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a view of the Brenuan planing mill, also one showing a portion of one of their yards.
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## RAILVAY TIES AND THEIR TREATMENT.

At a recent meeting of the Rocky Mountain Railway Club, Dr. Von Schenck, of St. I.ouis, delivered an imeresting address on "Timber Preservation." Among other things he said was the following :
Abroad, the ties are stacked and dried tefore being treated. The time varies considerably in the diffeient countries, but is never less than four or si: months. This, however, is usually dependent upon the demand for ties. At the impregnating plant of the Great Western Raiiway, England, the ties are allowed to seasor: is go feet high with a 16 foot base, tapering to $q$ feet at the top. In the sheds and yards are carried over five n:illion feet ố pine :and hemlock lumber. The splendid improved burner erected on the premises was built from iplans published in the last October number of this journal. The companyare highly pleased with the burner and claim they hisee one of the best in existence.
Imide the mill are seen a varied lot of up-tiodate machinery, maioding Mr Tahren cathaust fanc. \& $\rightarrow$ Woods matchers, pair of kelly twin engituc: of 125 h. p. capacity, (ioldic \& McCulloch
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Whilst toing through the mill our representative was struck by the immense timber and pnemmatic hoists in sight and was informed that they were for a large order connected with the new Deering works at Hamilton.
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a, vital as the impregnating inelf. Durimer this seasoning process the water or volatile suistames in the wood are given an opportunit) to leave the wood under the most favorable circumstances. When once plated in the soil in ceatact with moisture, the water in the wood has no opportunity of evaporating. In the case of a soluble sath, this leaches out with the greatest rapidity from wet wood, while dry wood in penetrated more sowly by water, and conseguently lavis longer. The drying of ties before placiag in track might be attended to with excellent recults in this country, where no subsequent treathent is gisen to the timber.

The universal use of different impreguating systems in Europe has brought many of them to a high state of perfection. In Eugland and France engineers believe that their system gives them the best rewth, and they une -enpecially in France -as much of the im preguating material as the timber will hold, sayying that the extra first cost is amply paid for by the increased length of life. As hats been pointed out this is stem, which costs from ty to so cents, pay with a tic which costs from $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ to si.fo. They know that with this system of impresonation they get .bout thirts ? earss life out of their timner.

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for six months before treating with creositic. The Eastern Kaiiway, of France, allows from fifteen to twenty months for oak, and six months for beech. They have found cat by long experience that it is absolutely necessary that the ties be thoroughly dried out hefore submitting then to treatment. The piling of the ties so that large air spaces are left around them, gives grood air circulation, and thus helps greatly in the evaporation of much of the water. This long seasoning before treatment, almost universally practiced abroad, is one of the greatest factors leading to successful impregnation with methods employins prewure. Its value can hardly be questioned. The se:sonning alier treatment is fully as import:mt, and perhaps more so. This is a feature not sufficiently attended to in this comary, and yet it in almont
of impresuation are in use, and will continue to be used. Tian chloride has given grood result on sume lines, even it it does leach out. Copper salphate has done so likewise. The new Haselmann treatment gives promise of good resalts, and in worthy of more extended trial.

The striking features about the impregnating work as now carried on in Eurpe may be :alluded to astain here. They are:
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(5) Care in all vagres of treatment.

## THE UTILIZATION OF WASTE AND BY-PRODUCTS.

In the last census report of the United States is an article by Henry G. Kittredge, a part of which is of greater or less interest to the lumber trade. He goes into details as to the various uses that are made of what was formerly thrown into the waste pile at the saw mills, and tells of other articles of commerce that are now extracted from or made of wood that was formerly considered of little or no value. The article is in part as follows:

Nothing in the arts of manufacture is more indicative of economic efficiencies than the utilization of products that have been rejected as wastes or residues in the industrial processes. The acme of industrial economy is the profitatle employment of every aton of material in whatever form it may be presented or however obtained. Every particle of an organic or inorganic substance has a useful part to play in contributing to human necessities or pleasures, and when it performs no function toward some useful end, or remains dormant, it shows that the ingenuity and enterprise of man have not reached their fullest derelopment, or that the arts of the laboratory have not revealed all the secrets of nature. The refuse of today is a source of profit to-morrow; :and this has been roing on for years and probably will be going o: for years to come, notwithstading that even now there is little that is thrown aside as atbolutely useless, exsept as it may be utilized in the cenomies of nature. New revelations and new uses are constantly being found fror substances of all kinds, whether in their original forms or in their changed forms, due to outside agencies. The world's increment of wealth is largely dependent upon finding new and more ceonomical uses for materials, however exalted or humble they may be in the indastrial scale, and especially the elevation of the bumble to a higher plane of appreciated unefulness. If a thing is unused for man's enjoyment, it is becouse it has not yet found its place of :tility.

Niarly :lll of the formerly waste products of lumber and timber are now turned to some utility, and some of the new products thus formed are of considerable value. Of this l.ther clase may be mentioned satudust, which was formerly considered an absolute waste materi:al, and was allowed to float down the stream or was thrown into a heap where it conald he mos: conveniently dieposed of French cahinet makers have found a way of
purine this material wisch gives it a value
far above that of solid timber by a process that has been in vogue for at least twenty-five or thirty years, combining the use of the hydraulic press and the application of intense heat. By this process the particles of sawdust are formed into a solid mass capable of being. molded into any shape, and of receiving a brilliant polish, and possessing a durability and a beauty of appearance not found in ebong, rosewood or mahogany. This product is known as "Bois durci." Artificial woodwork, therefore, seems to have a promising future. Alum, glue and sawdust kneaded with boiling water into a dnugh, and pressed into molds when dried, is hard and capable of taking on a fine polish. Ornaments of great beauty can be made from it very closely resembling carved woodwork.

The production of acetic acid, wood naphtha, and tar from sawdust is one of the latest enterprises in Norway. A factory has heen
quantity of alcohol obtained from 220 pounds of air dried sawdust ( 25 per cent. water) was 7 to 8 quarts. The quality of the alcohol distilled from the fermented liquid was said to have been excellent and the preliminary experiments indicated that the trifing impurities found in it could be readily removed.

A patent taken out in Fengland in 1896 for utilizing certain waste products of wood describes a process of constructing or manufacturing a product resembling wood from a mixture of sawdust or wood refuse and certain quantities of gums, resins, or other suitable agglutinants, either in a dry state or dissolved, the compound being subjected to pressure at a temperature sufficiently high to soften or melt the gums or resins.

According to the United States census of 1900 the amount of sawdust used in the clay and pottery industry of this country cost $\$_{19}$,687, or 0.17 per cent. of the total cost of all the materials used.

The utilization of wood pulp in the manufacture of paper is not new, but its increased use is very marked, as will be seen by comparing the statistics of the census of 1890 with those of 1900 . in the amount of raw materials used in the manufacture of paper. Early in 1826 the brothers Cappucino, paper makers of Turin, discovered a means of supplying the need for paper making material, caused by the scarcity of rags in the fabrication of paper, by substituting the thin bark of the poplar, willow and other kinds of wood. The grood quality of the paper made from this material was recognized by the Academy of Science, after an examination of the manufac-
started at Fredrikstad capable of distilling 10,000 tons of sawdust in a year. It also manufactures charcoal briquettes, which are exported to the Netherlands. The acids are chiefly placed on the German market, while the tar is mostly consumed at home. The factory is said to be the first of its kind erected in that country. According to an English patent of 18.97 sawdust may be so prepared as to be noninflammable, and then applied to jacketing of boilers and other purposes.

In the Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry for 189 S is deseribed a series of experiments for obtaining alcohol from either coarse or fine sawdust, without affecting the yield. It was found that pine sawdust, as compared with fir sawdust, was superior, as yiciding a purer alcohol. It was also found that a high yield of sugar was obtained from birch sawdust, the yicid of sugar being about 30.5 per cent. of the quantity of birchwood used. The


View in One of the Yards of The M. Brennin \& Sons Manifactlring Company, Haminton. tured product, and so important was the discovery cunsidered that the king granted the brothers an exclusive privilege for ten years for the mannfacture of paper from ligneous materials. In 18.33 : patent was sranted in England to J. V. Desgrand for making paper and pasteboard from wood reduced to a state of paste. Poplar wood was thought at that time the best for this purpose, as it had been in ltaly twelve years previous. A patent was granted in 1855 to William Johuson for improvements in the application of various substances containing wood fiber, as the best, or innor bark, of the lime tree, the willow, birch and alder, to the manufacture of wood paper puip. At the London International Exposition of 1802 Wuitembures contributed several samples of paper made from wood pulp mixed with rags, the proportion of the former varying from to to So per cent.; and the paper was reported to be serviceable, although of a low
grade. The wood was simply rubbed down into a pulp against the periphery of a wheel prepared with a rough face. At the Paris exposition, 1867, was to be seen in action a large machine of 50 horse power for making wood pulp for paper. Only whisewoods were thought to be available for the purpose.

## LARGE LOGGING ENGINE.

The accompanying illustration represents what is said to be the largest logging engine yet murned out in British Columbia. It was manufactured by the Vancouver Engineering Works for the British Columbia Mills, Timber \& Trading Company. The engine has cylinders of 10 inches $i: 1$ diameter and $i_{5}$ inch stroke. It in very strong throughout, the frame being built up of 1 jinch steel I beans. The main drum has a capacity of $12 / 2$ miles of 76 cable and the haul-back drum a capacity of 3 miles of $\xi \dot{8}$ cable. The boiler is 60 inches in diameter by 1:32 inches high and carries a working pressure of $15^{\circ}$ pounds of steam. The front drum of the engine is fitted with the NcNair patent device for setting the friction. The weight of the engine is about 17 tons.

CARE OF BOX MACHINERY.
Regrarding the care of box machinery, a writer in the Woodworker says:
1 recently suggested that some improvement could be made to a surfacing planer by having two cutti:, heads on the top of the smooth-er-two cylinders of two knives each, instead of one cylinder of four knives, with the front one raised a little so as to divide the cut between the two heads. This I suggested for two reasons: First, because it would give us four driving belts intead of two, which would insure against choking down when a lumpy board came along, and second, because the front head would then get the bulk of the dirt and grit from the board, making it easier to keep the back cutter in shape for smooth finishing than would be posisible if there were but one head on the machine.
A question which came up was in relation to the bo:ton culter; a reader wanted to know what was to be done with that part of the machine.

If you follow closely the passing of stock from the yard to the sawing machine, you will fiad that quite a general practice is to do the resawing first, and then run the boards through the surlacer. Further, when those boards go through the planer they have this freshly-sawed part turned down. and the dirty and lumpy work comes to the top cutters, where I suggested doubling up. Also, it is not at all unusual to not only turn the freshly-satwed side down, but to also let it go at that without any planing at all, so that the case is rather frequent where only one side is surfaced at all, and that is almost always the top side. Then, if it should he desirable at some time to run thick stuff and surface roth sides, the top is where the furden of culting in case of uneven thickness rests,
for the board is held firmly in relation to the bottom cutter by the platen and feed rolls, and there can re no variation of the cut there during the running of a board, no matter what it may vary in thickness. I repeat, then, my suggestion that some improvernent sould be made in the ordinay smoothing planer practice by having two cutterheads for top surlacing and distributing the work of four knives to two heads and four belts, instead of one head and two belts.
This year there is particular need for the very best of facilities for matching up of box boards. I do not mean the tongue-and-grooving, but the fitting together at the saw table of such widths as are required to make up a box side, for the scarcity and high price of lumber has led to the use of smaller pieces of scrap, and has practically doubled the work in this line. While it is all right to save timber, and some might well have learned the lesson sooner, it is well, too, to see that it is saved without costing more in labor expense than the :imber is
little table saws is, if you have a wooden top try covering it with sheet steel; it will not only make a better working surface, but it will abo insure a long life to the table top.

