

NOTES FROM THE EASTERN PROVINCES.

[Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

A new company has been formed in Fredericton, N.B., for the manufacture chiefly of lumbermen's supplies, including peavies, hames, cant dogs, boot caulks, table blocks, all kinds of drop forgings, wire nails, hay pitchers, etc. The name of the concern is the McFarlane-Neill Mfg. Co., and it starts out under particularly advantageous circumstances. The firm has acquired the fine plant of the late Walter McFarlane, which was so successfully run by him up to his death, and since then with continued success by Mrs. McFarlane. This plant consists partly of a large brick building in St. Marys, just opposite Fredericton, fully equipped with engines and the best machinery. This old concern has a first-class name among the lumbermen and a good connection with them. Their peavies have for years been shipped all over the Maritime provinces and central and western Canada. One customer alone in Quebec has bought over \$5,000 worth of peavies. The personnel of the new company is as follows: Mrs. W. McFarlane, Jas. S. Neill, E. Byron Winslow, F. T. Morrison and N. A. Tweedale, the latter being manager. Mr. Jas. S. Neill is well known among lumbermen, having, in Fredericton, one of the best hardware stores in New Brunswick, from which he has shipped large quantities of lumbermen's supplies. For years he has manufactured boot caulks in a little factory at Nashwaakasis, for which he has found a large market. New equipment is at once to be added to this factory on account of increased output. The concern is the only one in Canada which manufactures the celebrated wrought band and solid eye peavy. For this they hold the Canadian patent, which was taken out by the inventor, the late Walter McFarlane, who made a good thing out of it and sold the United States patent to a Bangor firm. They also manufacture the malleable band peavy such as is made by Upper Canadian firms. To give a slight idea of the extent of this business it may be mentioned that in this factory upwards of 90 carloads of lumber are sawn into peavy handles each year. This lumber is hauled to the factory in the rough log, and there sawn and split in order to get the green of the log.

Thos. Robinson, a well-known mill owner, died a few days ago at his home in Lower St. Mary's, N.B. For many years he successfully ran the saw mill which he recently leased to Alderman McKendrick.

The Robb Engineering Company, of Amherst, N. S., secured the order a few days ago for a large and heavy portable saw mill, with engine and boiler and all appurtenances complete, to be shipped to the Pacific coast. It is destined to the Chilliwack valley in British Columbia. The freight on this purchase will be between \$800 and \$1,000. This mill has been bought by Clifford Paterson and some other lumber operators of this county who have organized to carry on a big lumber industry in the west. The men to man the mill will probably accompany it across the continent.

C. Pickard, of Sackville, has a portable mill at Brooklyn, some miles distant on the Cape Tormentine Railroad, and cuts from one to one and a half million feet of spruce a year, which goes to the English market.

Jas. Smith, of Sackville, has lately been turning out between 10 and 15 thousand pairs of moccasins in a season. These are oil tanned. He has been steadily refusing orders for some time, as the capacity of his factory is not equal to the demand. He employs 35 hands and does a huge trade in these lumbermen's goods.

P. R. Ayer & Company, Limited, in the same town, make enormous quantities of lumbermen's harness, which is now their specialty. Their factory is the largest of the kind in the Maritime provinces and one of the best in Canada.

Jas. F. Sherry has opened up in Memramcook in the manufacture of lumbermen's shoe packs, moccasins and larrigans. He is employing about 20 hands and makes a good article. His specialty is shoe packs. Next year he hopes to have about 50 hands at work.

A. E. Wry & Co., Sackville, are manufacturing lumbermen's harness, and showed THE LUMBERMAN'S representative substantial orders from well known lumbermen and dealers from the north.

Chas. Dickenson, the larrigan manufacturer in Woodstock, whose advertisement is seen elsewhere in this issue, has a pair of shoe packs in his possession which were worn from Cape Town to Pretoria and back by the Rev.

Mr. Lane, who accompanied the first contingent. They are neither worn through or ripped in any part, but show many deep scratches and cuts from the rocks.

The second largest larrigan factory in Canada is in Parrsboro, and lumbermen throughout eastern Canada know the name of J. S. Henderson so well that they will be interested in a short description of his business. It is but a few years since he began to manufacture on anything approaching a large scale, but already his business is enormous and he now employs about seventy-five hands and turns out 32 dozen pair a day of shoe packs and larrigans, not including moccasins. Mr. Henderson has his own tannery in connection which he has been running for many years and makes up all his own leather, so he knows exactly what goes into his goods. His larrigans and shoe packs all have the rivet through the vamp and quarter on each side; this, he claims, is an absolute essential to lasting quality, and it looks most reasonable. Some makes are without this important feature. A large addition was recently added to the factory, and another spring further additions will go up. Mr. Henderson last February sold in one order, to a Montreal firm, 26,000 pairs. He has sent large shipments to Winnipeg and British Columbia. His advertisement may be seen in this issue, and THE LUMBERMAN trusts that soon Mr. Henderson will occupy no second position in Canada. T. E. Henderson, of Parrsboro, is the inventor of the Henderson patent larrigan which is gaining such a good reputation. A pair of these is on exhibition in his shoe store window, made to the order of Chaplain Lane, of the first contingent, for presentation to the Prince of Wales.

PARRSBORO'S LUMBER INDUSTRY.

