

Previously it was operated under the style of the Vancouver Lumber Company. The new proprietors are making extensive improvements to the mill, putting in the two planers, re-saw, etc., which will bring the capacity up to 25,000 feet per day.

On False Creek Leamy & Kyle have been operating a mill for some years, the capacity of which is 40,000 feet per day; planing machinery and lath mill in connection. J. G. Woods is the manager of the business. The firm own a steamer and extensive limits and employ about 45 men, exclusive of those engaged in getting out logs.

Another extensive lumber and manufacturing industry on False Creek is the Vancouver branch of the Royal City Planing Mill Co., now merged in the business of the British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Co. This branch of this extensive company is under the management of R. C. Ferguson. The capacity of the saw mill is 50,000 feet in ten hours; 35,000 lath and 60,000 shingles per day can also be turned out at this mill. There is also a sash and door factory in connection, where almost anything in wood work can be turned out. About 150 men are employed in connection with the False Creek mills and factories of the company, including men engaged in getting out logs in the woods.

Still another saw mill on False Creek is that now operated by H. R. Morse. Mr. Morse comes from Alpena, Michigan, where he is known as an old lumberman of that State. He purchased the mill the past spring. Previous to this time it was known as the Fader mill. Mr. Morse has recently moved to Vancouver. H. R. Morse, jr., and A. G. Boggs manage the business. The capacity of the mill is between 75,000 and 100,000 feet daily. Lath are also manufactured. There is a sash and door factory in connection with the mill, but in a separate building close by.

The Vancouver Manufacturing and Trading Co. is another institution located on False Creek near the last mentioned mill. E. H. Heaps is president, and D. Cartmel secretary. This is a new company incorporated early this year. A factory has already been erected. The manufactures of the company are sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, shingles, planing and general wood work. The company has since it was formed amalgamated with the Vancouver Woodenware Company, without changing the name of the former. It is the intention to manufacture tubs, pails, barrels, furniture and a number of specialties such as refrigerators, washing and wringing machinery, etc. The buildings of the company are being extended with the object of increasing the manufactures.

In the sash and door line there is also the large factory operated under the style of Geo. Cassidy & Co., Geo. Cassidy manager. This industry is also on False Creek. The manufactures are doors, sash, mouldings, shingles and general factory work. About 30 to 40 men are employed in the factory. The building is fitted with a steam elevator, and has a Wheelock Corliss engine which the manager claims to be the finest engine on the coast.

Another industry on False Creek is G. F. Slater's shingle mill. Mr. Slater has made a specialty of manufacturing fine red cedar shingles, and from a small portable mill with which he started a few years ago, he has now a plant for the manufacture of 140,000 shingles per day, and the most complete shingle plant on

the coast. He also manufactures clear red cedar lumber, specially for factory use. A lot of new machinery is being put in this season. A specialty is made of the Manitoba trade, and a large portion of the output from this mill finds its way to the east of the mountains.

This makes quite a formidable list of lumbering and kindred industries at Vancouver and in the immediate vicinity, but the list is not complete, as extensions are continually being made. A company of eastern capitalists incorporated as the North Pacific Lumber Company, are building a large saw mill on the south side of the inlet, a few miles east of the city. This mill will be one of the largest in the province and the capacity will be at least 100,000 feet daily, perhaps double this amount. The North Pacific Lumber Company is understood to be composed principally of the same parties who have erected the McLaren-Ross mill on the Fraser river. Other mills are also projected, and one is being erected on the inlet by a party named Buse. This is a saw mill, located about three miles up the inlet from Vancouver. The advantages of Vancouver for lumbering are the shipping facilities afforded both by water and rail. The main line of the Canadian Pacific runs for fourteen miles along the south shore of Burrard Inlet, while a spur track reaches the mills along False Creek. The rapidity with which the city has grown up has also encouraged the extension of lumbering, through the large demand for building material.

ON THE FRASER RIVER.

