

THE NEWS.

—F. W. Beckman, lumber merchant, Ellershouse, N. S., is dead.

—Brown & Powell, of Wingham, have purchased a saw mill at Fordwich, Ont.

—The death is reported of Charles B. McGill, lumber merchant, Middle Clyde River, N.S.

—Mr. John Zimmerman, of Tavistock, Ont., is adding a new dry kiln to his extensive stove factory.

—The Holland and Emery Lumber Co. have one of their mills at Byng Inlet, Ont., nearly finished.

—Wm. Massie, jr., has purchased the lumber and building business of the late W. McRossie at Kingston, Ont.

—Messrs. Pickard & Rowan, saw mill proprietors, of Owen Sound, Ont., have made several improvements in their mill.

—Mr. Harvie is fitting up his saw mill at Berriedale, Ont. He has added another boiler, engine, band saw and other modern improvements.

—The mills at Calumet, Que., destroyed by fire last fall, have been rebuilt. The machinery was supplied by McQuat & McRae, of Lachute, Que.

—As a result of tariff changes, the Rathbun Company, of Deseronto, are said to have closed down some of their mills and reduced work in other departments.

—The incorporation is announced of the King Lumber Company, of Chipman, N. B., to operate saw mills and conduct a general lumbering business. The capital stock is \$25,000.

—A scientific forester in Europe says that the oldest trees are the pines of Norway and Sweden, and that these are not known to live more than 575 years. Germany's oldest oaks live little more than 300 years.

—At Santa Rosa, Cal., there is said to be a Baptist church built entirely from a single redwood tree. Timbers, weatherboarding, lining, etc., are all of wood, and after it was built there were 60,000 shingles left.

—In connection with the announcement that the Dickson Company, of Peterboro', would operate their limits in Cavendish and Anstruther this fall, it is stated that the mill at Lakefield will be remodelled.

—We observe the incorporation of the Laing-Ritchie Company, of Essex, Ont., with a capital stock of \$40,000, and having for its object the manufacture of agricultural implements, lumber, sash and doors, building materials, etc.

—The South River Lumber Company have finished cutting their logs for the season and closed down their mill at South River. It is rumored that the company contemplate fitting up a water power mill at the Falls to cut shingles.

—The Rat Portage Lumber Company, of Rat Portage, Ont., are meeting with success in the manufacture of sash and doors, and have recently built a large addition to their factory, in which new machines of improved type have been placed.

—J. Langelier has taken an action for \$5,200 against A. Charlebois and J. M. Fortier, of Montreal. The claim arises out of certain transactions with the Maria Wood Pulp Company, of Maria, Que., concerning the sale of timber limits.

—Dr. C. Keller, of Zurich, asserts that spiders are doing most important work in preserving the forests by protecting trees against devastation on the part of insects. According to his idea, spiders are more beneficial to the maintenance of forests than all the insect eating birds put together.

—The Lumber Trades Journal gives statistics showing the consumption of southern lumber by the different countries. The United Kingdom is the largest customer, taking 446,101,641 superficial feet annually. This is again divided as follows: England, 311,332,505 feet, Scotland, 56,010,650 feet, Ireland, 48,848,479 feet. Canada takes about 500,000 feet.

—The Hon. S. N. Parent, Commissioner of Crown Lands for Quebec, has decided to explore the forests on the north shore of the St. Lawrence river, as several parties wish to purchase limits in Moisie, St. Augustine, Natashquan, Magpie and other districts. These parties, we understand, intend to open lumber camps and go into the pulp wood industry.

—The Cowichan Lumber Company, Limited, is seeking a Dominion charter, to deal in and manufacture lumber, pulp, paper, etc., in British Columbia and elsewhere. The chief place of business will be Bobcaygeon, Ont., and the applicants are: M. M. Boyd and W. T. C. Boyd, of Bobcaygeon, G. Boyd and H. J. Wickham, of Toronto, J. D. Flavell and J. G. Edwards, of Lindsay.

—Prof. A. E. Shuttleworth, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, is pursuing a course of study at Goettingen. He will pay some attention to forestry. Writing to the Department he says: "I am greatly delighted with the German forests. The method of planting, preserving and culling is securing for this country an almost inexhaustible wealth of all varieties of wood and timber."

—The Winnipeg Commercial states that on one of the passes into the Klondyke, away in northern British Columbia, a saw mill has been established to cut lumber for the boats of adventurers. The man who wants the boat has to go into the wood and cut his own logs, then Rudolph & Co., the proprietors of the lone Lake Bennett saw mill, will cut the logs into boards for him if he so desires, charging for this service \$70 per thousand feet. If they supply the logs themselves they charge \$100 per thousand feet, and if the traveller wants them to build the boat also they charge from \$75 to \$150 more, according to the size. This mill has a capacity of about 9,000 feet a day, so that if employed full time the proprietors would take in nearly a thousand dollars a day. There is also a saw mill nearly completed near Dyea.

DEATH OF MR. HUGH McLEAN.

JUST as we go to press we learn with deep regret of the sudden death of Mr. Hugh McLean, of Salmon River, N. B., a description of whose saw mill and lumbering business appears elsewhere in this number. About six years ago Mr. McLean had a paralytic stroke, but apparently recovered from its effects. A second stroke, however, came upon him last week, and he never recovered consciousness. He was 57 years of age.

LEGAL.

