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## VIENT OF THE LUMBER TRADE.

## GENERAL SURVEY.

many respects 1899 was a remarkable year he lumber trade. A most active demand, frices and a reasonable profit to manufacturwere leatures of the season's business. If ate returns were available, they would untedly show an increased home trade and a iderable expansion in the volume of export hess. From almost every province of the iniou there was an increase in shipments to gn countries, and particularly was there an ovement in the United States trade.
he of the most striking features of the year's hess was the almost unprecedented demand pardwoods and the lower grades of pine and ce. So great was the demand for low grade $k$ that at the close of the year this quality of er was in more scant supply than the upper

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mber prices steadily improved from the early g to about the month of September, when was a particularly sharp advance, brought partly by increased freight and insurance res, and partly by the competition in buying es for fall and winter requirements. While verage-prices tor all grades of lumber were the profits of manufacturers were reduced we extent by the increased cost of labor and hes. The cost of producing lumber, calcugfom the tree to the finished product, was two dollars per thousand teet higher than are previous year, so that reckoning on an nce on the finished product of two dollars thousand feet, the manufacturer's profit d be increasedonly by about one dollar. the expansion of the lumber trade during the was very largely due to increased building ations and a revival in industrial lines. The d-consuming industries of the country opersteadily throughout the year, many of them ling night and day. The result was a large ease in the consumption of lumber. Mining lopment also created a demand for lumber. pting a slight expansion, there were no liar features of the export trade. Great ain remains our best customer, and will, we ve, continue to provide a market for a greater tity ( Canadian lumber each year. AustraSouth America, the West Indies, China and n are also promising markets for Canadian The trend of foreign trade seems to be direction of closer relations between the facturer and the consumer.
time of writing there is much uncertainty rding the business of the current year. Prosare favorable to a large demand for lumber,
and preparations were made by the lumbermen early in the winter to get out a large stock of logs. In this they seem likely to be prevented by unfavorable weather conditions. The result will probably oe that the production of lumber will not meet the requirements of the markets, and that present prices will be maintained if they are not considerably advanced.

## ontario.

Lumber manufacturing was unusually active in the province of Ontario during is99, and the general conditions surrounding the trade weresuch as to give encouragenent to lumbermen. It was the first year in which the benefits of the manufacturing clause were realized. Although this legislation went into effect on April $30 t h$, 1898, the lumbermen were permitted to export in the summer of that year the logs cut during the previous winter. The effect of the regulation, so far as the sawing of lumber is concerned, did not begin to be felt until the spring of last year. The result of the legislation was a largely increased production of lumber in western Canada in comparison with the previous year and tise putting into operation of mills that had been idle for years. There was a marked revival in the industry, the cost of labor and supplies was higher, and the country generally became mure prosperous as a result. The full benefit of the law, how. ever, has only commenced to be realized, as from year to year a greater number of saw-mills and wood-working factories will be established. At the present time new mills are in course of construction, and others are being refitted for operations next season.

While the production of lumber in the Georgian Bay district was considerably heavier than in the previous year, the output of the Ottawa Valley mills shows a falling off. The total pine production of the province, nevertheless, was probably $100,000,000$ feet greater than in the season of 1898 .

Throughout the entire year there was an active demand for pine lumber. Many sharp advances in prices took place, particularly in the lower grades. Mill culls, for instance, at Georgian Bay points which sold in 1898 at $\$ 5.50$ per thousand were readily taken las $t$ year at an advance of \$3. Much of this class of stock was shipped to the United States, the cost to the purchaser being thus increased by the import cluty of $\$ 2$ per thousand. Before the close of the season all available box lumber had been picked up, and the higher grades were purc hased to some extent for bex-making. This resulted in an advance in the price of the better quality of pine lumber. There was probably an advance during the year averaging $\$ 2$ per thousand feet on all grades. A quantity of deals cut by the Georgian Bay mills was shipped to Great $\mathrm{B} r^{1}$ tain, but the Ottawa Valley continues to hold the bulk of this trade owing to its favorable location for shipping purposes. The Ottawa Valley manufacturers realized for their Britis $h$ stock slightly higher prices than in 1898 , while $w$ seir shipments to the United States, which were considerable, they secured a substantial advance.

Cedar and hemlock lumber shared in the improvement, the advance in price being about $\$ 2$ per thousand. Hemlock which sold at mills in Western Ontario at $\$ 6$ in the spring brought
as high as $\$ 8$ toward the close of the year. There was it greater use of these classes of timber for building purposes.

The hardwood industry made a marked advancement. So great was the demand that buyers found it impossible to purchase to the full extent of their requirements, and towards the close of the year the question of price became a secondary consideration. Ash advanced during the year about $\$_{4}$, and elmabout $\$ 3$ per thousand. On hardwoods generilly there was a gain of about $\$ 3$ per thousand. The full extent of this advance, however, was not realizad oy some manufacturers, who had sold their output carly in the season at lower prices than those which ruled later in the year. The cost of logs was likewise considerably higher. But, considering all the conditions, we believe that the margin of profit in the manufacture of hardwood lumber exceeded any year for the past decade.

Shingles and lath were in brisk demand during the year. The price of shingles did not advance in proportion to other stock, but the same cannot be said of lath. No. I lath, which sold carly in the spring at $\$ 1 . j 0$ per thousand, readily found a purchaser before the close of the year at $\$ 3.75$ This represents an advance of 250 per cent., Which is almost unprecedented in lumber trade history.

