

Co.'s Magnissipi limits to the Eddy Manufacturing Company was made on the 17th Sept. The price paid, as stated in the deed of transfer was \$325,000. The general impression among the lumbermen is that the Eddy company have secured one of the best pieces of pine country in the Ottawa Valley. The company intend only working their new limit for logs. No square timber will be taken out.

—As will be seen from the following comparative statement of timber measured through the supervisor's office at Quebec, the quantity of white and red pine falls very much short of that of 1886 and 1887, made up to the same date in each year, viz., September 5th. The figures are for cubic feet.

	1886.	1887.	1888.
Waney White Pine	2,465,398	1,520,243	1,220,025
Square Red "	2,172,835	945,082	863,997
Oak	243,312	460,092	484,875
Elm	829,677	113,846	730,858
Basswood	378,541	179,572	166,605
Butternut	215	512	717
Tamarack	192	1,079	419
Birch and Maple	2,459	5,107	2,135
	160,611	115,694	156,647

—McLaren and Ross, of Quebec, the former being connected with the Saginaw Lumber and Salt company, have purchased 1,500,000,000 feet of pine timber in British Columbia where they will erect and equip two large mills for its manufacture into lumber. The Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company has given a contract to Barrie, Ont., parties to cut 10,000,000 feet of timber from their tract on Fitzwilliam Island, in Georgian Bay, to be rafted to Saginaw. The Emery Lumber Company will this winter cut 14,000,000 feet on the waters of Georgian Bay, to be manufactured at Midland, Ont. The lumber market is active and prices up to the top notch.

—Rev. Father Paradis, whose name was prominently brought before the public some months ago in connection with a misunderstanding between him on the one side and the Gilmour lumber merchants of the Upper Gatineau, Hon. J. J. Ross and Rev. Father Augier, on the other, has arrived in Montreal from Buffalo, whence he was spirited away some months ago, on his way to Quebec, and thence to Rome. The object of the reverend gentleman's trip to Canada has not been made known, but it is asserted on excellent authority that he goes to the Eternal City upon the advice of Bishop Ryan, of Buffalo, for the express purpose of protesting against his recent expulsion from the Oblat Order. Exactly why Father Paradis has been expelled from the order has not yet leaked out, but it is stated that the sole cause of his misfortune is the fact that he persistently refused to sign a retraction of the damaging statement he had made against Hon. Mr. Ross and allow the whole discussion thereon to drop.

—Quite a commotion was created at Eastman's Springs, on the Canada Atlantic railway, a short time ago, by the disappearance of two brothers John and Robert Stewart, who for several years have been doing a lumbering business in a small way at that place. The brothers left saying they were going on a trip instructing their clerks to sell lumber as usual and forward receipts to them. Mr. Neil Stewart, father of the young men upon learning of their departure, seized the mill upon which he had a mortgage of \$1,200. A Mr. Baker of North Tower also hearing of the departure of the Stewart brothers visited Eastman's Springs and again seized the mill upon a first mortgage for \$1,500. Mr. John Kyle, a grocer at the Springs, was victimized to the extent of \$400, having signed the firm's paper to that extent before hearing the true state of affairs. Another man named Morgan had bought some logs to be cut at the mill before the departure of the brothers and after their departure came to get his lumber. He was told that he could have no lumber unless he paid for it. Morgan grew indignant took away a pile of lumber made from his logs and a few days afterwards had to pay \$18 for his own lumber on the order of the district magistrate before whom the case came up. The affairs of the firm are in a bad condition and claims are coming in thick and fast. The Stewart brothers have not since been heard of.