When you refit those little saws, do unt get the idea that they are good for an indefinite period of service without attention, and leave them at that, for they require certain small attentions every day, which, in the agkregate. are of as much importance as the refitting of the machines themselves. Do not think they will run the operator will only squirt a litte oil at them semi-occasionally, hut see that they are provided with oiling facilities, and then see that they are oiled regularly. I have seen such rigs in operation, and by-alld-by have seen smoke rising from the journats; the result would be fron two hours to half a datys time lost that need not have been if they had been anything like properly labricated.

Not only is it of importance to give attention to the oiling of these and other machines in the factory, but they should be kept from getting clogged with dust and dirt till it is almost revolting to have to examine the interior of the mathine. Do you ever get affected with the cleaning-up habit? Do you have the machines in the place cleaned regularly, and try to induce the men to take some interest in the outward appearance of the machinery? If you do not, you ought to try it at once. Do you just let the maikines go because you think you cannot spare the time and expense of cleaning up occasionally? If you do. you ought to try a change for luck. and sace if what you first booked at as a loss of time does unt really: prove to be time well spent.

I saw a young forcman inaugurate a plan along this line one time that struck me as being grond
o mention, that others, who have
woith. I have seen a man stand at as litte table rip saw with his gatuge set for the width that it was desired to make up, which might be of any number of pieces, and when a piece came along that had no good edge to work from he would slide it alongside of the saw and trim it on one edge, trusting his eye and his hands to get a straight, even cut. Now, no matter how good a man's eye may he, or how deft his hand, it takes up some time to do this, and it cannot be as satisfactorily done even then as it would be if there were some guide for the work; tesides, there is an element of danger in this work that might as well be reduced.
For doing work of this kind one should have a saw frame with that part outside the saw line sliding like a carriage, and if he has not he should work one of his table saws over and get some kind of a sliding arrangement here. Let the inner part of the frame, where the gauge is set, and where the box side is cut to size, remain as it is if desired, but be sure and get some sort of a carriage on the cutside of the saw so those pieces that have to have an edge trimmed can have it donclin a business-like and satisfactory manner. When the thing is once tried the advantages will soon become apparcnt. Anotiner thing worth trying on these


Inrgest Logging Engine fet Beilt in British Colembia. enough to mention, that others, who have
not yet taken up this subject, may set some idea therefrom. The shop was an excellent one, so far as the huilding itself was concerned, and, as a rule. the floor was kept nice and clean, but the machinery was being run without any set period for cleansing up, which had reculted in leaving most of it in a shape that a cleanly man would abhor.

An idea struck the foreman and he passed around the word to every operator to stop at 1,5 minutes before quiting tine on that isaturday) evening and devote ${ }^{1} 5$ minutes to cleaning up his machine. Promplly at the time mentioned every man new to cleaning up his machine and putting things to rights in his individual part of the shop, and the following Monday morning things presented a better appearance than they had at any previous Monday that I had seen the shop.

A copy of the 1903 catalogue of Mowr. Wm. It Meration \& Company, Saginaw, Mich., cmitied ". Cro an Cu are of band Saws." will be furnishedt in all intier. eded persons upon application. The hinns an whe care of band recaw blad-a,and numerows t.ables, remars it a valuable book for referchic. The firm mithe a speciatey of band nawing machines carry mp extia thon blades.

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## THE COMMERCIAL OUTLOOK.

The alnost entire absence of failures in the lumber trade is proof of the prosperous condition of the industry. The average business is being conducted at a profit and should at the close of this year again show a balance on the right side. The making of large profits, however, has been renderd more difficult, if not impossible, by the increase in the cost of stumpage and of logging. A few yeans of prosperity were due the lumbernen of Canada, and if the present good times should continue for some years yet, they would bring but a deserved reward for the many years when lumber barely brought the cost of production and more than one business concern was forced into bankruptey.

What shall be the trend of commercial events in Canada during the next few years is a question that is much discussed. Some predict that the height of prosperity has already been passed and thata gradual falling off in business may be expected. The magnificent showing made last month by the export and import returns does not indicate such a result. Inquiries made of manfacturers of machinery reveal a healthy condition of tade. Some of the largest manufacturers have orders on hand which will take the bulk of their output for twelve months to come. This would seem to indicate confidence on the part of the people, for if they helieved a wate of depression was on the road, which would certainly bring with it lower prices for products of all kinds, they would not place orders at the prices of to-day.
"In times of peate prepare for war" is good advice. Periods of depression will doubtess be experienced, and it may be unwise to be too optimistic in respect to cren the near futt.re. Nevertheless, it seems extremely doubtul that
we shall again witness in the same degree the stagnation to trade which characterized the early nineties, for the development of the resources of Canada has only commenced.

The breach between capital and labor has seemed to widen with the better times, for in no year, perhaps, has the business of the country been more disturbed by strikes. Doubtless the employees have not always been at fault, but on the other hand there have been many instances where labor has made unjustifiable demands. If the aggresiveness of labor organizations is to continue, we see in it one of the surest signs of the return to the hard times and over-stocked labor market of ten years ago.

## TREATMENT OF TIMBER.

The hope of an ample timber supply for future generations lies largely in the education of the people to the necessity of preserving and protecting the standing trees. It is not alone in this respect, however, that we can foster our supply, for the treatment of timber in a manner to prolong its life is a most important agency towards perpetuation. So far in this country very little thought has been given to any artificial method of timber preservation, owing to a lack of recognition of its necessity.

To Dr. Martin Murphy, of Halifax, N. S., belongs the credit of endeavoring to awaken the interest of Canadians in the subject. In his presidential address before the Camadian Society of Civil Engmeers, he presents some statements which show that it is most expedient to prolong the life of railway ties, wharf piling and other timber by means of creosote or other similar material.

The average life of a railway tie in Europe is aboui twenty-four years, while that of a spruce or hemlock tie in this country is from eight to ten years. In Europe the ties are treated by creosote, which apparently doubles their life. It would seem to be a fallacy to consider that the ties used in this country could not be effectively treated in a similar manner, thus effecting a very large saving in the consumption of timber.

Dr. Schenck, of the United States Bureau of Forestry, is also an adrocate of the seasoning and creosoting of timber. The main advantages of seasoning are that the timber lasts longer, since the water in sreen timber is necessary to the life of decay-producing fuugi ; that it greatly increases the effectiveness of the preservative treatment, and that by reducing the weight of timber it causes a corresponding saving in freight.

An interesting fart, recently discovered, is that high grade timber, such as white pine or oak, is not so readily penctrated by the preservative fluid as is timber of poorer quality. This is due to its greater density.

Reverting again to Dr. Murphy's address, he points out the need of large plants along our consts for creosoting heavy limber. The cost, he admits, would not be warranted by the amount paid annually for imported creosoted timber, but would be saved many times over by the cost of renewals, which would be greatly reduced by the application of creosote.

The subject seems to be of sufficient import-
ance to receive consideration at the hands of the Covernment, who in our opinion should undertake experimental tests with a view to convincing the public of the benefits to be derived from the artificial treatment of timber.

## BOARD MEASURE.

One might reasonably suppose that a term that is so universally used by the lumber trade as is "board measure" is entirely free from ambiguity as to its meaning. It is only necessary to obtain the opinions of a few persons to find $c^{+}$that its real significance is by no means clearly understood. It has been the subject of litigation on more than one occasion, and it is doubtful whether the meaning of the term in all its applications has yet been clearly defined.

Board measure is based on a square foot 12xiz inches by one inch in thickness. Material thicker than one inch is reduced to the inch basis. Thus a board tweive feet long, twelve inches wide and one and onehalf inches thick would comain eighteen feet board measure. The accuracy of the method by which the above result is obtained is unquestioned. The proper measurement of pieces less than an inch in thickness, however, brings up the question upon which opinion is divided. By some it is contended that no allowance is to be made for the deficiency where a board is less than an inch in thickness, that is, that a board twelve feet long and twelve inches wide contains twelve fect board measure even if only one-half inch thick. The American Lumberman holds this view, at the same time pointing out that it is an inconsistency of the board measure system that is misunderstood. On the other hand, so great an authority as Mr. W. B. Mershon, of Saginaw, claims that lumber thinner than $13-16$, which is the thinnest standard for dressed inch, must be taken as surface measurement; the price being based on so much a thousand feet surface measure, regardless of the board measure. He argues that if lumber $\overline{i 8}$ or $1 / 2$ or 58 inch thick counted for inch stock, a person could buy one thousand feet board measure of $11 / 4$-inch lumber, resaw it with a fine resaw and leave it nearly $s_{s}$-inch thick, and he would at once produce 1,600 feet board measure. Mr. Christadoro, the author of a well-known box reckoner, agrees with Mr. Mershon's contention.

Even at this late date it would seem very desirable that a proper determination of the term "board measure" should be $m$ : de by some high tribunal, for as matters now stand the trade are loath to accept cither of the existing definitions.

## EDITORIAI NOTES.

Dr. J. F. Wilson, Secretary of the National Nut Growers' Association of the United States, has contributed to the Nut-Grower an exceedingly timely article entitled "Nut Trees for Timber." Dr. Wilson points out that the hickory, chestnut and walnut trees are very valuable for their timber, and will incidentally produce a by-product in the nuts grown, thus making such plantation a profitable investment years before its maturity for lumber. The
wessive cost of hickory, chestutut and watnut lumber is also an argunent in favor of plantmg trees of these varities. With a prospect of ultimate direct and indirect profit and assurance of dividends from such trees during the waiting periols for a lumber harvest, the subject seems worthy of consideration to those who contemplate reforestation.

The veneer door is becoming very popular. The public have learned to appreciate the alvantages it possesses and no longer demand the solid hardwood door. In point of lightness the former has a decided advantage, and as the beneer door is now made it cannot warp nor crack. It has been more difficult to introduce hardwood vencer in furniture, but even the prejudice against this is passing away.

Every owner of timber stumpage may feel assared that sooner or later his timber holdings will become very valuable. One by one the socalled valueless woods come into prominence. Just now hemlock is demanding attention as never before. Not long ago regarded as barely worth the time necessary to put it in marketable condition, to-day it is being shipped in deal form to England, and has probably not yet reached its proper status in the timber field.

Considering the large number of persons engaged in the lumter trade of Canada, how little sociability appears to be manifested. In reality there exists as much friendship among the individual members as in other branches of business, but there has been lacking an opportunity of cultivating that friendship. Doubtless it would be found profitable and pleasurable if, as is done in the United States, trade luncheons were held in the cities where a number of lumbermen could assemble. During the present summer let a social function of some sort be arranged which will bring together in a friendly manner the many lumbermen who make their headquarters in Toronto and those at adjacent points who may be able to attend. It might prove to be the forerunner of regular fortnightly or monthly meetings where trade matters could be discussed in an impromplu manner and views exchanged on lumber subjects. The Canada Lumberman would be happy to chronicle the formation of a lumber exchange in Toronto. And not alone in Toronto is there scope tor such an exchange. Wherever a number of lumbermen are located means should be provided of meeting together and protiting by an interchange of ideas.