Reverting to the lumber production, we give beluw the cut tor two gears of twenty-one milis in Western Ontariu. The tutals show an increase of production last year equal to about fifty per cent. The figures are given with a view of indicating the increase in the production, and represent but a small proportion of the total cut of the district:

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After careful investigation the lumber production of the Ottawa Valley in 1899 is placed at 532,000,000 feet. Below is given a statement of the separate and combined cuts of the mills for the past two seasons. It will be observed that, in comparison with the previous year, a decrease is shown of about $100,000,000$ feet. The explanation of this is that the Bronson \& Weston mill and Wm. Mason \& Sun's mill at Oltawa, and the mill of the Canada Lumber Co. at Carleton Place, were not operated during the year. The cambined cut of these three mills in 1898 was $36,000,000$ feet. R. \& W. Conroy's mill at Deschencs, which cut $17,000,000$ feet in 1898, was destroyed by fire in July last, when only 3.000.000 feet had been cut. Another circumstance was that
several of the mills were not operated steadily last season mwing to a shortage in the supply of logs．The cat of the Hull Lumber Company，for instance，was less than half that of the previous season as a result of an insufficient stock of logs， while the Gillies Bros．Company，of Braeside， also suffered from this cause．

## Ottana Valley Promiction．

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The volume of lumber shipped to European countries from the province of Quebec during the year 1899 cannot fairly be taken as reflecting the condition of the lumber trade．These shipments， in comparison with the previous year，show a decrease，although it is admitted by manufac－ turers that the year was one of active demand and considerable prosperity．Heavy shipments of lumber，clapboards，shingles，lath，etc．，were made to the United States，and the demand from that quarter induced much competition between buyers and reduced the quantity of lumber ship－ ped to Great Britain．The cut of lumber was not an unusually heavy one，and consequently at the close of the year we find stocks greatly de－ pleted and prices of lumber from two to three dollars per thousand feet higher than they were last spring．There was also witnessed an un－ usually active demand for Quebec hardwoods， but prices did not advance to the same extent as on pine and spruce lumber．
A factor which tended to decrease the lumber shipments from the St．Lawrence is the adverse discrimination of the insurance companies against the British North American trade．The Under－ writers had suffered heavy losses on vessels from American ports，and for some reason placed the onus upon the St．Lawrence route．The result was the diversion of trade to the ports south of the St．Lawrence．

The shipments of spruce and pine deals，etc．， from the port of Montreal to Europe in 1899 were $290,238,527$ feet，made up as follows


In the previous season the shipments were 323，435，266 teet，and in 1897 320，802，733 feet． It wijl thus be observed that the decrense last year as compared with the two previous years was about $30,000,000$ tect．The trade with the River Platte was of littie account，being only 1,0 201，266 feet，as against $11,444,776$ teet in 3898 ． From the ports of Three Rivers and Batiscan the shipments to Great Britain and continental ports were slightly larger than in the previous years． The tables below show the ！uantity and value of lumber and timber exported from the ports named in the last two years ：

Shipments from qubiec Ports．


Coming to the port of Quebec，we find a con－ siderable increase in the export of square and waney timber．Mr．James Patton，supervisor of cullers，furnishes the following comparative statement for three years of the quantity of the chief classes of timber measured and culled at the port ：
Statement of Timber Measured and Culleit at the port of Quebec．


The timber trade of Quebec is reviewed by J．Bell Forsyth＇s annual circular as follows ：

White Pine．－Without much change in the ex－ port as compared with last year，an unprecedent－ ly light stock remains to winter，especially in waney pine．The production will again be small， and probably quite inadequate to meet the de－ mand and provide a wintering stock twelve months hence．

|  |  | Supply | Export． | Stock |
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|  | Wancy | 1，793，28： |  | 1，014，3t4 Wiancy |
| 1898 | Square |  | 3，015，320 |  |

Red Pine－An increased export and reduced stock is probably due to the marked advance in the value of pitch pine，not only in the United Kingdom but at the port of shipment．

$\begin{array}{llllll}1809 \ldots . . & 159,977 & \ldots . & 234,240 & \ldots . & 142,078 \\ 1898 & 239,512 & \ldots . & 145,600 & \ldots & 291,639\end{array}$
OAk．－Shipments show a decrease，though not a very large one，on the reduced export of last year．The stock is considerably diminished and manufacture will be curtailed，while demand
promises to improve in view of insufficietit ro stock on Englsh railroads for present e．lort traffic．
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figures，nt which demand continues gron． is light，and the scarcity of suitable timber of good size will limit production

|  | Supply |  | Export． |
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| $1899 \ldots$ | 472.889 | $\ldots$. | 5.5 .360 |
| $1899 \ldots$ | 474.194 | $\ldots$ | 459.920 |

Ash．－The stock is almost nominal，and small average wood has become very sutu The demand is good in the markets of United Kingdom at full prices，but it se m possible to obtain any large quantity for ea


Birch．－The export has been large and is left on hand，but as production promises considerable if this winter remains favo there should be a sufficient supply of new tor early shipment，though probably not than demand warrants．

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| $1898 \ldots$ | 253,039 | $\ldots$. | $328,4+40$ |

Pine Deals．－A very great advance in the tracting prices for Ottawa mill cuttings ha established for next season．The United demand and prices fully justify the figur ready obtained，from a producer＇s point of but the point reached may seriously limit sumption in the United Kingdom，and makes business dangerous and the possible pro adequate for the risk involved．

|  | Supply． |  | Export． |
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| $1809 \ldots$ | 396,000 | $\ldots$. | 353,000 |
| $1898 \ldots$ | 392,381 | $\ldots$ | $192,3^{81}$ |

Spruce Deals－Have improved in val this side from United States demand，which mises a better return from boards than At same time the advance in Baltic whitew and a good business in the United Kinge fully justify even a greater advance on lact 5 prices than mill cuttings have been placed a

$\begin{array}{llll}1898 \ldots . & \begin{array}{l}3,03,000 \\ 2,881,670\end{array} & \ldots & 6,363,592,782\end{array}$
It is evident that the deal exports for were wrong in last circular．All returns not have heen entered at custom house circular was issued．
Sawn Lumber．－Shipments have been during the past season to the River Platte about the same prices as last year．The des from the United States has practically cleara all available stock，at very good prices．

Freights－Opened at about same figurt usual of late years for steam，and sixts shillings for timber，per Pg．Std．intake， forty－two and sixpence for deals，was paid Quebec loading，and forty shillings for Mor： liner space．Rates remained without change till the usual fall advance，which probably made more marked by withdraw some of the liners for transport service． tonnage is rapidly becoming a thing of the in the business of Quebec．

