

THE NEWS

—D. R. Galbraith is starting a saw mill at Mar, Ont.

—G. B. Johnston is opening a lumber yard at Edrans, Man.

—John Reid contemplates building a saw mill at Fort Francis, Ont.

—Laird Bros. are building a new planing mill at Dresden, Ont.

—Coward & Company are opening a sash and door factory at Fernie, B.C.

—S. Larue & Son are building a sash and door factory at Mountain, Ont.

—Mr. Moses, of Kemptville, Ont., is building a saw mill and tub factory at Carp.

—W. W. Peck & Son have registered partnership as lumber dealers at Sutton, Ont.

—Hamm & Klassen have purchased the planing mill of J. Wiebe, at Hague, Man.

—Truman Bros. have sold their saw mill at Ponoka, N.W.T., to Loewen & Company.

—A. A. Ryley is refitting his mill at Little Current, Ont., and putting in a Dutch oven.

—Delorme & Cardinal have just commenced business as lumber dealers in Montreal.

—James McEwen, lumber dealer, Arcola, N.W.T., has been succeeded by R. E. Gordon.

—Owen Bros. have installed a new shingle machine in their mill at Richard's Landing, Ont.

—M. Brennan & sons, of Hamilton, Ont., are building an addition to their woodworking factory.

—The saw mill of George Gilmour at E-draelon, N. B., which was recently burned, is being rebuilt.

—Robert Hannington is building a saw mill near Glassville, N.B., for the manufacture of hardwoods.

—Mork II & Whitworth, lumber dealers, Morris, Man., have sold out to the Morris Lumber Company.

—It is said that T. & J. Conlon, of Little Current, Ont., intend installing a new band saw in their mill at Picnic Island.

—E. Hutchison's saw mill at Campbellton, N.B., commenced operations on March 31st, the earliest in its history.

—Charles Miller's shingle mill at Pokiok, N.B., which was closed down last fall, has commenced operations.

—The Prescott Lumber Company, New Mills, N.B., are building a shingle mill of an annual capacity of about 12,000,000 shingles.

—Clarke Bros., of Beaver River, N.S., are adding a planer and other machinery for the purpose of utilizing the waste of their saw mill.

—A new saw mill is being built at Hintonburg, Ont., by James Lunney & Company. It is expected to be ready for operations in May.

—The ratepayers of Sturgeon Falls, Ont., carried a by-law on April 4th to assist Cockburn & Sons, of that place, in building a new saw mill.

—McLachlin Bros., of Arnprior, Ont., are macadamizing the roads throughout their extensive lumber yards. Stone to a depth of eight inches is being laid.

—A bill to encourage the establishment of industries in the province of New Brunswick for the manufacture of hardwood specialties was defeated in the legislature last month.

—The lumber firms of Willoughby & Duncan and R. F. Williams, Regina, N.W.T., have been amalgamated under the name of the Regina Lumber & Supply Company, Limited.

—It is the intention of the J. & T. Charlton Saw Mill Company to operate their mill at Collingwood, Ont., day and night during the greater portion of this season. The company are building a new office.

—William Bradon, of Bayfield, Ont., recently cut an elm tree which measured 7 feet across the butt and made eleven 10-foot logs, containing in all about 6,000 superficial feet of lumber and 10 cords of stove wood.

—Caldwell & Company, of the Virden, Man., Nurseries,

has received an order from the Dominion Government Forestry Department for 200,000 Manitoba maple seedlings and 60,000 Russian poplar trees.

—Recent heavy rains in New Brunswick caused destruction to the property of C. M. Bostwick at Salmon River. The large dam gave way and the mill was practically destroyed. The damage will exceed \$20,000.

—The Revelstoke Lumber Company, of Revelstoke, B.C., have made improvements to their saw mill, having added a moulding machine, resaw and a 30 h.p. engine for driving the planers. The mill and boiler house have been roofed with iron.

—The Keewatin Lumber Company, of Keewatin, Ont., repaired their saw mill preparatory to commencing the season's operations. They had a stock of logs on hand, and did not have to wait for the opening of navigation on the Lake of the Woods.

—The Muskoka Wood Manufacturing Company, Limited, has been organized for the purpose of manufacturing broom and tool handles, dowels, chair parts, and other wooden specialties. It is proposed to build a factory at Huntsville, Ont., and to engage in the export trade.

—The annual meeting of the Lower West Miramichi Log Driving Company was held at Fredericton, N. B., on March 12th. A small dividend was declared, and the following officers elected: President, W. M. Richards; secretary, H. Beckwith; directors, M. Welsh, T. Lynch and William Richards.

—The shareholders of the Blonde Lumber & Manufacturing Company, Chatham, have elected the following officers: President, William Ball; vice-president, N. H. Stevens; secretary-treasurer, T. C. O'Rourke; assistant secretary, T. J. Doyle; manager, Benjamin Blonde; assistant manager, George Blonde.

—It is understood that the British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Company, who purchased the property of the Moodyville Land and Saw Mill Company, will not operate the Moodyville mill, the object in making the purchase being to secure the ownership of the timber limits, which are estimated to contain 150,000,000 superficial feet of spruce, cedar, etc.

—M. J. McKercher and associates have just completed the erection of a saw mill at a point fourteen miles from Elko, B.C., on the line of the Crow's Nest Southern Railway. The mill has a daily capacity of 40,000 feet, and will be operated night and day for the next three months. The owners have a contract to supply piling, bridge timber and ties for the Crow's Nest Southern road.