## EARLY SAWYRRS AND HEWERS OF SAW-LOGS.

The lumber sawyer and the log hewer were of the utmost importance in early colonial days. There were no saw-mills in New England, nor in lew Amsterdam until 1633 , and it was many years after this before they became sufficiently numerous to make "pit sawing" unnecessary. So scarce and high-priced were saws that sometimes even pit sawing was impossible, and towns sprung up built of log houses with split shingles, too far in the frontier even to have a board. The town records
of a bllage in Oneida cunmt, New Furk, shon "the first death in the aedement, a child, buried in its cradle, there being no boards to make a cofin."
Pit sawing wats done by two men with a long saw that had cross hamales on each end. The log was first hewed syuare and thet, either placed over a pit dug in the ground or it was elevated on trestles. The best workma' stood on top of the log and pulled tne saw up, at the same time guiding it along a chalk line. He was called the top sallyer; the other man, less skilled, pulled the saw down and was called the pit man, says M. V. Stewart, of the U. S. Department of labor, in a recent article.
Top sawyers were paid $3.3^{\prime}$; cents a day in New England in 1630 ; pir men received 25 cents; or where board was furnished they received 25 cents and $100^{\prime}$ cents respectitels. When workng by the piece they were permitted by "the court" 10 charge 75 cents a hundred feet for boards "at six score to ye hundred (that is, 120 feet) if the wood be felled and squared for them." If the satwyers cut the trees and squatred their own logs they might charge 92 cents for 120 feet. This court regulation did not last long and by 1039 sawyers got $\$_{1} .0$ for this work.

Late in the year 1621 the Plymouth colony sent the small ship Fortune of fifty-five tons burden to England, loaded with hand-sawed "clapboard as full as she can stowe and two hogsheads of beaver and other skins." The value of the cargo was said to be $\$ 2,000$. This was the berinning of New England's foreign commerce. Virginia had been exporting shipments for some time.
In New Amsterdam the wates of top sawyers was 50 cents and pit men 40 cents a day, and this continued to be the rate of wages in sawnills after they became quite common. Although Manhattan was settled in 101.t, the West India Company did not see fit to erect a sawmill until 163.3 . It is not strange that none was erected in New Eugland until the same year, for there was none in England for over 100 years after this; but the Hollanders in Manhattan must have seen mills in their native land, and so had the Swedes who first settled Pennsylvania. The Swedes had a sawmill before the landing of Penn. The greatest drawback was the scarcity of tools, for even as late as 1792, when the first sawmill was built in Rensselaer county, New Jork. by a millwright named Cross, he "had no tools but an axe, saw and auger." The wages of millwrights were then $\$ 1.50$ a day in New York and from $S_{1}$ to $\$_{1.17}$ a day in Massachusetts.

In a list of articles to be sent to the Dutch colony on the Delaware in tornz we find the "jron works for a saw mill" charged at " 450 florin," the equivalent of \$iso. A completed mill sold in Massachusetts in $168_{4}$ for $\$ 337$. A sawmill of that value was able to cut about 1,000 teet of boards a day, a day being from sunrise to sunset.

The colonies hedyed these sawmill franchises around most carefully. So characteristic of the colonial idea of the rights of the community as against the individual interest are these regulating franchises that one of them is liere quoted. l'ermission was givent hree men by the
town of Scituate, Mass., to erect a sammill The document is dated Now. 14,1656 , what the mill must be finished within three monthe from that date. The regulating clatuse reads: "That in case any of the townsmen do bring ati) timber into the mill to be salned the owners of the mill shall saw it, whether it be for boatds or plank, before they saw any of their own timber, and they are to have the one-hatf for sawing the other half. Ard in cane any man of the town that doth bring any timber to the mill to be sawed shall want any hards for his particular use, the owners of the mill shall sell him boards for his own use so mithy as he shall need for the country pay (farm produce) at $581 / 3$ cents an hundred inch satwn; but in catse the men of the town do not supply the mill with timber to keep it at work the owners of the mill shall have liberty to make use of any timber upon the common to salu for their benelit."

One peculiarity of these regrulations alwatys is that a higher price may be charged to people who do not live in the town granting permission to build; also that work for "stramgers" must not be done at this advance price if any ownsman wants work done at the lower price.
New York was equally careful to secure avorable rates for the people of the granting . own as against outsiders, even where a fixed rate was not named. In 167, Oyster l3ay grate a right to James Townsend " and his heirs forever" to cut and use any timber they found on the commons and sell the lumber to ally une, whether in the town or cut of it. But jamaica, a town in the same county, gramted in 1675 to Carpenter $\&$ Carman permission to crect a mill and use timber from the common land "except clapboard and rayle trees under eighteen-inches, provided they saw for the town iz pence in the hundred cheaper than any other persons of any other town ; and for citizens of the town that bringeth the timber one-half of the sawn stuff for their habor, provided that it is only for their own use." Jamaica did not like the Oyster Bay franchise.

New England seems never to have granted any rights to a man "and his heirs forever." The objection to primogeniture and entail came as ballast in Mayflower. Some of the quaker colonies stipulated in their saw mill franchises that the owners must saw boards for Indians for their own use tree of charge.

These mills had but one upright saw, the blades being attached directly to the lowe frame and rendered steady by side pressure from guide blocks. The first mills built both in Manhattan and in New England were driven by wind; later by water power, a rude and small overshot wheel being used.

Hand sawing was by no means done away with by the introduction of these crude sath mills. Many of them would not take a log long enough to make sills and beams, and all the heavy timber continued to be sawed by hand. In the white-pine districts of New York the trees were so large they could not be handled by the carly mills.

The kainy lake lulp A l'aper Company, whowe concession wias recently anprosed by we Gatara legislature, has been granted incorporattoln. With it capital of $\$ 500,000$ and head ofice in roromes. The provisional directory are : llon. Cien. F.. Fowter and II. J. Elliott, Toronto : William Mtat kwool. Wiampers : W. A. Vrevlon, Mine Centre.

THE COST OF WOOD WORKING.
In this article the desire is to present for the consideration of manufacturers a system which will simplify the keeping for ready reference the cost of the manufacture of any article or set of articles. While a wood-working plant is under specific discussion, it is merely by waly of illustration, and it can readily be seen that the
be told by the workman detailed, and foremen should be instructed to refuse to receive any job from another department without the ticket attached.
time cards.
One of the essential points in the cost of the manufacture of an article is the time a workman consumes in its construction; often it is of tar greater importance than the actual cost of material. In order to properly arrive at that point the adoption of a time card is suggested. This card may be printed in the form of the dial of a clock (Figure II). This plan is suggested tor the reason that the most illiterate workman is able to tell time, and his only task need be to place a cross in the hour when he begins work on an orde:, and another when it passes from his hand. Thus the exact time required for work in each department through which it passes may be at once determined. Different forms should be provided for each departmerit, as they differ in the operation, but each should retain the chief points; the order number, job number, date commenced, date finished, name or check number of workman, number of pieces and the name of the article. Cards for the cabinet room would have the possible operations printed along the side of the card, and similarly in all of the departments. The idea which it is wished to convey will be found illustrated.

These time cards should be deposited in pockets attached to each machine and should be numbered according to the machine number in order to prevent confusion. Then when a workman starts a jub he has but to enter the job number on a card and cross the time when he commences his work. The illustration (Figure III) shows one of these pockets in use. He enters his name, or, if he cannot write, his check number, runs a line though the operation to be preformed and when through
with it makes another cross on the dial. The plan described, as will be seen, also serves as a check on the workman, for the machine number and the name of the operation or department must correspond. For instance, if a shaper was number 26 and the workman crossed out the operation of sawing on a card bearing the shaper number, the time clerk would immediately know tha: there had been an error made and could trace it. Ot course workmen would be paid for the time indicated on the card. The different cards they turn
in each day show the exact amount
chirge of the work should also inciude the date of the completion of the order.

If the order is one necessitating its iranfer from one department to another on trucks, then each truck should bear a job ticket or tag on which should be entered the orcler number and the name of the article to be manufatured. The tickets siould in all cases accompany the order, the number of which could at all times *ixeproduced bs permiscion from ${ }^{\circ}$ System," of Muskegon.
 of time worked, and the exact cost of labor can thus be obtained.

It is a very simple matter to determine the cost of non-productive labor by computing the cost of the productive labor for a given period in a given department, and dividing the amount thus obtained into the cost of non-productive labor for the same length of time in the same department. To illustrate: Assuming that the productive labor amounted to $\$ 1,000$ for a
given period of time, and the non-productive labor for the same department amounted to \$1oo. By dividing as stated above the result would be 10 percent. Therefore to the cost of the productive labor add so per cent. to cover the cost of the non-productive labor.

## cutting record.

There should be turned in each day by the foreman of the machine room the exact amount of rough lumber cut. This should include all scrap and waste for each order number.

In keeping a stock record a card should be made out for each kind of lumber, the cards to be filed between suitable guide cards (Figure IV). When lumber is reccived it is entered on the card in the proper column, noting the date, from whom received and the amount. The daily reports turned in by the foreman of the cutting room should show the amount of stock cut for each order, and from his reports the amount of stock could be entered. When an order is made out in the office the actual net amount of lumber needed for its construction is determined and entered in the proper col-

umn. The amount of scrap and waste therefore can easily be determined by a comparison of the foreman's report and the office estimate.

In determining the percentage of waste add the various amounts of stock estimated for the different orders and also the amount of stock cut, and the difference will give the amount of scrap and waste together. The superintendent shonld estimate the amount of stock in the scrap bin. The difference between the stock there and the total amount of scrap and waste divided by the amount of stock cut will give the proportion of waste.

Several entries on the card (Figure IV) serve to properly illustrate this. It will be seen that the entries show that on the urders No. 250 No. 251 and No. 252 the office estimate amounted in the aggregate to 3223 feet. The actual amount of materiai cut was 4353 fect. The superintendent finds the amount of scrap to be 354 feet. The difference between the amount actuals, $\quad \therefore$ : and the office estinate is 1028 feet, deducting the 345 feet of scrap leaves a difference of 683 feet, which is properly waste.

The above operation results in determining the cost of material and the 15 per cent. thus obtained is added to the estimate to cover the
cost of waste, and this will give you approximately an accurate cost of material.

## assembly cards.

It is next necessary to ascertain the cost of the completed article. To do this an assembly card (Figure V) is suggested. The cost of the different operations by department, as will he seen, is entered in the proper column, the operator's name or number and the depart-
the grades more unitorm. There is also this advantage, all the trimming is done at the one saw at the grader's stand, and it is done ribht under his eye, so that the tendency to waste can be checked.

The final disposition of the dressed stock has to be made on the trucks, as no system yet devised has been able to handle so great a variety of sizes and grades and do it without the help of trucks of some sort. The shape and construction of these trucks vary in almost every locality, many mills yet using the old twowheel "dollie," with all its unhandy features. There are many of them in the pine mills of the south, for no other reason, in some cases, than that they are considered "nigger" proof.