## THE MARITIME PROVINCES

＂I have found the year just closed the b have ever experienced in the lumber busine This is the terse way a New Brunswick mand turer expresses his satisfaction with the busis and profits of the year 1890 ．This sentime however，is not local in character，as we bra it reffects the opinion of the lumber trade of provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Sof The cut of lumber in the two provinces d the year，as gauged from the reports of owners，was slightly heavier than in the set of 1898 ，and would have been still greater bu an insufficient supply of logs．Early in the prices of timber products began to advance，able
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Brunswick and Nova Scotin ar: compiled from J. B. Snowball's annual Miramichi wood trade circular:
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| Geo. Burchill \& Sons. 7 | 7,146 | 8,509,000 | 12,000 |
| E. Hutchison . ...... 7 | 6,968 | 8,357,032 |  |
| Fredk. Dyke. . . . . . . 7 | 6,279 | $6,429,589$ |  |
| W. A. Hickson...... $\downarrow$ | 4.418 | 5,230,080 |  |
| Clark, Skillings \& Co. 3 | 4.165 |  |  |
| Total. . . . . . .133 | $15.55{ }^{8}$ | 128,802,030 | 5,059,0 |

Birch Squares-J. B. Snowball, 374,099 pes. Spool Wood-Clark, Skillings \&i Co., 3,587,088 sup. fl.: James McKinlay, 62S,000 sup. ft.; tutal, $4,212,088$.


Distribution of St. Johe, N. b., Shipments, Dec. ist, 1898. то Dec. ist, 1899.

| Ports. $\begin{gathered}\text { Sup } \\ \text { scan } \\ 2 n\end{gathered}$ | Sup ft. deak, scantling, ends and baands. | Tinitrer (tons). Pine. Birch. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Barrow. | 3,053,200 |  |
| Barry Dock. | 3,302,110 |  |
| Helfast. | 4,548,416 |  |
| Bantry | 513,351 |  |
| Cardifif | 14,181,468 |  |
| Colerait | 460,030 |  |
| Clare Castle | 386,265 |  |
| Cork | 1,158,339 |  |
| Dingle. | 479,070 |  |
| Dublin. | 6,978,077 |  |
| Foyncs. | 434.409 |  |
| Fleetwood | 3.427 .773 |  |
| Garston | 1,663,200 |  |
| Glasgow . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | - 8,341,124 |  |
| Liverpnol...................... | - 38,515,710 | 131 5,859 |
| London. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 4,160,786 |  |
| Limerick. | 2,8;8,035 |  |
| Londonderry ................ | 1,131,18. |  |
| Manchester........ .......... | .. 39,206,834 |  |
| Micrsey f.o..................... | . 14,942,136 |  |
| Newprart ............. ....... | - 4,937,590 |  |
| Newry | 550,770 |  |
| Sharpness | 20,532,072 |  |
| Swansea . | 775,669 |  |
| Tralce. | 682,110 |  |
| Waterford | 889.720 |  |
| Australia (Melbuurne). | 2,1761415 |  |
| Spain (Barcelona and Valencia) | (ia) 1,304,410 |  |
| France (Marscilles)...... . . . | .. 1,168,157 |  |
| Holland (Rotterdam). . . . . . . . . | . 970,129 |  |
| Africa (Tunis). . . . . . . . . . . . . | - +43.789 |  |

Shipments from St. johe to Trans-atlantic Ports for the Past to Years

| Total sup ft. deals, etc. | Tion Birch. | (Innsh <br> Yinc. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 180,167,488 | 7,221 | 487 |
| 132,608,516 | 1,311 | 4,317 |
| 122,242,682 | 5,004 |  |
| 146,529,309 | 10,200 |  |
| 156,653,334 | 5,294 |  |
| 153,473,076 | 5.015 |  |
| 126,449,707 | 8,374 | 324 |
| 167,246,442 | 9,872 | 128 |
| 2.4,399,066 | 9,454 | 92 |
| 184,954,343 | 6,636 | 95 |
| 184,192,435 | 5,859 | 131 |

Shlbants from Other Nbil Mrionswiok Ports,


Toral. Trans-Athantic Shements of New Bronswick 1899, Compart: with i8gS.


The tranc-stiantic shipments from the province of New Brunswick for the past ten gears were:

| Sup. feet. | Sup. feet. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1890..... ${ }^{\text {a }}$ 293,000,000 | 1805..... 291,000,000 |
| 1891 ... ... 253,000,000 | 1896 . . . . . $3^{86,000,000}$ |
| 1892 . . . . . 325,000,000 | 1897 . . . $424,000,000$ |
| 1893 . . . . . 312,000,000 | 1896 . . . . . 412,000,000 |
| 8897 . . . . 326,000,000 | 1899 . . . . 426,000,000 |

Surmbnts from Nova Scotia.

| Ports | No. Nois. | Tons | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sup. A. dealx, } \\ & \text { etc. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sialifax | 43 | 28.487 | 53.772 .654 |
| P'arrsboro. | 18 | 26,206 | 30.552.605 |
| Amherst and oupports | 33 | 27,782 | 17.382,430 |
| Hubbard's Cove | 10 | 7.500 | $6.822,761$ |
| Lixcomb | 5 | 5,451 | $5 \cdot 430.717$ |
| Pictou | 5 | $5.5{ }^{*} 5$ | +.516,000 |
| Ship Itartur | 5 | 4.270 | 3,920.064 |
| Sheet llarbor | 4 | 2,801 | 2, 1788.423 |
| Yarmoull. | 1 | 2,750 | 2,551,900 |
| Mahone Bay | 1 | 110 | $3{ }^{3 \times 1,000}$ |
| Total. | 128 | 4 | , $009,50$. |

The shipments of deals from Nova Scotia to transAthatic ports for the past ten lears were:

|  | Gup feet |  | p feet |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1890 | (0) 512924 | 1895 | 109.32.4. 303 |
| 1891 | 78.603 .742 | 18.96 | 123,116.389 |
| 1892 | 87,861,398 | 1897 | 185,362,562 |
| 1893 | 109,252,930 | 1898. | 148,239,804 |
| 1594. | 106,327,250 | 1889 | 128,009,504 |

