

Lumber Cuttings.

The planing mill at Selkirk, Man., is now completed, making another addition to the industries of that town.

Graham, Horne & Co., of Port Arthur, have secured the contract for supplying all the lumber necessary to complete the new elevator at Fort William.

On Friday week six men in the employ of the Eau Claire Lumber Company, Calgary, lost their lives at Kananaskis rapids on Bow river, 45 miles west of Calgary, while driving logs, by being carried down the rapids in a boat.

About a month ago the collector of customs at Vancouver, in interpreting the customs law imposing an export duty on logs, included piles. In one instance the duty was exacted and paid under protest by the shippers, who held that piles were manufactured timber and as such not subject to duty. The matter has since been referred to the department at Ottawa, and information has been received that the decision of the local collector has been overruled and the money refunded.

One of the largest timber limit sales ever held in Ottawa took place when the Hamilton estate was offered. The property consisted of a mill at Hawkesbury, limits on the Gatineau and tributaries and the Dumoine and tributaries, farms at Hawkesbury and on the Gatineau. About two hundred lumbermen were present and their aggregate wealth was estimated at from \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000. The first lot was the Gatineau limits, 934 square miles, which were bought for \$123,000, the worth of plant and supplies to be taken at a valuation. The second lot, 751 square miles on the Dumoine, after a very lively bidding, was knocked down for \$396,000, exclusive of plant and supplies, worth about \$30,000, to be taken at valuation. No bid was made for the Hawkesbury mill and all the other property was withdrawn on account of the low prices offered.

A United States exchange asks: If it takes a barrel of kerosene oil to kill two bushels of grasshoppers, what will a bushel of wheat be worth?

Cables from the London wool sales report a decided improvement in tone, especially as regards Cape and New Zealand wool, for which there was an exceedingly keen competition. The former showed an advance of 1d for superior snow-whites, and greasy was 1/2 to 1d dearer, as compared with last closing prices. Crossbreds are tending towards a decline.

Artificial silk is the latest discovery, and judging from the details of it which are to hand, it seems likely that the silkworm's occupation will soon be gone, and that he may retire to his cocoon and lament his lost importance in silence. The new material is made, we are told, from a kind of collodion, to which has been added perchloride of iron and tannic acid. The process of manufacture is somewhat complicated, but the result seems to be all that can be desired in the way of providing a substance practically equal to good silk.



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110 35		... Rapid City ...	11 17D
110 45		... Rapid City ...	11 05A
17 50	94	... Rapid City ...	9 45
18 31	115	... Shoal Lake ...	9 20
119 30	138	... Hirtle ...	18 20
21 40	155	... Binscarth ...	6 20
23 00	166	... Russell ...	5 00
23 15	180	... Langenburg ...	4 45
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