From an extensive experience I prefer the factory truck with removable standards to any other, for ease of handling and low first cost. A number of them can be placed convenient to the grader and all the bundled stock put on a ment, the number of hours employed and the total. Material can also be figured with the value and the cost per piece for material, cost per piece for labor, the shop burden or loss, or according to the name of the article. The cards may be filed in one of three ways, either alphabetically according to the name of the party for whom the order was constructed, numerically according to the order number, or according to the name of the article. The forms can easily be enlarged or contracted to meet the particular requirements of factories of any capacity, and it will apply to any line in the manufacturing world.

## HANDLING STOCK iN THE PLANING MLL.

As soon as a piece of lumber is dressed it must go somewhere at once, for the tale man at a machine that is coing anything like a day's work has no time to dally with it very long. If the system is a chain that carries all stock past a grading platform where one grader docs all the work, that part of the matter is easily disposed of, and the ninal disposition is a matter of so much or so little trucking.
In some mills that have a number of machines conveniently in line, it is found to be most profitable to have a chain transfer at the feed-ing-out end of the machines and traveling at right angles to the delivery of the lumber. This chain, says a writer in The Wood-Worker, takes the finished product past a given point, where it is graded and marked for the stock shed, to which point it is conveyed by trucks, commonly called "dollies," or by a roller or chain transfer to a certain point in the stock shed, where the stock is loaded on trucks of varying form, for final distribution to the cars or to the stock bins to which it may have been assigned.

For the transfer system and the single grader there is this advantage, that there is not at all times the difficulty of finding a number of graders at higher wages than are paid to the laborers, and it also has a tendency to make several machines (and that system is by no means discarded) these little adjurcts to the success of a mill are especially valuable, as they furnish a ready means of transporting assorted quantities of lumber in a more compact and cleaner shape than by any other means. In case of necessity these trucks offer a sort of portable warehouse, holding their contents securely, yet ready for a quick movement, and taking very little room.
$I$ have watched a number of systems of the transfer sort, and except for the saving effected at the grading end, there is not much to commend them over the trucks, and the trucks have to form no inconsiderable part of most transfer. systems. In a number of instances I have seen lumber graded in the :ough and loaded on the cars from the machine, without further grading, except in the case of a board getting accidently spoiled and laid aside. That does not seem to me to be a grood sy:tem for anything else than plain surfacing or resawing where the lumber is shipped pile run and there
are no culls to be laid out. For mithines that work on stock from which orders are to be selected as they come in, this will not enswer. It is in a case of this sort that the little truck, show their value.

## FORESTRY METHODS.

The last report of the New lork State College of Forestry contains some pertinent remarks by Dr. B. E. Fernow, the Director. in respect to the planting of hardwoods in the Adirondacks. He says:

There is one tact on the silvicultural tide which the experiment has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the writer, namely, that in the harcwood forest of the Adirondacks, where the pine and spruce have been severely culled, the only practicable method, both from financial and silvicultural points o view, of securing a desirable new crop, is a clear cutting system, followed by artificial regeneration of the conifers, leaving only enough of the hardivoods to produce an admixture by natural resfeneration, and saving only so much of tise promising volunteer growth of young hardwoods and conifers as is not liable to be thrown by the winds. Indeed, it may often be best to make a clean sweep-denude, though the word has been used to denote vandalism-and replace artificially without reference to existing volunteer growth. This planting, of course, costs ; it is an investment for the future, but one that can be easily shown to be profitable in the long run. This method camot be practised without taking care of the rubbish resultins from the logging operation, and this, of course, again entails expense. But when the simple and efficient system of clearing, followed by planting, is practised, the debris can be buried more cheaply, using the early spring season, before the snow is quite gone, and thus the fire danger, always attending logging operations, can be most readily reduced. The forest management has, indeed, by close watching, so far been fortunate in avoiding this con-


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stantly threatening danger. Here, too, the management needs financial assistance to increase means of prevention of forest fires, at least of the young plantations which are to replace the old crop. The annual logring area comprises between 500 and 300 acres, of which probably at least one-half will require replanting, and on these areas special precautions to ward off fire are necessary.

## HOOKS IN BAND SAWS.

The more hook the greater the culting ability of the band saw and the less motive power is required. Too much hook could not be given a saw if the question of cutting is alone considered. What makes the excessac houk detrimental or hazardous to the safety of the machine is the tendency for teeth with extreme hook to feed too rapidly. More hook can be given to the circular than to the band, as the circular, being rumad, has a temdeay to throw or push the stock from it somewhat, irrespective of the hook. But the band soth, ating at right angles, has more of a tendency toward it. In the case of a band saw with no hook, the action of the tecth would not be so much one of cutting as of scraping or splitting.

Hardwoods require less hook than soft woods, and of the soft woods those that are stringy or fibrous require the most hook. Some of the most successful saw filers make no distinction in hook in cutting hard or soft woods, but run the same tooth with apparently equal success. In general practice, however, the hook used on saws for harclwood is from one-fouth to one-third and in rare cases one-balf.

As regards the efficiency of the saw in different woods, a good deal depends upon having the saw fitted with proper swage and sidedress, kept properly sharp, properly slim and throated, and the feel noi two fast. Very thin band saws are run successfully in re-sawing the hardest wood, such as kiln-dried oak, etc., but the teeth must be fincly fitted, and the stock properly fed.

The action of sath teeth is identical with that of a chisel, and just as a woodrurker learns to present his chisel at the right angle to the wood, to cut the best, so must the saw fitter learn at what angle his saw teeth are best calculated to cut, as regards hook. There should be no such thing as scraping or tearing, through imperfect hook or dulluess. A dull saw takes much more power than a sharp saw, because its operation is not clean-cutting.

There is a gemeral tendency on the part of
band saw filers to run more hook in their saws. This may be done without impairing the strength of the tooth to the extent that it will chatter or vibrate in the cut by allowing the hook to run down the face of the tooth about a yudrter of an inch, and then drop away from the hook line on a gradual curve, forming a nice, round throat, which enables a saw to cut easily on big teed.

The back of tooth must be made sufficiently full or rounding to give plenty of strength to point of tooth and you must avoid long tecth on short spacings. For a tuoth with extreme hook, and for a large round gullet, a spacing of $13 / 4$ or 2 inches is right. This long space enables you to build up the back of tooth properly, because, with the greater space between the points, the backs can be kept higher without diminishing the throat room, and thus more hook is secured without weakening the teath.

The amount of hook in wide band saws varies from 4 to $61 / 2$ inches in a 10 -inch saw as commonly run, and is governed somewhat by the timber being sawed and the teed carried. But there are those who want still more hook than that mentioned above, and their efforts in this direction have been thwarted in a measure because the construction of sharpeners has rendered it impossible to further tilt the head for extra hook, and still have the machine continue to operate successfully.

In deference to this circumstance, some machines now give a possible hook of 12 inches, in 12 inches of width or 45 degrees. Morecier, the construction of the machines renders their operation equally successful when head is thus set as when set at a less extreme tilt. Given a satw properly tensioned and running true on the wheels when out of the cut, or running idle, but tending to run back on the wheels, as soon as it enters the log, it indicates a need of more hook, and you can increase the hook up to the point where the saw runs uniform. In like manner, if saws run ahead of the wheels when in the cut, it is an indication ot too much hook, and you may properly consider the reduction of same.-Packages.

## A SUPERIOR FILING ROOM MACHINE.

Salwfiling might truly be called a science, and the filer an artist, so keen a similarity munt there be between each tooth. And each tnoth must be so accurately and scientifically drawn out that not one tooth will bond in the log. The teeth must be swaged so as to give a sharp cutting edge widest at extreme points. All this could be done to a certain extent by the old method with hammer and bar. But Ameican ambition and push demanded quicker and more accurate filingroom practices, until now every first-class saw mill or factory has an up-to-date filing room fitted with the most expensise and best mathines that are on the market.
One of the first macianes the filers began to demand was a good practical saw swage; but only of late years has a thoroughly practical swage been put upon the market. Of these the Hanchett swage, mandiactured by the Hanchett Swage Works, Big Rapid, Michingan,


The Hanchett Swage.
lads perhaps the best claim to supericrity. This is not only shown by a number of othes swages hating been modeled after it, but it has also several distinct features that are not duplicated by any other swage in existence.
ist. Take for example a saw that has struck a nail or other obstruction, and the corners are entirely gone on one side, or the tecth are broken off, say, 1-16 of an inch. By pulling the swagug leter over a second time a fine swage may be obtained and the teeth will be drawn out as long as the others, white other swages will bend a short tooth backward and not swage it at all.
znd. Take a saw that has just been ground down and no swage is started. By pulling the swaging lever over a eccond time on say a 14 sauge, a seten or bet ter can be notdined, and the saw will grind up even the first time grinding. With other swages an upset must be used first, which results in long and short tecth, besides more or less of them will be bent.



#### Abstract

\section*{A NOTABLE SAWING EVENT.}

The following notice, clipped from the Southland Datly News, published at Invercargill, New Zealand, is an interesting account of some satwing contests in which the world-famous Atkins saws played an important part. As usual theprize winners of the Championship Contests used Atkins saws, thus again demonstrating the fact that "Atkins is Always Ahead." "The Axemen's Carnival, which was held at Invercargill, New Zealand, on April $1^{3}$ th, 1903 , was a notable event, there being sawing and chopping contests, bicycle and foot races, as well as other athletic sports indulged in. "The gathering of the axemen and sawyers was perhaps as fine as has been seen anywhere, comprising the leading men in both lines, from Australia, Tasmami.. and the provinces of New Zealand. Intense interesi centered in Thomas Peltit, the world's champion, who competed with great success in the sawing events, annexing the champion single-handed, and with $H$. Mitchell, the champion double. He saws with beautiful action and immense force, and the Atkins saw used by him simply ploughed its way through the blocks. Considering that lettit has had very little training for the matches, his performance must stamp him as undo btedly the foremost man of the first rank of sawyers. "Another distinguished competitor was Herb Mitchell, ex-xhampion of New Zealand, who is well and popular known all over the island. "For the championshap single-handed sawing contest,


E. C. Akins \& Company, the well known salw mannfacturers of Indianapoli, Indiatia, C'. S. A., through their Australian represemative, Mr. C. Cullen, donated \$50. The first prize of $\$_{5} \mathbf{S}^{2}$, and championship hold medal, was won by Thomas Peltit; S. Fisher took second prize, \$15: and Edward Tobin hird prize, \$1o. Both Pettit and Fisher used Atkius saws. Pettits time was one minute-q8-2/5 seconds.
In the double-handed satwing contest, Thomats Pettit and 11. Mitchell won the firat prize of $\$ 25$, two gold medals and two saws. It was a splendid exhibition of the sawyer's att. Peltit and his mate got to work with a wonderful swing of rapidity and ease, and sent their Akins saw through the $24^{\prime \prime}$ red pine log in the surprising time of 323.5 secourls."

## BELTING FOR LUMBERMEN.

The Dominion Velting Company, Limited, of Harailton, Canada, are the latest in the feld with belting e:pecially adapted to the use of milh. It is a stitched oiled cotton duck belting, the steadily increasing demand for which has encouraged the company to erect a most up-to-date factory at Hamilton fur its manufacture.