## MANITOBA.

Manitoba is a lumber consuming rather than a lumber producing province. During the year there was a considerable expansion in the consumption in Manitoba and the Territories, perhaps one-third more lumber being consumed than in the year 1898 . The Winnipeg Commercial is authority for the statement that ${ }^{150,000,000}$ feet of lumber were sold during 1898 , as against $125,000,000$ feet in 1898, and $90,000,000$ teet in 1897. These figures, allhough perhaps not accurate, are sufficiently near the mark to show the trend of the trade.
It is estimated that the mills in the Lake of the Woods district, located at Rat Portage, Keewatin, Fort William, Port Arthur and Savanne, shipped into Manitoba $78,000,000$ feet, of which perhaps 50,000,000 feet were cut at the Rat Portage mills. The totai mat of the Manitoba mills reached in the vicinity of $23,100,000$ feet, an increase of $10,000,000$ feet over the previous year. This would leave $47,000,000$ feet to be made up by shipments from British Columbia and the United States, from which districts no estimates have been obtained. It is safe to assume, however, that $25,000,000$ feet of lumber was shipped into Manitoba and the Territories during the year by British Columoia manufacturers, leaving 22,000,000 feet as representing the importations from the United States. In the year 1898 the quantity imported from the United States was $35,000,000$ feet, but it is admitted that the Canadian manufacturers last year controlled the market to a greater extent than formerly.
Lumber prices in Manitoba, as in the other provinces, advanced steadily during the year, and notwithstanding high prices building operations were continued without cessation. The farmers throughout the province erected modern dwelling houses and farm buildings. Lumber manufacturers anticipate that the present demand for lumber will contmue throughout 1900, and are preparing to supply the same by providing an increased supply of logs.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The lumber manufacturers of British Columbia will look back upon 1899 as a year of considerable progess. The activity in mining and building operations stimulated the home demand for lumber, and it was in this branch of the trade that th greatest expansion took place during the year. here were also increased shipments to Manitobas he Territories and Eastern Canada. Early in the year prices showed signs of stiffening, and before the close they had advanced fully two dollars per thousand feet.
One feature of the trade of the cuast province was the resumption of operations by several large mills which had been idle for some years. One of the largest of these was the mill ot the North Pacific Lumber Company at Barnet, on Burrard Inlet. The capacity of other mills was increased, and taken altogether the production of lumber in British Columbia is believed to have excceded the cut of any season for several years past. The Vancouver mill of the British Columbia Mills, Timber \& Trading Company was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1898 . This mill was rebuilt
during the year and resumed operations about the first of September.

The volume of the export trade in lumber does not indicate any marked degree of progress, but this is attributable to an unprecedented scarcity of lumber carrying tomnage. Towards the close of the yenr there was a famine of ships, and the offering of the highest rates on record failed to secure the necessary vessels for the shipment of lumber. The Chemainus mill, for instance, is understood to have upwards of $4,000,000$ feet of lumber awniting delivery to foreign countries. The exports to foreign countries during the year were $49,720,000$ feet, valued at $\$ 432,151$, against $49,000,000$ feet, valued at $\$ 406,001$, in 1898. The following table shows the point of shipment, destination and valuc of the various cargoes :

| Vesse'. | from chimanints. Destination. | Feel. | Va'ue. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| John Snith | Capeturn | 626,856\$ | 32 |
| Colonia | Tientsin.. | 700,447 | 5.950 |
| W. F. Watzenann. | Tientsin | 364,008 | 2,400 |
| I. K. Wrod. | Ticnisin. | 660,292 | 5.610 |
| llawnian Isles | Mellwurnc | 1,914,665 | 14,309 |
| Sca King | Sydney | 1,130,278 | 9.160 |
| Orio | Calculta, Ifr. India | 1,016,318 | 14,045 |
| L'ndaunted. | Capetown | 1,263,853 | 10,684 |
| star of l'rance | Mellwurne | 1,176,922 | 9,179 |
| Britsh General | Australia | 1,457.539 | 12.510 |
| Hercules. | Oueensboro | 907.546 | 10,410 |
| Selostion liach. | ientsin and Nes chwang. | 552,566 | 4.782 |
| King Cyrus | Newchwang. | 878,728 | 9.751 |
| Cuy C. lioss | Taku, Japan | 1,134,648 | 12,619 |
| dianaimo. | Taku... | 419,152 | 3.450 |
| Dalnyvostock | l'ort Arthur, Clinna. . | 1,452,876 | 12,716 |
| Tyr. | Newchwang | 1,618,102 | 12,892 |
| l:. K. Wood | Shanghai. | 634,372 | 6,138 |
| Echo | Valparaiso.. | 877,993 | 7,938 |
| Fincell | Melbourne | 1,107,433 | 9,780 |
| Marion Chilcoti | Adelaude | 1,439,356 | 12,525 |
| Harvester | Capetown | 1,121,121 | 9,550 |
| Sea King | Adelaid | 1,137,030 | 9.900 |
| Yosemite | Sydney. | 759,831 | 7,600 |


| Veas! | Destination | Fee | Value. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Clan Galloraith | Algoa lay | 1,641,759\$ | \$13.957 |
| Comperr. | Japan | 416,928 | 3.545 |
| Addeley. | Sydney. | 1,002,73 ${ }^{4}$ | 7.676 |
| Elm Branch | Tientsin | 2,841,324 | 26,000 |
| Wachusett | Melbuarne | 1,111,240 | 13.332 |
| Kate F. Troop | Philadelptua. | 879,000 | 17,000 |
| Vn. 11. Macy. | Alrica. | 1,5192,000 | 14,700 |
| Ivs.. | Melbourne. | 847.708 | 0.396 |
| Tyr | Newchwang | 1.514.390 | 12469 |
| Coalinga.. | Chili. | 706,000 | 7,800 |
| Vessel. | \&ROM MOODYIJLIR Destination. | Feet. | Value. |
| L-ovisiana. | Sydne | 1,129,111 | 8,596 |
| Kagnar. | Newchwang | 1,494,421 | 10,625 |
| Kodenbek. | Callao | 1,309,231 | 11,130 |
| Altcar | Callio | 1,012,013 | 8,600 |
| Cily of Madras | Australia. | 1,321,177 | 7,888 |
| Dundee.. | Calcutia.. | 1, 91,9 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 15,221 |
| Flurence. | bydney | 1,237,959 | 9,403 |
| Kose | Geraldtun, W'. A. | $619.75{ }^{3}$ | 5,200 |


| (1)Ante | HARBOR, COWILIAAN, WESTMINSTRR. | rukia an |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| V essel. | Destination. | Feet. | Value. |
| Lric. | Tientsin. | (piles) | \$ 3,115 |
| J. M. Weatherwax. | Nagasaki | 519,243 | 4,670 |
| Brunel. | Callan | 1,194,958 | 10,153 |
| Alca. McNeil. | Purt İitic | 605.579 | 5,140 |
| Fred J. Weod | Santa Rosalia | 180,400 | 3,500 |
| Northwest. | Santa Rosalia | 120,000 | 3,500 |

From the above we have compiled the following table showing the value of shipments to the different countries in comparison with the previous year :


The entire absence of shipments to the United Kingdom is a striking feature of the above table; as in 1898 the shipments represented in value $\$_{43}, 288$, and $1897 \$_{54} 1684$. This falling off, however, is more thin offset by the increased shipments to the Orient, the value last year being \$137,032, as against $\$ 75,303$ in 1898 . British India, it will be observed, is also opening up as a market for British Columbia forest products.