—A Quebec city despatch of September 13th said: "Not a stick of square white pine remains unsold in the hands of lumbermen. The whole stock in port, as well as this year's make to arrive, has passed into the hands of shippers, this being a condition of things that never happened in the port before, besides which there is only 30,000 feet of waney board pine unsold to arrive, all this year's manufacture and what is now in port, with the above small exception having been bought by the timber merchants. The latest purchases were A. Fraser's Nipissing raft to arrive, bought by Messrs. W. & J. Sharples, and A. Fraser's Operongo rafts, and Caldwell's rafts in port. These two latter were bought by Messrs. J. S. Murphy & Co., these purchases by the latter firm amounting to over three quarters of a million feet. The stock of white pine timber to winter here will be unprecedentedly small and the question has repeatedly been asked: 'How are we going to load next spring's fleet?' Fortunately, with

their utmost efforts, were they unwise enough to attempt it, the lumbermen could not overstock the market for two years to come, but with the few lumbermen owning the timber bearing lands in Canada they are not likely to attempt to overstock the market as they have done in recent years to their cost, because the enormous prices which timber lands brought at the last public sales have given lumberman a keen appreciation of the value of standing timber.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—There has been considerable activity about the wharves and lumber yards at Richibucto loading the vessels in port.

—The long-talked-of steam saw mill to be erected in Richibucto is to be a sure thing. The place selected is what is known as the Yellow House Point at the north-east extremity of the town.

—T. H. Ramsay, of Newcastle, has bought the Redbank Mills, Miramichi, from J. B. Snowball, and enters into possession at once. He intends to add steam power for the manufacture of shingles and other small lumber.

—There is a great jam of logs in the St. John at the Grand Falls. It fills the river for a distance of from 1,500 to 2,000 feet and is 30 to 100 feet deep. Lumbermen estimate the quantity to be from twelve to fifteen million feet. An attempt to start it with dynamite was to have been made but on examination it was considered useless. Probably nothing but the spring freshet will move it.

—It is estimated by experienced lumbermen that there has been cut on the Penobscot river the past year fully 150,000,000 feet of logs, an amount which is said to be equal to that cut years ago during the palmiest days of lumbering. Tracts that have been cut over thirty years ago have been gone over twice since and the growth about keeps pace with the demand for lumber.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—At Brandon, Mr. Christie, has been working his mill night and day on logs from Riding Mountains.

—The harvesting operations lessened the demand for lumber and enabled the mills to get ahead of orders.

—Jonasson, Frederickson & Walkely forwarders and lumber dealers, Selkirk, Man., are organizing a joint stock company.

—Upwards of one hundred men were employed at Selkirk last week unloading lumber at the docks, and lumbermen complain of lack of men.

—The Rainy Lake Lumber Company has been purchased by the Western Lumber Company, of which Mr. McRae, of Quebec, is president.

—Christie's drive of logs from the Bird Tail have all reached Brandon. The mill is working night and day, with a staff of about fifteen men.

—Thos. White and another prominent Michigan lumberman are exploring the timber limits to the north of Calgary. Their visit has also something to do with development.

—Mr. Tait is engaged with a number of men in improving the Bird Tail river between Birtle and Riding Mountains, Manitoba. The object is to make the stream more suitable for the passing of saw logs from the mountains. It is expected that 5,000,000 feet will be taken out this winter.

—Lake Winnipeg mill men are pushing to get the lumber herald out before the closing of navigation and all the craft on the lake are employed carrying the cut to Selkirk, the head of deep water navigation on the Red River, and the nearest railway point to the mills.

—J. A. Christie's logs from the Bird Tail river are first class, some of them measuring over two feet through. It is the intention to cut them into dimension lumber. About half of them will be cut this season in the old mill at Brandon, Man., and the balance will be cut in the new mill which he will build next spring.

—The lumber trade throughout Manitoba is reported in a satisfactory condition. Orders can now be filled in a reasonable time, and customers are not subject to any serious delay. Mills look forward to upwards of a month more of activity, and are reporting very favorable as to the season's business as a whole. Prices remain about the same.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—A new saw mill is in course of construction for Dunsmuir & Sons, at the Union Coal Mines, Comox district, B. C.