Lumbering on the Fraser river at New Westminster and vicinity, has also made great progress of late, making this place the second of importance as a lumber centre. The most important undertaking of recent date on the Fraser is the great McLaren-Ross mill, erected within the past year, by the Ross-McLaren Lumber Company. This mill is owned by Eastern Canada capitalists, and the names mentioned in the corporate name are familiar to the lumber trade of the East. The mill is situated on the north bank of the Fraser river, three miles east of the city of New Westminster. A spur track from the Westminister branch of the Canadian Pacific railway reaches the mill. The main building of the mill is 435 feet in length, by 72 wide, with a separate engine room containing ten boilers of 600 horse-power each. The machinery consists of one large double circular saw, one band saw, one 52-inch iron frame oscillating gang saw, two double edgers, two trimmer tables, several timber trimmers, etc. The capacity is 200,000 feet in ten hours. The burner, for burning the refuse, is 28 feet in diameter and 140 feet high. The company has secured very extensive timber limits in the province, and has also invested in shipping. Its tug, the Mastic, is one of the most powerful on the coast. The mill is specially designed for export trade, and every convenience has been arranged for loading ships direct from the mill, while the railway affords facilities for shipping by rail.

The Brunette Saw Mill Company has its headquarters about a mile from Westminster. The mill is also located on the north side of the Fraser river. The Company has operated a mill here for some years, and this year is making extensive improvements. A new building which will be used for the saw mill has been erected and this has been fitted with entirely new machinery throughout, with a capacity c

100,000 feet per day of ten hours. The size of the main building is 58 wide by 300 long. The machinery in the old mill has all been sold, and the old building will be fitted up for a sash and door factory, also with new machinery. Shingles and lath will also be manufactured. A large industry at this mill is the manufacture of boxes for the salmon canneries on the river. The Brunette mill manufactured 100,000 of these boxes last year. The Westminister branch of the Canadian Pacific runs through the mill yard, affording good facility for shipping by rail, and the river may also be utilized for shipping by water. The Company has a branch yard at Vancouver and owns two steamers. The new establishment is now about ready for work and about 300 men will be employed.

Another new mill on the Fraser river near Westminster is the Mechanic's mill owned by Ackerman Bros. This mill was completed the past spring. It has a capacity of 15,000 feet of lumber per day. Attention is principally given to the sash and door factory department, where sash, doors, blinds and anything in the line of general factory work in wood is undertaken. The factory is fitted with a full line of wood-working machinery. About twenty men are employed in connection with this industry.

Last but not least at Westminster is the business of the British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Company, formerly operated by the Royal City Planing Mills Company. This is the same company controlling the Hastings saw mill on Burrard Inlet and the mill and factory on False Creek at Vancouver. The capacity of the Westminister mills is 100,000 feet of lumber in ten hours; also shingles and lath. There is also, an extensive sash and door factory in connection with the Westminister mill. From 300 to 400 men are employed by the Westminister business of the Company. Shipments can be made by water or rail direct from the mill. John Hendry is president of the Company, D. McNair, secretary. C. M. Beecher, manager, at Westminster.

INTERIOR AND OTHER MILLS.

There is a great wealth of timber in the interior of British Columbia which cannot be made tributary to the coast mills. Since the construction of the railway several mills have been established at points along the railway in the interior. At Kamloops Jas. McIntosh operates a saw and planing mill, cutting fir, cedar, white and yellow pine, etc. The logs are brought down the Thompson river to Kamloops.

At Revelstoke there is a small mill. At this point there is a good opening for an enterprising lumberman. The valley of the Columbia river is heavily timbered with cedar and fir of fine quality, cedar especially being abundant. This timber can be readily taken down the streams and the Columbia river to Revelstoke.

The Columbia River Lumber Company have two mills near Beaver station, west of Donald. These are both new mills erected last year. One of these mills is run by water power, and the other by steam. The timber cut here is mostly cedar and fir, with some spruce. The two mills have a combined capacity of about 75,000 feet per day. Jas. Ross is president of the Company, W. G. Neilson is secretary-treasurer and F. Robinson, manager. The Company owns about 100 square miles of timber limits on the Columbia and Beaver rivers.

W. C. Wells has a mill at Paliser station, in