The outlook for 1900 is regarded by mana turers as most promising. Unsold stociss mills are unusually light, and it is grat fy learn that there is practically no stock o grade lumber on hand. While the home cuns tion is likely to be quite as great as in $1 \& 9 g$ believed that a much larger export trade $w$ done, particularly with the Orient.

The shingle manufacturers of British Col also experienced a good year in 1900. advanced from so to 20 cents per thousind were sarce and in good demand througho entire scason. Many of the mills are now o ing day and night, and have orders on which cannot be filled for several weeks $o$ The shipments to Manitoba, the North-W'es Ontario were about the same as during
A marked feature of the trade last your the scurcity of a steady supply of timber mills at prices which the manufacturers afford to pay. There is, of course, a supp cedar timber in British Columbia for many, to come, suitable for making shingles, b present price of shingles is altogether tou 1 bear the cost of delivering it from the stur mills. The free import of Puget Sound shit also remained a disturbing factor, they being at a number of the largest and best poin Manitoba. The British Columbia manutact entertain the hope, however, that the Gor ment will relieve them from such an unfair tion by restoring the duty at the coming se of Parliament.

## NEW MILL AT WIARTON.

Mr. Robert Watt, of Wiarton, Ont., has recently pleted a new saw mill at that place. It is located $\alpha$ poy's Bay, and is a modern establishment, being pes with a complete outfit of the latest improved mach including one large circular saw and the useal numit cut off saivs; also a fine shingle mnehine and othet ances, all operated by a to horse power engine s 140 horse power boiler, equipped with a Dutct which is fed by carriers. The premises are well ${ }^{2}$ by an electric light plant on the premises, utilizing boe and incandescent hights, and ample fire protection vided both in mill and yards.
The daily capacity of this mill is from 20,000 to feet of lumber and 25,000 to 36,000 shingles per dat? ting all kinds of hardwood, pine and hemlock lis ling all kinds of hardwood, pine and cedar shongles. Shipments are made in en pine and cedar shingles. Shipments are made in ar cargo lots to the wholesale and retaistrade an one tario, as far east as Brock ville, Kingston and Mof
west as far as Sarma, Windsor and Detroit, and west as far as Sarma, Windsor and Detroit, and
points in the Niagara peninsula, with a large ir points in the Niagara penins
Mr. Watt purchased the plant from Kidd Brosf years ago, and after running the old mili one rebuilt it at a large expense.
Mr. Watt has had a life long experience in the facture of lumber, and is widely known to the trad in all parts of the province.

CRACKS IN NEW SAWS-BRAZING.
Tup writer's recent experience may prove interesting Wood- Worker's readers. Twi, wiei band saws, 19 gre inches wide, were received fom the factory. They to be in goca condurion whr. examined under tensio: hut five cracks developed in each saw willing a coupled after starting. They were cut and brazed at the
Since then they have run steadily for 18 inont ${ }^{\text {. }}$. Since then they have run steadily for 18 inont'
30,00 feet per day, with only two breaks in that ume

a brazing stect, not iron, $1 \times 3$.inch, with corners cut 5 the surface next to saw will be about $1 / 1$-inch wider thr as shown in sketch, which should show as for $\frac{1}{2}$-inch than the braze, less pressure is required and the braut than the braze, less pressure is required and the braue
quicker. Experience shows that by using a current of quicker. Experionce shows or bellows, of cven tanimg with a shingle, a blower or bellows, or cocn janming with a shingle,
cin be nade which will last a long time and be perfect) can be nade which will last a long time and be perfect)
factory. But don't wait until your tools are ton celd: second at this stage of the process nust be taken into 20 -E. L. Haskins, in Woodworker.

The Magnolia Metal Company, of New Yorix, haverf opened a branch office at 421 Austell Buildings, A Georgia, and propose also to open offices shortly in St San Francisco and Philadelphia.

A LUMBRRMAN HONORED. aftur ls the Canada Luaberaman much pleasant to its readers the accompanying Mr J. G. Scott, manager of the Pacilumber Company, who was recently being elected Mayor of the city of minster, B.C., tor the yenr 1900 . The id a tribute to Mr. Scott's ability and giving him the largest majority ever b Mayoralty contest in that city. resting to learn that Mr. Scott is an ric noy. He was born in the city of Strat-


Mr. J. G. Scott,
ecentl
to engage his intention, should decide to place his services at the disposal of the public.