It may not be generally known that Parrsboro ships one-quarter of the entire lumber output of Nova Scotia, but there are many interesting things to be learned of this progressive and always busy little town, which is harbored so securely on the northern shore of the beautiful Minas Basin. At an early date THE LUMBERMAN hopes to publish some interesting sketches and descriptions of the town and vicinity relative to the lumber industry, but at present a few items will give the trend of recent events in this connection. Backed by a great lumber district, intersected with splendid carrying facilities, fronted by much good shipping conveniences and peopled by men who know their business, Parrsboro has been doing, and will continue to do a heavy export trade. The town is growing and growing well as the years go by.

The Newville Lumber Co., whose mill is 10 miles from Parrsboro, on the Cumberland railroad, have been cutting about 4,500,000 feet. The mill is equipped with a gang, edger, trimmer, lath, planer and other machines. About 700,000 feet of this cut is of pine. They stream drive largely to the mill. The office of the firm is in Parrsboro, in charge of Mr. McAloney, who greatly admires THE LUMBERMAN. They sell largely to Malcolm Mackay and ship much to the United States; Stetson, Cutler & Co. handling most of this. The firm is composed of W. W. Black, N. A. Rhodes, N. Curry, C. A. and J. B. Lusby, and George A. Fowler. These men are from Amherst, with the exception of Mr. Fowler, who is now in New-oundland as manager of the Exploits Lumber Company there. Captain Nordby, of Parrsboro, agent for George McKean, of St. John, shipped about 12,320,000 feet this year.

D. A. Huntley, manufacturer and shipper, has a mill on the wharf in which he cuts about 1,000,000 feet a year. As he does a good deal of vessel building he uses it for getting out deck planks, etc. He is just now building a 500 ton barque. He has another mill at Canaan, 10 miles north east of Parrsboro; he cuts about 1,000,000 deals a year. He has also stave, shingle, and heading machines. He sells principally to George McKean and B. L. Tucker.

Geo. W. Day, of Parrsboro, at present Mayor of the town, has a portable mill at Canaan, and cut about 2,500,000 feet of deals, boards and scantling last year. Mr. Day knows the lumber business thoroughly in all its features, and has been very successful.

The Moose River Lumber Company has been organized during the past month at Parrsboro, and will now carry on a large business. The gentlemen interested in this concern are Messrs. B. L. Tucker and Newton Pugsley, of that town. They have bought a property consisting of 12,000 acres of well wooded land lying about east of Parrsboro on the northern shore of the Basin of Minas.

This property has been cutting from 000,000 to 1,000,000 feet for years. They expect to cut that much this year using portable mills and doing considerable business. Mr. Tucker, as buyer and shipper, shipped 20,000,000 feet last year, shipping to the West Bay English market. He does not ship to the Atlantic market.

Chas. J. Willis & Company, of Sackville, N. B., shipped some 40 cargoes of lumber since April. The last was due there on the 15th of November, which was taken away 1,500,000 more—the last of the season. This firm ships from Cape Tormentine, Island and points. In 1900 they shipped over 1,000,000 feet. Atherton leaves this office early in December to return to England.

The barkentine Florence B. Edgerton, loaded with 1,000,000 feet of lumber, for Cape Town, sailed recently for Parrsboro, N. S. Nearly all of this is to be used in pairing the mines and railways wrecked in South Africa. The commander of the vessel is Captain J. N. Kay, was but a few weeks ago married to Miss Gertrude Strehlin, of New France, near Weymouth, N.S., accompanied her husband on the trip. Mrs. Kay is the well-known lumber operator in New France.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

"C. B.," Halifax writes: I have two lines of belt to be driven from one electric motor. Can I run both belts off it, or will I have to belt from one line of shaft to another?

ANS.—If you have room to put your motor between two lines, it would be best to belt direct from it to the line, the belts driving each way from a special pulley, using two crowns. This method has the advantage of the one in which a pulley is used at each end of the shaft, of reducing the strains on the bearings and frame, and so of giving freer access to the motor for inspection and cleaning.

"Engineer" says: We are putting a new belt in our mill, for which we will have to get a new belt fifty feet long. As I want to get the very best possible out of it, please advise me which side I should next the pulley.

ANS.—If your belt is to be single, you should run the flesh or grain side out, because the outside of the belt passing around the pulleys is subject to more or less extension strain, over and above the strain due to the load it is driving; whereas the inside of the belt goes over the pulley is to a certain extent compressed. Obviously, the flesh side being of a more soft and pliable nature than the hair side, is more suited to take the tension strain. If the belt is double, both sides of grain, the hair sides being glued together, so you have no choice in the matter.

SNEEZE WOOD.

Among its many peculiarities South Africa includes "sneeze-wood" tree, which takes its name from the fact that one cannot cut it with a saw without sneezing, as fine dust has exactly the effect of snuff. Even if the wood it will sometimes cause sneezing. No insect worm or barmacle will touch it. It is very bitter in taste, and its specific gravity is heavier than water. The color is light brown, the grain very close and hard. It is a nice looking wood, and takes a good polish. For work, piers or jetties it is a useful timber, lasting a long while under water.—The Building News.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Joseph Botsford, foreman in the planing mill of Graham, Horne & Company at Fort William, Ont., stricken with paralysis last month and died a few days thereafter.

The marriage of Mr. J. Quincy Adams, of Kilmory, Ont., inspector for the British-Canadian Timber Manufacturing Company, of London, Eng., should have been chronicled in last issue. The lady of his choice was Miss Maud Minerva, daughter of Mr. W. E. Ross, of Harriston, and the event took place at St. George's church at Harriston, Rev. J. Hirst Ross officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Adams we extend our congratulations.