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## BALANCING PLANER KNIVES.

When the heads of a wood planer of any kind that is intended to plane or surface wide boards are made, they are balanced so as to prevent vibration at high speeds, and the knives are the same size and weight, so that when a head is set up it runs smoothly. When the knives become dull they are taken out, put on a wet emery grinder and made sharp again; but more material must be remuved from some than others, therefore when put back the head is out of balance.

In order to remedy this evil the knives are taker off and weighed, after which the heavier one is taken to the drill press, or to a lathe if no drill press is available, and holes bored in it until it will balance the other when put on a pair of scales or balances.

These knives may be twenty-four inches long, and when started up again may produce interior lumber, because it is not planed smoothly. This shows mainly that the head is not perfectly balanced, although the knives are of usual weight, causing an inexperienced operator to wonder what causes the trouble. Now, if these knives were cut in two and the halves of each pair weighed and compared, it would be plain that both ends of the head were out of balance, when considered separately, hence the trouble.

Of cours: it is not practical to cut these knives in two, but they may be made perfect by balancing each separately, although that may seem to be an inconsistent statement. It may be explained as follows: Sunpose that a piece of iron one-eighth inch thic is put in a vise and one of these knives balanced across the edge of it, taking care to support it at the exact centre. One end of it will be heavier than the other, therefore it becomes necessary to remove some of the material until both ends weigh the same. This knife is then balanced by itself, and when the other one of the pair is balanced in the same way we know that no more trouble will result from that source; but the two knives must now be put on the balances again and made to weigh alike, as already described.

It is necessary, however, during this process to remove an equal amount of material from both ends of the heavy knife, in order to maintain the individual balance. We are well aware of the fact that it is difficult to follow the above directions for this process, because giving the knives individual balance disturbs the collective balance, and vice versa We do not claim that this precision in balancing is necessary in all cases, for it is not, but where imperfect lumber is produced, lack of it may be, and frequently is, the cause of it.

This applies to long knives only, because short ones are not affected by it enough to be noticeable. When knives of this kind are new they are usually the same weight throughout their length and they may be kept so by careful attention to the grinding process, for if the individual or separate balance is correct, but the pair do not agree, the heavy one may be put back in the grinder and another cut taken off fromit over its entire length. It is not easy to strike it just right in this way, but a little practice will enable the noerator to do good work along this line. If for any reason it is desirable to continue the practice of boring holes, care
should be taken to bore the same on both ends of the knife. Of course these holes should not extend entirely through the blarle, as that would weaken it unduly, but by using a flat drill ground to an obtuse angle, or, in other words, one that is made blunt, the holes will be large, thus removing a considerale material without going entirely through. - The Tradesman.

## THIN CIRCULARS FOR LOG SAWING.*

## by J. H. Minrk, Lubibetion, Miss.

Much attention is now being paid to thinner saws by practical millmen. Economy more fully asserts itself each year and millmen are beginning to draw the line more closely. Before the band saw was fully introduced it was condemned by ninety-nine out of a hundred. But thin bands or thin cis fulars are no longer an experiment and some fast circular mills have used nothing heavier than so gauge for years. True, they have been tried by many without success, but the fault was not in the saw.

The day is coming when 12 gauge saws will cut 50,000 feet per day. I received a letter recently from a prominent filer in Arkansas stating that he had cut 78 lines, 16 feet long, 12 inches deep of good lumber with a 10 gauge saw in 5 minuies. But under the same treatment that 90 per cent. of the thick saws get, not one could expect a thin saw to be a success even on a smaller output. The fact is that there are but few men who get out of the circular all that there is in it. If one man can run 72 inch by 12 grauge saws successfully, that demonstrates that it can be done. If others can't do it there must be something lacking. There are several essentials. To be a success, thin saws must be run at a nigh speed, must have an absolutely solic, steady running mandrel, plenty of power, and a good filer and sawyer. A thin saw is more sensitive than a thick one, and under like circumstances the thin saw cannot be expected to do as much work.

Suppose that the millman who is satisfied with 50,000 feet from his 6 or 7 gauge saws, run at a standard speed, would put in a 10 gauge 60 inch saw with 100 teeth and speed this saw to 1,000 revolutions, and could get a practical sawyer and filer that could and would run it, he would, to his surprise, increase his cut with a considerable saving in sa:v kerf. If the man that contemplates a new mill, and wants 50,000 to 75,000 feet per day, would put in 72 inch by 12 gauge saws, with not less than ing tecth, with speed 1 , 100 and a 12 inch cylinder feed, to my mind he would have the most economical mill th.: could be built. There are many who are ready to assert that this is too ligh a speed and that the steel will not stand this strain. This is a mistake, for saws have been run successfully at this speed. The greatest drawback in introducing thin saws is to get filers who can fit ticm properly. The filer and sawyer must work in unison. All prejudice and personal feeling must be laid aside, both working solely to the employer's interest, instead of one or the other seeking to work to the other's disadvantage, which is sometimes done in a manner so intricate that the most

[^1]practical foreman cannot detect where the truable is.

In running thin circulars the tension must be absolutely uniform and in exactly the proper place. There is a vast diversity of opinion about where the exact location of the tension should be, but practical filers do not disagree on this point. A variation of $1-1000$ of an inch in the drop of any high speed saw whi take 2 inches feed from it ; that is, adjust that $1-1000$ of an inch and the saw will stand 2 inches more feed.

A high speed saw can be accurately hammered only by the use of a gauge properly curved, and the saw must be hammered until it shows no light under the gauge. It will then be practically all uniform, and so far as tension goes, in perfect condition to run.

The utmost care must be exercised in the temper of high-speed thin saws. If it is not uniform then the saw will be thrown out of tension at its speed, no matter how perfectly balanced. It will astonish any practical man that uses the straight edge how much he can improve either bands, circulars or band resaws with a tension gauge of the proper curve. I could not get a saw at high-speed anywhere near uniform without one. There is no estimating what a high-speed, perfectly hammered saw will do on a quick rig with a good sawyer. At the same speed the thick saw would certainly do more work than the thin. I refer to mills maintaining their present output with thin saws. No one wants to decrease his cut, for what would be gained in one way would be lost in another. I am just in receipt of a letter from a saw company wanting to send a 9 or 10 gauge 60 inch saw here on trial. We are now using 8 -gauge, 56 -inch, of teeth, and don't think we can hold the cut ai 100,000 feet per day with thinner saws. If I could increase our speed from 925 to 1,100 , I would try the thinner saws.

This is an item in every up-to-date mill where trimmers and gang stashers are used. The public have had much to read in the trade papers about broken cut-off saws, but I find that the secret is in but one thing principally, and that is in sriving them more set. They should be filled or ground square in front, with pitch line to centre, with the back beveled. This makes beyond a doubt the best tooth for a cut-off saw, swing or stationary. Each tooth is a cutter and a raker. If the reader doubts this, just fit up one saw and that will convince him. Large cut-off saws should be left a little slack on the rim, sufficient not to wave while in motion. Cut-off saws should be at least one gauge heavier than the standard. This will add no more in price or in power to run, but will add 50 per cent. to the life of the saw. I have never seen a cut-off saw that was not abused ; getting pinched or twisted. Keep them sharp, file square in front and with plenty of set, and that will reduce the broken saw expense to a minimum. It is supposed that the reader is aware that square corners will cause cracks. The same applies to all machinery where subject to strain. Short cracks can be deeply center punched on each side which will arreit it. Cracks over three inches long should be drilled. Solid blows must be applied or the crack might extend further while punching.

## FREDING WORK HORSES.

The horse has a smaller stomach than an ox, and consequently must be fed less at a time. It has less power to digest coarse foods. It eats much slower, as it must do all its chewing before the food is swallo ved. For these reasons it reguires a longer time to eat, and its food should be more conce.trated. It wants only a little coarse food at a time. Most people foed too much rather than too little, especially of hay. According to the tables of standard ration prepared by the German investigators, a 1,000 pound horse requires 11.4 pounds of digestible food daily when doing moderate work, 13.6 pounds for averige work, and : 6.6 pounds for heavy work. With a basal ration of 10 pounds of hay, the grain needed to furnish the above quantities of digestible nutriments, when consisting of a mixture in equal parts of corn and oats, would be approximately 11.5 pounds, 15 pounds and 20 pounds for three sorts of labor. Lavalard, who made observations covering a number of years with 32,000 omnibus, army, and draft horses, came to the conclusion that a horse performing ordinary work requires at the rate of 1,215 pounds of digestible nutriments per 100 pounds of live weight. This is equivalent to 12.1 pounds of digestible food daily for a 1,000 pound horse, a quantity not inconsistent with the German standard.

## SUITAble foods for horses.

It is necessary, especially with hard working horses, that a large proportion of the daily ration be composed of the more cencentrated feeding stuffs. A horse would have to . nnsume over 40 pounds of hay to obtain 17.7 pounds of digestible nutriments, the approximate amound required daily by a horse at severe labor. Ten to twelve pounds of hay daily is quite sufficient for a draft horse. The managers of work horses on many farms are kept constantly supplied with hay, which is not only wasteful, but injurious to the animal as well. Recent researches have shown that muscular effort is largely sustained by the carbo-itydrates and fats of the food, and it is probably true that rations composed of the ordinary farm products, meadow hay, straw, sulage, ronts and the cereal grains will be found sufficiently rich in protein without the addition of nitrogenous feeding stuffs. Doubtless in cases of heavy labor, the addition of a little oil meal or other nitrogenous food would be beneficial. Aecording to the German standards the nutritive ratio should be from 1.7 to 1.6 according to the severity of labor, the daily weight of protein to befrom 1.5 to 2.5 pounds. Oats are regarded by many as essential to the maintenance of the driving or working horse, but many other foods are successfully used in their place, wheat, bran, corn, barley, dried brewers' grains, etc., are often used instead of oats without any bad results, and frequently with considerable advantage in the cost of the ration. Timothy hay, although not particularly rich in digestible nutrients, is preferred by most horsemen, chiefly of account of the freedom from dust and the ease with which it mas be distinguished from other grasses. With working horses, whose sustenance is largely supplied by the grain food, timothy is probably the most
satisfactory coughage, but bright, clean clover is excellent for idle horses and colts, and requires very little grain in addition to form a suitable ration.

## some sample rationg.

Some good rations for 1,000 pound horses at moderate work are suggested by Jordan :-

1. 10 lbs . timothy or mixed hay, $111 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$. oats.
2. 10 lbs , hay, $101 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$. oats and barley, equal parts by weight.
3. to lbs. hay, 8 lbs . oats, 4 lbs. brewers' grains.
4. to lbs. hay, 8 lbs. oats, 4 lbs . wheat brath.
5. If lbs. hay, $31 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$. corn, 4 lbs . wheat bran, 4 lbs. brewers' grains.
6. to lbs. hay, $5^{\text {lbs. corn, } 4^{1 / 2} \mathrm{lbs} \text {. barley. }}$ 7. 10 lbs. hay, 5 lbs . carn, $61 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$. wheat brall.
7. so los. hay, 5 lbs. corn, 6 lbs . brewers' grains.
8. 10 lbs . hay, $41 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$ barley, 4 lbs . wheat bran, 3 lbs. brewers' grains.
Silage, roots and other green tood may often be substituted for a minor part of the hay with advantage to the animals' appetite and health.
Where the work is harder the amount of grain in the ration should be increased; but the amount of hay should remain stationary. The increase in feed should be greater proportionately than the increase in the amount of work done, and as a general rule old horses should be fed better than young ones. That judguent which comes of experience will always be a safer guide than any mechanical rule for feeding, but this is certain, however, whatever feeding stuffs are used, and whatever order of feeding is adopted, regularity and uniformity should at all times prevail in both feeding and watering. If water is always available, a horse will not take too much to injure himselve, but with working horses it will always be found better to give them their regular and largest supply previous to feeding, and it may also be well to supply a limited supply afte: feeding. When much heated or fatigued a horse should have water only in small quantities.
The Arabs have a proverb :-"Rest and fat are the rreatest enemies of the horse." Hard labor or an abundance of exercise should go hand in hand with heavy feeding, and when a period of idleness comes for the horse the grain ration should be cut down one half at least, or even withdrawn altogether where the fodder is particularly grood quality.