## THE LATE HON. GEO. BRYSON.

One by one the pronece humbermen of the Ctawa Valley are passing to the Great Beyond. Hon, Geo. Brysun, sen., dhed at his home at Fort Coulonge, Que., on January ${ }^{2}+$ th, after $n$ useful life of amost four score and ten years. He lind been ill bit a few days.
The Inte Mr. IBryson was born in Paisley, Scotland, on Decenber 16 th, 1813 , and was therefore in his $881 / 1$ year. He emigrated to Canada in 1821 , and setted with his parents un a farm in the township of Ramsay, Lanark County. During the early part of thy life he worked on the farm in summer to make a comfortable lionte for his parents, part of the winters being spent in cutting cordwood by the cord for a firm in Amonte. His education consisted of that which lie received during an attendance of three months at sehool and what he learned from his father during the fall and winter evenings. He was one of the first to engrage in lumbering in his district. At iwenty-lwo yeirs of afe lie in hembering inhis district. Artwent No socinted with his brotherin-law, the late Hiram Collon, of Litchfield, Pontiac County, Que., in lumbering Copertions on the Coulonge river above lagyed Chus operrtinns on the Coulonge river above Ragked Chute At that time red pine timber was in good demand, and the together took of some very large timber from Calume lsland. He then returned to Ramsay Township and in company with another party tonk a large ran to Quebec $\rightarrow$ ais did not prove a profitable venture, as when the timber was sold they found that there was a considerable deficit to be made up. Mir. Bryson, however, was not eassily discouraged. He next year operated on the Coulonge, and, aided by the late Mr. Colton, took out another raff. The sale of this raft netted a fair profit, which Mr. Bryson devoted io paying off the debt of the previous year. Subsequently he $\mid$ urchased the good will of $a$ half-breed and cleared the farm on which he lived until he built a residence in Fort Coulonge in \$89.
The late Mr. Bryson was not what might be called an extensive lumberman, rarely making more than one large rafteach year, but after $186{ }_{+}$he usually had one or two camps, besides jobbers, making saw-logs, which he soid generally to the late Capt. Young, of Ottawa. He furnished men to manufacture square timber and logs from 1864 to men to manufacture square zmber and lumbering in 1873, 18;6. although retiring from active humbering in 1873 ,
whien he disposed of most of his limits to his two sons, Mr. Geo. Bryson, jr., andl the late Jolin Bryson. Bein! Geo. Bry'son, jr., and the late Join isyson.
shrewd, industrious, and frugal, he emassed considerable shrewd,
weath,
Mr. Bryson lived a life of great uscfulness. He was a promoter of the Pontiac \& Pacific Junction Railway, a nember of the Upper Oltawa Improvement Company for many years, and one of the founders and a director of the


Bant: of Otrawa. The town of Bryson, formerly known as Havelock, was re-named after the Bryson fanily. In politics he was a Libera! His parliamentary career began politics he was a Libera. His pariamentary career begaty in 1857, when he was elected to represent Pontiac county in the old Canadian assembly. ine was called to the Legislative Council at Quebec in 1867, and occupicd a
seat there for twenty years, when he retired in favor of seat there for twenly years, when he retired in favor of
his second son, Mr. Geo. Bryson, jr. He was for many his second son, Mr. Geo. Bryson, ir. He was for many
years Mayor of Mansfield and was warden of Ponliac for four consccutive terms. He lived a christian life, being an elder of the Presbyterian church for over forty years. As a tribute to his worth his funeral was attended by nearly two thousand persons, including prominent business meen and representatives from various banking and other institutions in which be was interested.

John Munro has purchased Paul Bros.' planing mill at Midland, Ont, and will put in sash and door machinery.

## THE OTTAWA VALLTYY.

## (Correspondence of the Canada luminteman.)

A portable saw mill now situated at Munssenu lake, about twenty miley from Ottawa, is being operated all winter, work being rushed ahead night mud day. The logs are drawn derect to the mill from the woods. The niill atself, whelh is run by electricity, has eighty horse power and is fitted up for remuval on short notice. Last season such a mill was erected on a larga barge, which navgat ed the waters of the Othawa and its tributaries. The mill wasthus saled frompoint to point, and when a centrat was taken the logs were smply floated alonsside. This is the first of its kind, but ollurs will probably be pmit in collt. mission next season, as the present high prices ruling make them profitable as well as convenient for smatl dealers.
Mr. James W. Woods, Oltana, manufacturer of lumbermen's supplies, states that his business has increased 50 per cent. in the last year, and shipments are now made to all points in Ontario and Quebec, as well as New Brunswick and Brimhll Columbin. Tlin busmess h.is been conducted for five yeary by Mr. Wonds, and the sutisfaction given the cusiomers may be undenstood when it is stated hat not $n$ single accomit has heen lout. Next spring Mr. Woods will erect a new five storey warchouse in Oltawn, wheh with machinery will cost about $\$ 35,000$. Quite a run is at present being made on the firmeshand. knit underwear.
Messrs. James and R. J. Davidson, of the firm of Davidson \& Thackery, propretors of Ollawa's leading planing mill, have argain been re-elected to positions at the city council board. Messrs. W. D. and F. 1F. Mor ris, manager and cily traveller respectively of the Ollawa branch of the Queen City Ol Company, have also been gramed the same honor by the ratepayers. The two pairs of brothers are well known to the lumber trade, and their success in their businesy calluggs..furnishes the kes note for their success at the polls.
Licut. W. T. Lawless, of the Oltana company of the first Camadian contingent, now on the acence of war, is in privare life a very eficient and popular clerk in the in private life a very efficient and popular clerk in the
office of the Upper Ollawa Improvement Company, the office of the Upper Othava Inmpowement Company; the
concern that rafti the logs for all he Oltawa mills. Lieut. concern that rafts the logs for all he Oltawa mills. Liell. absence nt the front, and onl his return his desk will again absence at the front, and onl his return his desk will again
be given him. His friends in the lumber business remenbe given him. His friends in the lumber business remeen-
bered "Billy. and presented him with several useful gifts. Several of these friends have had bright chatly etters from the soldier lumber clerk.
It appears there is a hitel in the negotiations now pending for the sale of the Gilmour \& Hughosen spruce himits above Ultawa. American capitalists were desireus of securing the land, as they metended to erect a large pulp mill near by, at Chelsea, Que. The Provincial Govern-ment-hay, however, advanced a claim to the vaiuable water powers which it was thought belonged, as did the water powers whel it Was (hought belonged, as did he limits, to Gilmour \& Hughson. Documents, it is claimed, however, can be procured showing that the water power was included in a Crown grant made to Thomas
Briglam years ago. He sold 11 to one Gardner Chureh in 184:, and the lumer now holds the deed in whic's no reserve claims are set forth. Even should the Quebee Government establish a claim to the water power, it is thought likely thas a reasonaile rental can be arranged and the erection of the large pulp unll proceeded with.
Mld. W. D. Morras, Manager of the Queen Cits Oil Co.'s Utawa busmess, states that last years.businesy with the mills and lumbermen of the Oltawa Valley was the largest on record. This concern supplies atl the Ottawnand Ottawa Valley mills with lubricant and lightung olls. etc., and the increase in business is due to the improvencents in the lumber business. The present year promises to in the lumber business. The present $y$
eccipse the past one for the same reason.
Mr. John Belford, caslier for W. C. Edwards \& Co.,'of this eity, is one of the nembers of the Oltawa battery now en route-for South Africa. Jack was very popular and widely known in the lumber trade, and he carries with him the test wishes of all.
Ald. James Davidson, of the firm of Davidson \& Thackeray, Ottawa, leaves for England this week on his annual business trip.