—The Cushing Box Company, Limited, which is applying for incorporation, has not been formed to take over the lumber business of Andre, Cushing & Company at St. John, N. B., but is a new concern. The company have fitted up a box mill at Milford, where modern machinery has been installed for the manufacture of box shooks. George S. Cushing is associated with the enterprise.

—The largest tree known to have been discovered in British Columbia was found recently by Mr. Higgins, who purchased the timber in Hastings Park from the city of Vancouver, and is now taking out shingle bolts there. He came across the shell of a burnt cedar that measured sixteen feet across on the inside. It is fifty-seven feet in circumference and six horses could, according to Mr. Higgins, stand abreast inside the tree.

—The business of the Boake Manufacturing Company, Toronto, has been transferred to the Boake Manufacturing Company, Limited, G. W. Boake becoming president and manager, A. U. DePencier vice-president, and F. K. Ebbitt secretary. Mr. Ebbitt was for a number of years with J. R. Booth, of Ottawa. It is the intention of the new company to extend their yards and build a large dry kiln. They have the sole agency for the J. D. Shier Lumber Company's end-matched birch and maple flooring.

—The employees of A. Cushing & Company's shingle mill at St. John, N.B., went on strike last month for higher wages. It is said to have been the custom to reduce the wages of the employees during the winter months and to restore them to a higher scale on May 1st. The employees demanded that the advance to the summer scale should be put into effect earlier in the

spring. It is stated that if the men do not accept the terms of the engagement it is possible that the mill may be closed all summer.

—McDougal, Brandon & Austin, of Lindsay, Ont., have purchased Grand Island, in Balsam Lake, from the executors of the R. C. Smith estate. The island contains 1,200 acres, 300 of which is totally cleared, the remainder being good hemlock and hardwood bush.

—The Cleveland Sarnia Saw Mills Company, of Sarnia, Ont., has recently been sinking a well, hoping to hit salt. When the well was driven a depth of 70 feet a gas vein was struck. The tools were driven out of the well as though shot from a dynamite gun. The drill house and a derrick were demolished, and the gas was ignited by a fire in the building. The result was a pyrotechnic display such as is seldom seen. A blast of gas rose to a height of 75 feet and for several nights illuminated the St. Clair river about Sarnia. The fire burned itself out in a few days and work on the well was continued.

—In reply to a question in the Quebec Legislature as to the area in square miles sold as timber land in Quebec, Hon. Mr. Parent submitted the following figures:—1. 61,886 miles, or 39,607,040 acres; 2. Upper Ottawa, 22,230 miles; Lower Ottawa, 1,574 miles; St. Maurice, 11,598 miles; St. Charles, 1,471 miles; Lake St. John, 5,876 miles; Bonaventure and Gaspé, 3,483 miles; Rimouski, 2,175 miles; Saguenay, 5,030 miles; Granville, 1,393 miles; Montmagny, 6, miles; Metapedia, 665 miles; Chaudière, 688 miles; St. Francis, 517 miles; Arthabaska, 94 miles.

—In the British Columbia Legislature Mr. Taylor moved for an order for the return setting forth the amount of royalties collected on timber cut within the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway belt in the past three years, from which such royalties were collected and the amount of timber cut; also how much had been reported not manufactured, and what quantity paid as royalty whatever. His object was to show that the amendment of the land act prohibiting the export of timber was ill considered. He contends that provincial lands are thereby decreased in value, to the advantage of those held privately, such as those within the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway belt. Hon. Mr. Wells said that so far as the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway lands were concerned, the Government had no means of exacting terms in regard to them, as they were held in free simple, and not amenable to the laws of the province.

CASUALTIES.

Fredinand Demers was killed recently in his father's saw mill at St. Raymond, Que., by being caught in the shafting.

A Chinaman employed at Roche's mill on Beret Inlet, B.C., fell across a circular saw and was almost severed in twain.

THE LAURIE ENGINE COMPANY.

The Laurie Engine Company, of Montreal, has for years been well-known as the principal maker of large engines in Canada, has just had an important change made in its control. The majority of the oldest of directors having retired, the company's affairs are now under the direction of a new board, consisting of Messrs. C. E. L. Porteous, Wm. Yuille, F. L. Walsh, C. W. Davis, W. G. Ross, Walter H. Laurie and John Laurie. Mr. Porteous has been chosen president, and Mr. Yuille vice-president. The change will, without doubt, result in a large extension of the business, on account of the extensive connections of the new members of the board, it will bring the company into touch with a much larger field. The increased financial facilities afforded will also enable the company to undertake much larger work than before, although it already holds the record for the biggest engine in Canada. The change will also add greatly to the strength of the company. The intimate connection of Mr. Porteous, who is president of the Montreal & St. Lawrence Light Heat & Power Company, and a director of several of the leading companies in Montreal, and Mr. Yuille, who is president of the Diamond Glass Company, to a large number of Canada's principal financial interests, will lead to a large increase in the financial resources of the company. Mr. Wanklyn, general manager of the Montreal Street Railway Company, and Mr. Davis, who is general manager of one of the largest manufacturing concerns in the city, will take an active interest in the mechanical side of the business. There is no change in the other offices, the position of managing director being retained by Mr. Walter H. Laurie, known to be an expert as a steam and mechanical engineer, thus assuring the continued success of the company in engineering matters.