn of the recent illness of Mr. Hugh Grant at Pembroke, Ont. Mr. Grant was for many years a representative of the Hamilton Bros. firm.

Mr. T. H. DeCew, formerly of Essex Centre, but now of Arrowhead, B. C., was recently in Toronto, where he purchased an engine for his saw mill at the latter place.

The death occurred at Liverpool, N.S., last month, of Mr. R. W. Freeman, who had been long connected with lumbering operations on the Liverpool and Port Medway waters.

TRADE NOTES.

The S. Morgan Smith Co., of York, Pa., has recently shipped to H. Mc. Hart, for his pulp mill near Halifax, N.S., a 36 inch horizontal McCormick turbine on horizontal shaft, which will develop 350 h. p.

The Waterous Engine Company, of Brantford, have completed a new coal conveyor for the Ingersoll Packing Company which carries the coal 110 feet. Two men recently unloaded 87,000 pounds in five and a quarter hours.

The fame of the excellence of the lumbering tools manufactured by Thomas Pink, of Pembroke, Ont., is extending beyond the limit of this continent. Recently Mr. Pink received a large order for his celebrated skidding tongs all the way from Amsterdam, Holland, and enquiries have been received concerning them from even the steppes of Russia.

Referring to the international questions growing out of the seal negotiations with Great Britain and the Cuban situation, the American Monthly Review of Reviews says: "There is nothing that the world respects so much in a nation's attitude and policy as firmness and fixity of purpose. If the people of the United States wish to intervene in Cuban affairs they have the most abundant moral justification for doing so. The only thing that could condemn such a movement on the part of our country would be doubt in our minds as to the wisdom or justice of our policy. American intervention in Cuba at any time within the past year and a half would have been accepted by the whole world with even less of cavil or criticism than the Russian intervention on behalf of Bulgaria twenty years ago."

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