Some years ago the W. C. Edivards Company, of Rockland, O .t., adopted a system of feeding their horses which has proved very satisfactory. Mr. Edwards gives the following description of it: "We employ say forty horses about our mills here in the summer season. In the rear of our stables we have a feed room, where cut straw for bedding and our cut hay, oats and ground feed are kept; here we have two mixing boxes, where ine rations for the horses are mixed before feeding; the cut hay is put into these boxes and is thoroughly soaked with water 12 hours before it is fed. The ground feed is mixed dry a: d before feeding is thoroughly mixed with the wet hay. The rations we started out with was 4 lbs. cut hay,

任 Ib. bran and 5 lbs. ground oats and arley to each horse night and morning, and + tbs. dry oats at noon only. Our horses are gener. ally of large size, and are doing excessively hard work, and we found this ration too small for them and gradually increased it intil we settled down to this:--5 lbs. hay, 5 lbs. ground grain, and $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$. of brall to each horse morning and nig! at, and 8 lbs. of dry oats at noon only (no hay), and this we find ample for the largest horse doing the most excessive work. Our saving is at least to lbs. of haty per day for each horse, and 6 lbs . of grain for each. Not only is this the case, but our horses are healthier and better in every way. Under the old system it was a common thing for us to lose from one to five 'iorses every summer with col-
and inflammation, fut in the past seven summers under our new system not orily have we not lost one horse, but we have not had a sick horse. A much smaller ration than we feed would be ample for farm horses, or for any horses doing ordinary work. We may add, also, that with this system of feeding hay, together with the free use of wheat, bran and a little ground oats mixed with it, we find we can develop colts in a manner that we have never seen them developed before."

> F. W. Hodson,

Live Stock Commissioner.

## THE BURRARD INLET FLUME \& BOOM

 COMPANY, LIMITED.This company owns a large amount of cedar timber in the Capilano Valley of British Columbia, commencing at the Vancouver city water works dam (which is 7 miles from tide water on V'ancouver (Iarbor) and extending up Capilano river about 4 or 5 miles.
The timher will be brougt down to salt water on Burrati Inlet (Vincouver Harbor) by builda flame about $4^{1 / 2}$ miles long, and utilizing the river for the balance of the distance.
The company has a water record from the Provincial Government for diverting the necessary water from the Capilano river for operation of the flume, and under the Rivers and Streams Act they have been given control of the Capilano river, whereby they may clean out and improve the river, build the necessary retaining booms at its mouth and be allowed to charge a toll to other parties who may wish to use the river--10ll to be fixed by a judge of the court.
The company has atio permission from the Dominion Government to use a portion of the Indian Reservation at the mouth of the Capilano river to make the necessary shore fastenings for their booms, as well as for other purposes in connection with their business. The flume is being built principally for carrying shingle bolts, bu ivill be large enough and straight enough to carry lorg bolts- 12 to 18 feet long. It will be constructed $V$ shape, 24 inches deep and made of 2 -inch plank.
The officials of the company are: J. G. Woods, President and Managing Director; H. H. Spicer, Secretary; H. M. Burwell, S. O. Richards, R. Byron Jo:n<on, Hon. Cecil Edwards, all of Vancouver.

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## SOME FACTS ABOUT CHECKS.

Bank checks possess many advantages for the conduc: of business, and are used to a proportionately gre $t$ extent. They are in nature but orders for the payment of money, and are payable in the order in which they are presented, not according to that in which they are drawn, says C. E. Locke in an exchange. As given in the usual course of business, they do not constitute payment of the indebtedness for which tiey are given until paid. Nor will the concurrent receipting of the debts for which they are given change this. If they are noi paid on proper presentation, resort may be had to the orignal clasims. The rule is different in this respect as to certified checks. The havins of checks certified constitutes payment as to the persons drawing them.

Checiss should be dated. It not dated at all, and they do not contain any statement as to when they are to be paid, they are never payable. They may be ante or post-dated, as well ats dated on the day of delivery. I3y being antedated they may be made to cover prior transactions, and ia a measure determine the relative rights of the parties to them, provided that no fratud is intended or done. Post-dating in the main determines the date of payment.

When post-dated so as to fall due on Sunday, they are payable on the following Monda;. Checks post-dated or maturing on legal holidays should be presented the day following. When posi-dated checks are paid before the dates mentioned, the money paid on them can the recovered. If hanks are left for the date, the holder of checks are thereby authorized to insert the true dates of delivery, hut no other dates, and if they insert any other date it makes the checks vaid. Changing the date of checks without consent of the drawers will do the san.e.

The pre umption is that when checks are drawn, funds will be provided at the bank on which they are drawn to meet them, but presentation for payment must be made within a reasonainle time. If not so presented, the holders will be charsed with any conseqaent loss. When persons receiving checks and the banks on which they drawn are in the same place, they should be presented the same day, or, at the latest, the day after they are received. Where they are in different places, the checks mant he mailed to some bank or person at the place where payable hefore the close of the day following any recipt, and the latter must presemt them hefore the close of the banking f.nurn on the day following the receipt there; no extra time will he gained by holders depositing checks in their wwo banks for collection.

After duly presenting checks. it is also the duty of the bolder. if they are not paid, to uotify the drawers befure the close of the nexi secular day following the aresentation and dishonor. №r particular form of notice is required. It may be written or verbal. The principal ata in which lower occur from failure to sue dae dilizence in the iollection of ehecks is where the hanks on which they are drawn fail in the meantime. If the banks continue solvent, the drawers will remain liable to pay their checks for months at least after thes: are drawn. Precentarion and notice of divhonor will alvo be dispenced with where there are no
funds to pay checks, and where the banks on which they are drawn suspend payment before they can be piesented, using proper diligence. After receiving checks, they must be presented for payment, unless such presentation would be useless before the orignal ciaims can be sued on, for, by acceptin ${ }_{z}$ - checks, there is an implied agreement to use that method of procuring the money for which they are drawn.

When checks are negotiable and pass by indorsement or delivery, the same degres of diligence will be required of each person to whom they are indursed, in order to hold those indorsing them, as is required of original payees to hold original drawers of checks. But by putting checks in circulation, the liability of the drawers cennot be prolonged. They must be presented within the same time by indorsees as by payees.

## THIN HEADING SAWS.

A word as to my experience in running thin saws. The saws furnished with our machine were 15 -gauge at rim, 3 -inch saws, but we still could not endure the waste of kerf. Then an is-gauge was tried and was fcund to work well. So the 18 -gauge was ordered to be ground 15 -gauge at a distance of $s$ inches from the edge. The maker misunderstood the order and tapered it from iS to 21. This saw worked well in soft wood at $2 / 4$-inch feed, cutting about fo to 43 pieces of 1 S-inch stock to the minute. li had 136 teeth. Had it contained about soo, I believe it would have sawed hardwood. A 22-inch collar was used. This collar caused much trouble; would usually split the wood; in nearly every piece about 10 inches would be checked or broken through. Then a sitw was ordered $q 0$ inches in diameter; 24 inches of the center, or a radius of 12 inches, was 6 -gauge, then tapered to $17^{1}:$-gauge to a distance of 112 inches from the rim, and the rim straight for $13 / 2$ inches $;: 1,1 \leq$ grage with 150 teeth. This saw has worked satisfactorily in all kinds of timber and winter weather, pin oak, secondgrowth, white oak, etc., and is cutting at an average of $q(6$ picces a minute in a io-block machine. A very thin saw can be used, providing it is made right, and the more teeth the more feed can be cut. Some manufacturess do not give shingle or heading saws enough iension. A saw that is used with heavy feed must ha:e all the tension that can be given it, and kept tuned up frequently. Our saw is fitted to a 15-insh collar. - Correspondence Cooper:' Journal.

HOOHOO HOUSE AT ST. LOUIS.
There was a meeting in St. L.ouis, Mo., on June igth, of the lloard of Governors of the House of Heo-Hoo, which was called for the purpose of revewing the work thus far done and ic outline plans for the future. The report of the secreiary showed that about 3,006 members are still needed to complete the membership list, and ine was instructed to use all possible haste in completing his part of the work. All reports show that very satisfactory progress has been made in all depariments and this indication favors a more complete success to the project shan was at first contemplated, as the idea is grewing and new methods of in-
creasing the benefits of membership are constantly being added. Applications from many associations of manufacturers bave been received for rooms to be finished with their products and nearly all of the rooms in the building are now taken; in fact, such success has crowned the efforts in this direction that the building promises to be a more complete exposition of the commercial woods of the United States than was at first anticipated. The secretary was instructed to try and complete the membership list during the next sixty days, and this is entirely within reason, in view of the number of members applying during the past thrty days. Great progress is being made and it is advisable for those contemplating joining this club to no longer postpone action on the matter, but to join at once.

## CHAIN GEARING.

In the opinion of a writer in Indian Engineering, chain gefaring has several great advantages over belting and ropes. The velocity ratio is absolute, the belt cannot slip; its length is not appreciably altered by moisture or heat, and that very serious increase in pressure on the journals, with all its attendan: evils due to the tension it is necessary to maintain on the "slack" side of the belt, is nonexistent.

The great objection to chain gearing has hitherto been that great irregularity and noise which is consequent upon engagement with and release 'rom each indivicual tooth-such objections greatly increasing as the chain wore and stretched-made it impossible to use chain icaring for anything bejond very low velocities.

This, however, is wholly done away with in the Renold silent chain, which is well describ. ed by Mr. J. O. Nixon in the "Journal of the Franklin Institute."

The chain essentially consists of a number of links-stamped, it may be, for instance, out of sheet and hinged together at their ends bv rivets and built up is any reasonable width, but it is not against the pins or rivets which the teeth of the wheels bear, but against toothlike projections from the ends of the links. These are so shaped that if the chain were bent round a very small cylinder the concave surface would be a uniform series of parallel triangular tecth; but when straight, the tooth at the following end of one linls opens out on the tooth of the preceeding end of the next link, with which it before coincided, after the manner of a partly opened pair of shears. Thus the bearing is between the sides of the teetn and not between the bottoms of the spaces between them. The tecth release and engage withour sliding friction; all are in contact at once, and as the chaia stretches or wears, it simply takes up a position a little further from the axis-working as well and smoothly as at first.

Actually these chains work at very high velocities indeed, in a thoroughly satisfactory manner.