HURDMAN VS. HULL LUMBER COMPANY.—The important suit of Messrs. Hurdman vs. Hull Lumber Company was brought to a close on Saturday, the 18th ultimo. The action involved some 800 square miles of timber limits in the province of Quebec and 100 miles in Ontario, the total value of which would probably reach \$750,000. The facts of the case appear to be that in 1891 the Hurdmans sold to the Hull Lumber Company a four-fifths interest in the existing lumber business, the defendants to have the whole property in their name until all of the indebtedness which was assumed was paid off, and if they succeeded in paying off the indebtedness and there was anything left, then the plaintiffs were to be given a one-fifth interest. The plaintiffs' contention was that they did not sell defendants an interest, but that the latter merely advanced to plaintiffs the money as a mortgage to pay off their indebtedness, and were working it out. They claimed that, the indebtedness having now been paid off, they should be handed back the property. On this point Judge Rose gave his decision in favor of the Hull Lumber Company, who retain a four-fifths interest. There were also in connection with the case several minor matters, such as salaries for working members of the firm, interest on money that defendants advanced, and one or two other points of dispute, upon which the judge has not reached a decision. On Saturday morning four witnesses were examined, Messrs. F. W. Avery and W. G. Whyte, of the Hull Lumber Company, and Robert Hurdman and W. R. Hurdman. Mr. Dalton McCarthy represented the plaintiffs, and Mr. G. F. Shepley the defendants.

A dispatch from Stirling, N. J., states that Herbert G. Torrey, J. G. Torrey and two others have been arrested on the charge of breaking into the factory of the Magnolia Metal Company on the morning of August 6th last, maliciously destroying property and carrying away tools and other property belonging to the company. The Messrs. Torrey were formerly employed by the Magnolia Metal Company as superintendent and foreman, but this company request us to give notice to the public that none of these parties above mentioned have now any connection whatever with their business, their relations having been severed on April 15th last.

PERSONAL.

The death is announced at Oakville, Ont., of Mr. A. Doty, lumber merchant, of Bagden, in his 38th year.

Mr. Joseph Williams, a retired lumber merchant, vessel owner of Goderich, Ont., died suddenly last week at the age of 60 years.

Mr. Robert Thomson, senior member of the firm of Thomson & Company, lumber merchants, Bagden, Ont., is at present in England with a view of establishing the foreign connection of his firm. He sailed for New York by the steamer "Britannic."

Mr. J. B. Miller, president of the Lumbermen's Association, has joined the rank of the benedictine monks, on Wednesday, September 22nd, he was married to Miss Jessie Thomson, daughter of the late John Thomson, of Longford Mills, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have taken an eastern tour.

At Peterboro, Ont., recently, Mr. John Duigan, assistant superintendent of The Dickson Company and a well known in lumber circles, was married to Miss Morgan. The employees of The Dickson Company presented the bride with a pair of beautiful chairs, accompanied by an address. THE LUMBERMAN extends congratulations and good wishes.

THE BALL NOZZLE.

VISITORS to the Toronto Exhibition were interested in the exhibit made by the Ball Nozzle Company, of Toronto, Limited, who are the sole owners of the ball nozzle in the Dominion of Canada. This nozzle is particularly adapted to the requirements of saw mills and woodworking factories, as the spray covers a very large space, quenching a fire in the quickest possible manner. It permits of the flow of the same quantity of water from a hose as a straight nozzle without producing back pressure on the hose, and a single man with one hand can operate it. A person is enabled to enter buildings in the flames and smoke, and go with impunity to any burning structure, fighting the fire at close range. In wetting adjoining property it is claimed to accomplish as much as half a dozen straight streams. The company have met with much success in placing the nozzle in the market, and where tests have been made there are said to have given the utmost satisfaction.

ATTRACTIVE EXHIBIT OF SHINGLE MACHINERY.

ONE of the most attractive exhibits at the Toronto Exhibition was made by the Canadian Locomotive & Engine Company, of Kingston, Ont. It was at the end of Machinery Hall, and consisted of a shingle mill in operation. The mill included one of the well-known favorite "Dauntless" shingle machines, one XXX jointer, two XXX packing boxes, and one XXX filer or sharpener. The outfit was driven by a 20-horsepower engine, and was in charge of Mr. F. Drake, who brought with him a full gang of practical shingle makers and also a liberal stock of shingle timber, which was manufactured into shingles on the ground, and the product sold to Mr. F. Hillock at a substantial advance on current prices.

When we assert that in one hour and twenty minutes this machine turned out 9 1/4 M shingles, our readers can readily understand that it must have been a first-class machine, in very active operation, and handled by men who thoroughly understood their business. No wonder the people liked to see it working; the sight was new and very interesting.

The Locomotive & Engine Company is composed of thoroughly reliable and energetic business men, and their first exhibit, would certainly lead to the conclusion that they do not intend to leave any part of their business half done. A few years ago they secured the services of Mr. Drake, with his entire stock of machinery, patterns, patents, etc., and since then they have been constantly adding to this already large stock. Their patterns are new and of modern design. They are therefore prepared to quote very close prices for any piece of machinery, either band, gang or circle, or any piece of machinery pertaining thereto.

This company has one of the largest and best equipped machine shops in Canada, with heavy and very fine machinery specially designed for locomotive and fire engine work, and are in a splendid position to undertake the manufacture of other lines of high class machines.