The recent mild spell has caused consternationamongst the Ottawa lumbernen, who state that the unfasorable weather has artually destroyed what chances there were of securing a good supply of logy. Men and teams are both ide in the woods, where the lack of snow makes transportation difficult.

Othawa mill men have received advices that British buyers are en route to this country to contract for their requirements. Prices remain high and there is already a brisk demand for next year's cut. Mill men are in some cases hoiding off, as the prospects of a still furdher addvance in the English market are good. American buyers are also fixuring on next season's warts.
The Ridenu Lumber Company, during the past year, did a gresily increased husiness, but as lhe annual statement has not been prepared, the exact comparison cannot be made. Members of the firm state that American buyers came to the Oltaua market last seaton for the buycrst time in the last eight years. During the previous year the local millmen had to go to the American buyers, year the docal millmen had to go to the American buyers, but the demand was so great last year that the Ameri-
cans were glad to allow the Canadian mill owners to cans were glad
dictate prices.

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## THE SAW-IOG PROBLEM.

For the past year we have heard but little of the Michigan lumberman lobbyist; be has rested quietly in the hope that the courts would compel the Ontario Government to permit the exportation of saw-legs from the province. This hope not having materialized, he has now turned up at Wiashington, with the avowed intention of coercing Great Britain into taking from the Ontario Government her right to make laws to regulate the manulacture of her raw material. The Michigan lumberman must be given credir for his perseverance, even though he may not succeed in his present undertaking.

At the time of wriling such well-known mill owners as Col. A. F. Bliss, Walter S. Eddy and Selwin Eddy are at the l'nited States capital, and have submilted to the Treasury Department several questions, including one as to whether there is any diplomatic reason why the retaliatory clause of the Dingley Bill should not be put into effect. This clause in the bill reads as follows:
" Provided that if any country or dependency shall impose an export duty on saw-logs, round unmanufactured timber, stave bolts, shingle bolts, or heading bolts, exported to the Uinited States, or a discriminating: chatige on houm-stichs ur chains used by Imerican sitizens in tasing logs, the amount of cuab export duty. $\mathrm{m}_{\text {a }}$ or niter charge, as the case may be, shall be added as an additional duty to the duties imposed upon the articles mentioned in this paragraph, when imported from such countries or dependencies."

The Michigan lumbermen proless to be of the opinion that by a broad construction of the clause the Treasury Department may impose in addi-
tional duty on Canadian lumber imported into the United States. The difficulty is that the Canadian rovernment did not place an export duty on logs, but simply prevented their exportation entirely. Hence the necessity of this broad construction.

The Michigan lumbermen propose to accomplish their purpose by compelling the interference of Great Britain. They claim that the application of a prohibitive duty on Canadian lumber would bring about a commercial war ruinous to the trade between the two countries. This, they say, would be foreseen by Great Britain, who, in her present predicament, would endeavor to prevent unfriendly relations with the United States.
That Great Britain will interfere in this question is too remote a possibility for consideration. She will not divest Ontario of her provincial rights, even for the salke of the Michigan mill owner.

The placing of a prohibitive duty upon Canadian lumber is 2 step which, we venture to predict, will never be , caken by the Government of the United States. Each year the consumers of the Eastern States are becoming more dependent upon Canada for their lumber supply. It is said that a bill will be introduced in the next Legislature prohibiting the cutting of spruce in the State of Maine for a term of years, for the purpose of giving the forest an opportunity to gain lost ground and to prevent the complete extermination of the spruce tree by paper-makers. In the face of such a condition, where would be the wisdom of a prohibitive duty?

Even if the Cnited States Government were to remove entirely the duty on Canadian lumber, the Ontario Legistature would not recede from the position it has taken in relation to :.e exportation of saw-logs. This fact is evident by the passing within the past month of all Order-inCouncil prohibiting the exportation of pulp wood from the Dominion alter April 3 oth next.

Our advice to the Michigan mill owners is to follow the example of one or two of their confreres and establish mills on the Ontario side of Lake Huron. They need have little hope of ever again being permitted to raft their logs across the water.

## FRIIGHT RATES ON CEDAR.

Tiere sceems to be much dissatisfaction among the lumber merchants of Ontario owing to what is clamed to be unjust discrimination against cedar timber products in the matter of freight rates. The railway companies, for some reason known only to themselves, charge a considerably higher rate on cedar products than on other classes of timber.

We are advised by Mr. E. Tiffin, general freight agent of the C. P. R., that on this road the rate on common lumber would cover shipments of cedar lumber, but that cedar ties, or timber, are carried only under special arrangements. The Grand Trunk Railway, it would seem, charge a higher rate on cedar lumber as well as on ties, posts and timber than that which is applied to other timber products. The publishers of this journal, desiring to give the Crand Trunk authorities an opportunity to explain their position, wrote the following communication :

Tonuiro, January sth, $\mathbf{2 0 0}$.
General Freigh: Agent, G.T.R., Toronta

Dear Sir,-Some of the lumbermen of Ontario have reported to us that your company apply a higher rate of
freight on cedar products, such as lumber, ties, oot etc., than is charged on other clasees of timber protuo also that no rnte on such cedar products is quoted i, os tariff circulars. Before makug any comment on th. ject, we wouid be pleased to have your views as correctness or otherwise of these reports, and if 12 m to learn on what ground such bigh freight rates charged.

Yours respectfully,
The C. H. Mortimer Plulishing ja Below is the reply of the Grand Trunk Rai way :

Toronto, January 24th, wop Gentemen,-Replying to your fisor of the isth ise it is correct thast we do not carry cedar at the lumb rate. Uur rates on lumber are as published in our lumb tariffs from time to time; our rates on cedar are out to class tariff rates.
Trusting that the above supplies you fully with the: formation you require, we remain,

Yours sincerely,
A. White,

Divisional Freight Agent It will be ooserved how non-committal is N White in tis rep?;. He does not attempt to give explanation of the discrimination against ced but zonfines his remarks practically to the ctat ment that such discrimination exists. The poin which the writer and the lumbermen general would like to have explained is the basis of c culation which places a higher rate on cedar the on other timber products.