Mr. J. H. Eycr, lumber merchant, of Torento, has deserted the ranks of batchelorheod, having on june afih taken as his life partner Miss Simpson, of Torunte Junctins. Mr. and Mre Fyer sailed on the steamer "Tunisian" From Nontreal on June zati, for a three months tour of Fingland, Scotland and the Continent.

## THE NEWS

－G．T．Browning is about to erect a planing mill at Aurora，Ont．
－．1．Mains will establish a sith and door factory $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{t}}$ Harthey，Minn．
－Hooker \＆Company，of Selkirk，Man．，have sold their business to D．E．Sprague，of Wimnipeg．
－The South Rwer l．umber Company have completed externse improvements to their maw mill at South Kiver， Unt．
－The John Harrison $k$ Sons Company，of Owen Sound，Ont．，have just put into operation at new tie aill．
－The Manitoulin Ranchis Lumber Compar．，limited， with headquatters at Windior，Unt．，has been i．．cor－ sprated．
－W．S．Eddy，of Bay Lity，Mich．，is reported to have purchased $2,500,000$ acres of limber land in Mexico．

The Canadian Skewer Compang，of Hevpeler，Ont．， are said to be consideritity the quevtion of moving to alluther poins．
－George A．Lurrabee＇s new win mili on Salmon Creck，near lancouser，B．C．，will have a daily c．tpacity of 30,000 feet．
－Connway \＆Johnston，iumber merchants，Crystal Cily，Man．，have dissolved parenership，James Conway coulinuing the business．
－The company formed by W．H．Higkins，of Van． couver，to operate timber limits，have decided to build a lurge mill at Toba Niver， 160 miles up the coan．
－The company formed io build a sitw mill at Trout Litke．B．C．，will be knowin as the Pingston Creek lumber Company．The mill will be operated by water jower．

Rhodes，Curry \＆Cumpany are installing a com－ plete telephone system throughout their wood－working factory at Amherst，N．S．There will be fifteen instru－ ments．

The Northern Towing Company has beenorganized at Cancouver，B．C．It is the intention to purclase a thert of tugs and to devote considerable attention to the touins of logs．
－Sitetson，Cuticer © Companys two saiv mills at St． John，N．B．，resumed operations on June soth，after hav－ ng been closed sinec December．Fred C．Beally is now superintendent of the mill．

Incorporation laas beon granted to the Ketlic liver Lumber Company，I．inited，which recently took over Whe lumber business of Lequime \＆Jowern at Cirand Forks，B．C．The capitalization is $\$ 50,100$ ．

I．S．Dechamps，I．A．Campbell and Frank K． Mesdanhall are said to liave formed a partnership to acturre timberlimits ind build a saw mill on the Colum－ hia riler between Trait and Lobson，B．C．
－The mill of l．E．Sayre at Bragh Corner，N．13．， which was destroyed by a forest fire lase month，was a well equipped evtablishment with a daily capacty of 30,000 lect，in addition to shangle and lath machanes．
－l＇roccedings were taken in Ottawa against J．R． Booth and the W．C．Edward，Company for violation of the recently enacted by－faw protibiting the piling of lumber withia the limis of the city．A small fine was imposed．
－The James Murchie \＆Sons Company has beea incorporated under the laws of the State of Matine，with a paid－up capital of $\$+95.000$ ．The company will con－ duet a general lumber business．J．G．Murchie，of St． John，is interested．
－The Neductic aleat Company have made a proposi－ tion to establivh induetries at Woodntock，N．B．，for the curing of meat and for manufacturing hubs，poksos， ferkins，and barech．They agree to expend $\$=0,000$ on buildings and plant．
－－The new mill which Alfred Dickice and Jomn $A$ ． Gillies，of Stewiacke，NiS．，are buldng in L．abrador will be equped with a killam double circular，a he gang，and a stock gank fitted to cill Sulth American apecification．They recently purchased the teamer liking for use as at transport to and from Labrador．
－Lumberaten were prominent in the recent military tournament in Madion Square Garden，New York． One of the rgeiments was the tiond of Ottawa，which is known as the＂Duke of Cornwall：s Own．＂This regi－ ment is composed hargely of bushmen，the ofticers in． eluding Capt．R．Blackburn，of the Hawkesbury Lum－ ber Company，and Caph．Cameron，of Cameron \＆ Conpany，Otawa．
－The Grand Valley Seignury，comprising 54 miles of timber limits and at saw mill in the lake St．John District of Quebec，formeriy owned by the l．onelt Estate，has been purchased for the sum of $\$ 100,000$ by a syndicate of New Jiork and Ontario capitalists．The new ulvers intend to spend a consderable sum of money in the development of the property and will manulatide lumber for the European na：rket．
－Dennis Harris，C．E．，was commisstoned by the British Coiumbia Gosernment to make a survey be－ tween the west end of Cowichan Lake and the head－ waters of Alberni Inlet．His report contains the follow－ ing in reference to to the limber：＂From zero to station 50 （one mile）the timber consist，principally of yellow cedar and hemlock from this on，as far as 1 weat in the valles，on bolt sides of the river，but below the line．there is a belt of long，straight lir timber， 1.500 f．et wide，averaging is to 36 anches，which will cut as high as 60 ．M．to the acre，of good merchantable timber．This belt of fir timber is fringed with at line of sound hemlock of larse dimensions．
－a targe mill for the mannfacture of cooperage stock is being evtablished at Sand rolnt，Ont．，by S． 0 ． Church $\$$ Bro．，of New Sork，who have two wher mill in Canada and three in the Linited States．The head－ ing mill at Sand Point was completed last spring，ado the stave and hoop mill will be finished at an carlygate．

The roof of the heading mill inconered with gats anted iron．The power equipment melates an Ohbran $A$ kelly cogine of es lourne powes．The dry kill was furmstied by the Stadard Dry kiln Couphang．if ladianapolis，and user live stean foom the bollor．I siding 1,100 feet in length from the C゚P．R．trak furnishes shipping facilitios．The timber aned is chun， awh，basswod，soft maple，butternut，poplat and bathe of gilead，the product being sapped largely 10 the sugher refinerev in Mon：re．al．The molunger of the mill is T．H．Decen，late of Femen lath，who hod been engaged in thes line of busines，for many yeans and in well gualitied for the pontion．

## TRADE NOTES．

Altemion is directed to the advertisement of the 1h．at Emery Wheet Company，limited，of Ilamulton，Cianalia， in this inve．The company on of of mont proxe sate of our cinadian manufacturing firms．
kaped grogrew o being made with the new work of the Uwen Sound tron Company at Owen לound．Ont． The main building will be 3.35 feet long．Gouth of the main buidding will be the bobles shop．it $x$ ty tret，whle the box shed theing W wer vereet will be it $7=$ fores． There will be a pattern vorage buthation $5 \times$ it free and a pattern shop $35 \times 20$ fect，wo－storegi high．The conneay will matall its own electuc light plate．
The C：aphan Manafatumg Compay， 30 Jarms street，Toronto，have ve ured sume belp large wader from lumbermen for the supply of the lumber cotmp with mace－meats，bakmg powder，spices，extracts，etc． for the next seanom．This company on doing yaise a large business in the supply line end are now fillag order，for coffees，muvard，Baworing extrach，wher kram and sausige meats．The partucular neat and clean manner in which Hee good，are pat up is in marked comrant to the vears when＂any old hings． was good enough for a lamber camp．
There is no better evidence of the with fate tion whith the＂． 13 （＂）kilns give than the fact that the Imerican Blower Company are continually in eceept of dupli－ cate orders from their cuntomers．We recently noted in wer columas that they＂ere furnivhing another hot of kilns w the Mengel Fiex Company，of L．ounsille．Stall an． other order from tinese people in now upon the books of the Detroit concern，as well ：av an order for a duphatate kiln from the Outer Creck（Fla．）l．unaber Company，for whom they installed a kilu a short time smee．The Wabl Mlfg．Company，of Frederic，Mreli．，and the Tuna Mfg．Company of ibradford，lit．，have abow orci－red －Aにし＂kiln．
＂What have you got that sign－Hamd（1）pmed outside your work fo：？arked the curioun mulnadual．
 ate on strike．＂
Mr．Benry M．Whitnes，of idonom，har been cherted preadent of the Newfomiland Timber I：intes conse－ pany，recenty organized to operate in Niewhumatind． The company control $1, j(x), 0 \infty 0$ acrevoí umber land，


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hart emery wheel company，Limited，Hamilton，0nt．，Can．

# WOOD PULP~ O~ DEPARTMENT 

## THE PULP INDUSTRY OF QUEBEC.*

## 1y I . W. l:vass.

For the economical production of pulp three things are virtually necessary, an aboudant supply of spruce, never failing water powers, and grood shipping facilities. The province of Quebec possesses them all: Our black and white spruce forests are larger than those of any other country in the world, in fact the only two that can be compared with it are the - nited States and Scandinavia, and both these, more particularly the United States, are rapidly depleting their wood supply, while the province of Quebec has enormous areas which arre practically untouched. The failure of the wood supply in the United States, however, constitutes a danger to this country. American paper mill owners, realizing the possibility of a curtailment and even a stoppage of their supply of raw matetials, have been looking across the border for relief, and in addition to purchasing wood from jobbers, have been buging up immense areas of timber limits, building mills for sawng and peeling the wood, and are shipping it by rail or boat to their mills across the line. To the casual observer this appears a desirable business-to sell our wood and at the same time clear our lands, and prepare them for the plough, but such a conclusion is vere superficial. Pulpwood exported an such represents a value of about Ston per cord to the Canadian, the same cord of wood if manufactured here into : tun of mechanical pulp is worth :about $\$_{12}$, a large part of which is for labor. A ton of chemical pulp, requires two cords of wood, and is worth ahout $\mathrm{S}_{3}$ ono. If therefore the pulpwood exported last year to the linited States had been manfatured into mechanical pulp, the province would have been over $\$$ s,won.ooo richer, and the gain would have been still greater if made into che aical pulp. Nor is the lose sustained by the coumery in exporting raw material instead of more or less finished goods the ouly one. Canata is endeatoring to sell pulp :und paper to cireat Britian particularly, and in a lew degrec to (iermand and Franc. the Americame are trying to do the same, and are therefore competions in the sampe market we are to-day supplying them with rat material to produce the puip and paper to compete with us. but even this is not all, this induntry in the l'nited states is practically a huge combine atad their policy is to limit the amount of paper and pulp on the home market to a specified quantity and vaughter the babance :a forcign conatries : so that the camadian manofacturer often has the mortification of seeing Americam-made paper and pulp for which the ratl material has heen furnived by Camad, going ${ }^{10}$ burpere perlap, in the very same
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steamer as his own, to undersell him in that market.