—A stick of timber was cut the other day at the Hastings Mill which was 106 feet long and 24 inches square. There were sawed out of the log 12,000 feet of cedar lumber weighing 30 tons.

—The barque Jan Baas has sailed for Melbourne with 509,412 feet of rough lumber and 15,205 bundles of pickets from the Moodyville mill. It is said that the captain of the barque has been fined \$400 for not clearing at customs.

—A portion of the C. P. R. wharf at Vancouver has sunk considerably owing to the heavy traffic being done on it at the present time, and the depredations of the teredo. A large surface of the City Wharf has also sunk several feet from similar causes.

—There is a hitch in the arrangements regarding the proposed establishment of the mammoth mill at Westminster, B. C., by Ross & McLaren, of Ontario. The trouble is over the timber lands which the projectors are endeavoring to secure from the Provincial Government.

—The first vessel of the two chartered by the Royal City Planing Mills is the barque Nanaimo which was built in the black diamond city of that name some six years ago. When loaded she will carry fully 800,000 feet of lumber and her destination will be Melbourne, Australia.

—New Westminster is naturally anxious to have the saw mill of Ross & McLaren, eastern lumbermen, who propose to carry on extensive operations in British Columbia, located there. The capacity of the proposed mill will be over half a million feet per day, or larger than the capacity of all other mills in the province.

—The enterprising and wealthy firm of A. Broder & Co., of Morrisburg, Ont., have purchased a large tract of land on Alberni canal, and will proceed at once to erect a small saw mill preparatory to the construction of a larger one, having a capacity for 100,000 feet per day. The firm named is well known in the county of Russel, Ont., for which constituency Mr. Broder was at one time a representative in the Ontario Legislature.

—The Vancouver Herald says:—The Moodyville mills are kept busy night and day at present loading the vessels at the wharves, of which there are five: the Jan Baas, the Edward O'Brien, the W. J. Rotch, the Balaklava and the Pactolus. The three former are now almost loaded and will proceed to sea shortly. The barque India and the ship Earl Granville are both anchored in the stream waiting for berths at the wharves.

—The Moodyville saw mill is running night and day to its full capacity. A recent report says that there were six vessels at the dock—most of which are loading—which will take away 6,200,000 feet of lumber. The Balaklava takes 1,100,000 feet to South America, The Pactolus 9,000 feet to China the India 900,000 feet to South America, the Earle of Granville 1,000,000 to Australia, the Edward O'Brien 1,400,000 to Australia, and the Jan Baas takes 900,000 feet to Valparaiso, South America. The mill is supplied with logs from the various camps along the coast, some of which are distant about 200 miles.

—The owners and managers of the various saw mills of Vancouver who cut for the local trade, have agreed upon a new schedule of prices which has come into effect and contains a considerable advance in the price of the principal sorts of lumber. The following extracts from the list will give an idea of the prices now asked: Bridge and wharf plank and lumber from \$12 to \$16 per M feet, B. M., according to length. Flooring from \$17.50 to \$27.50, according to the size and quality. Rustic from \$17.50 to \$22.50, according to quality. Boards, S. S. \$20 to \$22.50. Laths and shingles \$2. The demand for lumber is very good, all the mills being kept busy supplying it. The number of men employed among the various mills and yards in the city is continually increasing and the business generally assuming large proportions.

—Pacific Coast lumbermen in British Columbia, continue to find an active demand. At Burrard Inlet the mills are working night and day on export orders, and latest reports stated that several ships were anchored waiting their turn to load. The Westminster mills are busy with local and eastern orders. The Royal City mill at that place has an order from a car building company, of Dayton, Ohio, for square timber for car sills. The timber is required to be 60 to 70 feet in length and perfectly sound. During August seven ships cleared from the two Burrard Inlet mills for Australia, with lumber, lath and pickets. Two ships cleared from the Royal City mill at Westminster, taking the first exports of lumber ever made direct from Fraser river mills, the river having only recently been made navigable for ocean craft.

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