There are in the United States at present 255 pulp mills, mechanical and chemical, producing daily some 3,450 tonc. or over two and a half million tons per ampum. This means a consumption of about $: 3,000$ cords of wood daily, or nearly four milion cords per annum. Of this it is computed that the province of Quebec furnished last year about 400,000 cords. and this will be nearly doubled in 1903 . It ihowever, most difficult to get accurate figures of the quantity and value of pulpwood exported annually, as the government returns are useless, much of the wood going out as cord wood. Some idea of the rapidity with which the wood lands are being denuded of timber may be gained when we consider that the consumption of wood in the United States last year for the production of pulp would have taken the timber from an area of over 1,100 miles, for a width of over three miles, and this consumption is rapidly increasing.
In spite of the lack of assistance in this direction from successive governments, whether Conservative or liberal, the pulp industry has grown very rapidy in the province of Quebec. In 1 SSo there were a few scattered mills whose combined output did not exceed 9,000 tons per annum, and of which the only ones of any importance were those of the Canada Paper Company and W. \& F. P. Currie, now the Dominion Paper Company. To-day there are in the province 27 mills, the estimated output of which is about 250,00 tons per anmum.
Here, then, is an industry which in twentythree years has increased from ant output of y, om tons to wer $2 S 0,000$ tons, winich when the mills now projected or under construction are completed will reach over $3,30,000$, and yet is only really in its infancy when its future possibilities are considered. In thot (ireat Britain imported one laaf million tons of pulp valued at eleven and three quarter million dollars, of which Canada furnished is per cent., or iust exactly double :he proportion we had exported there two years previously. The United States in the same year took from us 51,000 tons, valued at $\$ 1,635,000$, and we appear to have furnished ahout 79 per cent. of their total import of wood pulp. Our exports to other countries were inconsiderable, totalling only about 505,000 . It would, therefore, appear that we have in Great Britain an unlimited market for woud pulp, for if the whole output of the mills now operating and under construction in the province of Quebee wereshipped there, we should only be furnishing about to per cent. of her imports, and as 1 have already shown that Camada. and more particularly this prosince, his all the requirement for the production of the bent pulp at the lowest possible price, we should take every means to
conserve onr raw material and not allow it to be sent out of the country to aid our rivals to successfully compete with us.

## PULP AND PULP WOOD DUTIES.

Apparently the pulp trade have decided not to accept as finat the decision of the Board of Classification of the United States General Appraisers rendered March 23 rd latist. The Board on that date upheld the action of American customs officials in levying a countervailing duty on wood pulp imported from the province of Quebec. F. W. Meyers \& Company, of Rouse's Point, N. Y., representing wood pulp interests of the United States and Canada, engaged H.J. Cockinham, of L'tic:, to bring the question before the Board of Appraisers for review. At the hearing a few days ago he submitted evidence which he maintained warranted the Board in modifying it, former decision sufficiently to hold that pulp wood cut on private lands in Quebec should be exempted from a countervailing duty when imported into the United States. Mr. Russell, of the Laurentide Pulp Company, Grand Mere, Que., said that about 52 per cent. of the pulp wood used by his company was cut on Crown lands and the rest on private lands. The Board will render a decision shortly.

Rossed pulp wood is the subject of a dispute between the importers thereof and the United States Treasury Department. On a quantity of rossed or peeled wood recently imported from Canada by the Remington-slartin Paper Company, of Nurfolk, S. Y., the collector levied a duty of 35 per. cent., he doingr so, it is said, under instructions from the Treasury Deparinent at Washingion. The action aroused the pulp and paper manufacturers of northern New York, who appointed a committee to prepare and forward to the Treasary Departmeat a statement of the posution of the manufacturers in the matter. Heretofore pulp wood in all conditions has been imported free of duty. The imposition of a duty would indicate that the rossing of pulp wond is considered a process of manufacture. Should the action of the customs officer be confirmed it will add about $S_{S}$ a ton to the cost of producing paper.
Since the above was written the Treasury Deparment has issued an order directing that Camadian rossed wood te admitted free of duly until otherwise ordered.

## PULP NOTES.

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It is reported that the two pulp milh on the Sivsiboro river in Nova Scotia will be closed down until the market for pulp improces.
$\therefore$ is rumored that the Mactaren Company contrm. plate the erection of paiper mills adjoming their pulp mill at Euckingliam, gue.
It is reported that the L-iurentide lulp Company, of Girand Mere, gne., will double the capacity or the is pulp mill at an cariy date.
Mr. Forbes Wond, superintendent of the pulp mill of the Carce Manufacturing Company at Holyoke,Masc.. hia treen appoinied auperimendent of the Toromba Vilp \& Paper (ompany willa at (ornwall, ()nt.
Prise Brons © Company, of luebec, have their pulp mill at limouski nearly completrd. It is believed to be
their intention to eventually engage in paper making, as experience has shown that there is late or no money an pulp where a loug haul is incolved.
The formation of a chemical wood pulf syndicate in hantia-llmory is mill enguging attention. The idea in to reduce production and adsance pricen. Some apposition is bemg hown by peper maken, who have pelationed for a concession to erece pulp factories of their own.

It is reported that the Newtoundand Timber Eisates Conpany, in which B. F. Pearson, of hatifax, and 13. It Whitney, of Bonton, are interested, winl at once contruct a pulp mill of 100 tom capacity daty on the hane of the leed kiditway in Newfond dand, where the tumber limuts are situated. Several saw mills may also be crected.

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The Pentecost umber limis, situated on the nonth shore of the st. lan rence river, a few miles west of the Seven Ihlands, have been atopured by Johm Me. l.ennow, of syracuce, N. Y., and other Ameriam cappitalins. The set.dacate has also aegured from the governanent seweral water powers which remonned in the hands of the Crown after the limits were atepuired by their former owner, bagnon \& Frere. The atgreement with the government protidev dat at least S3uo,0m shatl be expended wilhin three gearn in derelopung the property. It is said to be the intention to build a pulp mill.

The erection of the proposed pulp mill at the Chathere, by the Ottana ar' Hull Power Comphan, hats been defored penshas the sethement of the litigaaon and diypate over the rights to the water power privileges outhe Ductua river. The company hat her pulp, mill plans in hand, and john femedy, hydrathe engineer, of Montreal, had been engaged to look after the development of the prower. As soon as the quevtion of ponsession of water power prisileges is settled, the company will proced with work on the pulp mill provided they are satished that they will be able to derolop enoush prouer.

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The secretary of the Maple Flooring Manu－ facturers＇Association of Michigan furnishes interesting facts and figures about that com－ paratively youthful industry．Architects well remember what atime thes used to have in bet－ ting a grood hardwood floor down．In the first place，it was a long hunt to find the kind and grade of lumber wanted；then，even if machined with unusual care on the best mol ag wat chine to be found，it was far from uniform，ow－ ing，it is said，to the fact that the harder woods in passing through caused the machinery to give in some wat，so that if one cut off an end of a siven piece that appeared all right，it was a chance if it mathed well in the other end of the same piece．But after all this，when a workmatn undertook to complete the dressing process begun by the machine，it seemed as if the troubles had just begun－the cost of hay－ ing and dressing smooth by hand would per－ haps nearly double the cost of foorings delivered at the building．So，therefore，when the maple flooring，thoroughly dry and well finished by special machinery，was placed on the mar－ ket it made its way very rapidly．It was true， squared at the ends and so well dressed that no plane need be used after laying，a touch with the cabinet scraper here and there being all that was required．This improved way of placing the goods on the market originated in the west．

Well－made hardwood flooring was at first to be found in maple only，but now several kinds of hardwood are in use．Oak，which is very
desirable for house floors，was some time in finding its way into the market in this form，if we remember，but now oak is to be had with the rest，and much birch is used，while beech is finding its way into stocks to some extent． Statistics as to output of＂maple flooring＂ probably cover all these varieties，and all thick－ nesses．Originally most of the output was ＂活＂stuff，but now quite a bit of＂ 38 ＂is sold for laying over old house floors，and although this is tongued and grooved，those who lay it recommend it as not weakened thereby so as to give them trouble in putting it down．How－ ever，＂g：＂ market，and it will be readily seen that if skill－ fully tongued and grooved this thickness should prove very desirable for house work，for while it would have little durability in soft or loose－ grained woods，one would chance it to wear many years in maple．Some $g 0$ per cent．of all flooring sold in the Northwest is＂ $21 / 4$＂ face，wisile Eastern states，Ohio，and the ex－ port trade，use most of the＂ $31 / 4$＂face．One jarge concern makes＂ $11 / 2$＂face from strips that will not make＂ $21 / 4$ ，＂and sells it at about the same as the＂ $21 / 4$ ．＂but a demand for the narrower in large quantities would raise the the cost to something like $\$ 5.00$ per M．above the cost of＂ $21 / 4$ ．＂

Maple appears to stand at the l．ead of the list for real wearing qualities．It is averse to dampness，and there are places where white oak would stand much longer．Opinions differ as to relative durability of the maple and birch in damp places and beech is too little known to say how it would behave in damp
situations．Oak stains easily，but the ex－ perienced housewife has most likely learned that she can have the stains removed from oak more easily than from the others．Owing also to its more open grain，marks and scratches show less in its surface than in the smoother and closer grained woods，while its color is a great advantage to its appearance in house floors．We would guess that beech trees would furnish flooring of more uniform color when laid and finished than either maple or birch．

## A BELT PROBLEM．

Sketch shows how I overcame the trouble we had with a short cross belt．The drive pulley is 44 inches and the driven pulley 9 inches．The distance between centers is 5 feet 8 inches．I believe every experienced man will admit this would be a hard belt to run．The loose pulley is 1 inch smaller in diamete：than the tight o．e．By placing；the

shaft out enough to make the belt run well on the tight pulley，it was simply impossible to keep it on the loose pulley．The full lines show how the belt did cross；the dotted lines show how it crosses now after putting a 12 － inch idler on the slack side of belt．We haven＇t a belt in the shop that suns better，nor is it possible to get one that does．－＂C．H．B．，＇ in the Wood－Worker．

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## SPACING AND LENGTH OF BAND SAW TEETH.

The spacing of band saw teeth, as used on bands and band resaws, varies from 1 to 2 inchees, but the greater majority run a spacing of about $11 / 2$ to $13 / 4$ inches. There is nothing
to recommend a longer spacing than the above, unless it is desired to run a long tooth with extreme hook. in such case, a 2 -inch spacing may be used, with throat from 险 to : inch deep on a log band satw and from $>8$ to $9-16$ on a band resaw, with large rounded gullet, yuite similar to that run on a circular satw. Shorter teeth are usually preferred for hardwoods and frozen timber than are used for suft woods or summer sawing. Thus a $1 / 2$-inch tooth is generally used for hardwouds in winter and a 9-16-inch in summer, while the teeth for soft woods range from $1 / 2$-inch to $3 / 4$-inch or longer. A style of throat that is very popular in many sections, and especially among the cypress manufacturers, is the rather long throat, with the base line about horizontal.

It is impossible to suggest that any particular style of tooth is best adapted to any particular wood, for the reason that all shapes of tecth are apparently used with success in different woods. Expert users of band resaws find
that for box-bourd work not over 12 inches wide, a spacing of $1 ¢ \leqslant$ is satisfactory. In work demanding a minimum satw kerf and a moderate speed for siw, as in vitwing picture backing, etc., at 2 -inch apacing is found grod. The same is true of reating panel stock and hardwoods. Kilu-diced hardwood such as oak, hard maple, stc., tends to dull the saw very rapidly, unless the feed is well regulated, and it is well to have the saw stand a fair feed instead of simply allowing it to rub the dust away. Careful feeding of the saw in kilndried hardwoods will enable the saw to do grood work in cutling considerable stock, where feeding without exercise of careful judgment may dull the saw in a few minutes. - Packigis.

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