While the trade in cedar products is the handicapped by exorbitant rates, it also suffe from the absence of any definite rate as furnishe by the railroad tariffs. None of the lumbs tariff circulars issued by the Grand Trunk Ray way since November ist last, so we are informe have deigned to quote a rate on cedar product The result of this is that a manufacturer shipper must communicate with the district freigf agent or some other high official and ask to furnished with the rate for a certain haul. Iht usually requires several days, and the prospes tive customer is kept waiting in the meantim? when he may have secured his requiremer elsewhere.
One or two instances might be given of th discrimination referred to. A rate was recent asked on cedar poles from the Owen Sound ft trict to a point where the lumber rate is nowi cents. The reply was that 14 cents was 4 best rate that could be given. From Wiarton: Toronto the rate on ordinary lumber is $71 / 2$ cent while that quoted on cedar lumber, posts or tin ber is usually about 12 cents, and in the sau proportion to other points on the road.

This policy of the railroad companies has th appearance of coercion, and is undoubtedly injustice to the lur ber trade which should remedied if possible. It is likewise a hardsh to the farmer, who, tor instance, requires a $c^{d}$ of cedar posts, to be compelled to pay such ${ }^{3}$ ccedingly high rates on this species of wood pry ducts. Now that the railway companies hat advanced their rates generally in proportion their views of the prosperity prevailing in $t$ lumber trade, surely lumber manutacturers har reasun to expect a just schedule on all timbe products of common quality. It is significief that the railway companies are large consumes of cedar, but on this point we will defer an ef pression ol opinion until the railroad compani are given an opportunity to explain their polics,
In the meantime, we invite correspondence $\alpha$ this subject from lumber manufacturers an shippers.

## IHE FORESTRY MOVEMENT.

th: last session of the Dominion Parliament Jill:: app, iment of a chiet inspector of timber fore : $\%$, the purpose being to inaugurate a em twe the preservation of the Canadian foras : 11 as to encourage tree culture. An ecto. was duly appointed, in the person of E. Scuart. e outsome of the above step is a movement dirs tion of organizing a Canadian ForesAssoch.tion, on lines similar to the Associaestat: Nhed in the United States. A prelimimeving looking to the formation of such an ciatun was held in the city of Ottawa a fortt aro, at which a committee was appointed formulate a working constitution. It is a ce of congratulation that steps are now to be n tudisseminate knowledge concerning the etuation of our timber suppiy, even if no object should be directly accomplished by assuciation.
will be remembered that in August, 1882, a ing was convened in the city of Montreal for milar purpose. The result was a general kenmy of interest in the subject throughout Dominion, but for some reason the good work commenced was continued for only a short

Since that time the public have become oughly imbued with the necessity of adopting sures to provide an ample supply of timber uture generations. Thus it would seem that assulation now about to be formed will come existence under circumstances favorable to eer of great usefulness.
n eaample of forestry advancement is the blishment of the College of Foresty in New . State, which began work in the fall of 8, under the direction of Prof. Fernow. The fis furest is situated in the Adirondacks, and fans ju,000 acres of land, selected with a to its adaptability for a demonstration of try management. The students in attendduring the first session numbered twentyi, but of these only four were regularly red as students of forestry, the others being ly from the department of political economy the college of engineering and agriculture.
he hope may be expressed that the reforestaof pine may not absorb all the efforts which he put forth in the direction of forest preation, but that the continuance of the hardd industry of this country will also be given er consideration. It is admitted to be no cult lask to grow hardwood timber. In the however, practically all investigation and arch have been confined to pine. This is elv owing to the fact that the Provincial Govhents derive a large annual revenue from the n: of pine timber. But the time has come a the perpetuation of our hardwood supply is mportant question, and one which we hope not be overlooked by the Canadian Forestry ciation about to be formed.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

is. sansportation problem is one which bears se relation to the future trend of saw-milling Etions. While in earlier days it was bedi. ....t the only mills which could manufacCumucs at a profit were those situated at rabue shipping points, there now seems to be a
disposition to establish mills nearer the surce of the timber supply. Some manufacturers contend that the cost and risk of getting logs from distant forests is greater than the saving in freight. It is believed that the winters of Canada are becoming less severe, and that the quantity of snow is each yeat decreasing. It is also pointed out that the cutting away of the forest has deprived the streams of a moisture cover, and the water which formerly came atway in rivulets and streams leaves largely by evaporation. Granting that these claims are well founded, lumbermen may experience considerable difficulty in the future in foating their logs any considerable distance, and may find it profitable to place their mills adjacent to their limits.

The architects of the Eastern States possess but little knowledge of the qualities and characteristics of Canadian woods. They are, however, desirous of adding to their knowled ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{e}$ in this direction. An instance recently came to our notice where a resident of the Eastern States was afforded the opportunity of examining some samples of Canadian birch wainscoting, and so great was his satisfaction with the material that he endeavored to induce his architect to substitute Canadian birch for North Caroline pine on a large bunlding in course of construction. The arrhitect, of course, being unacquainted with Canadian wood, was somewhat reluctant to take the step. It is said that if the qualities of the Canadian woods were better known by the architects of the Eastern States, a much larger quantity wouid be used in the construction of buildings. There is no doubt as to the adeptability of birch for flooring purposes, and fron vur knowledge of the wood we believe it will compete successfully with North Carolina pine. It might be of advantage to the lumber trade of Canada to have printed for distribution a booklet setting forth the qualities and characteristics of the different species of the Canadian woods.

The editor of the Canada Lubbervinv recently received a communication from a correspondent in a large city in the Eastern States asking for the names of sorime saw-mill owners in a position to supply pine slabs. It was his purpose to utilize these slaiss for bundled kindling wood, he to set up a machine at the mill to cut up the slabs as required. We understand that this industry in the Eastern States is controlled by a trust having its plant in Western Pennsylvania and shipping to eastern points by rail. This trust, as is the case with monopolies generally, has been demanding exorbitant prices for kindling wood, a recent advance of 40 cents bringing the price up to $\$ 1.70$ per hundred bundles. The outcome of this last advance is that retailers have turned their attention to the Canadian mills as a source of supply. They have to reckon, however, with an import duty of three-tenths of a cent. per bundle on all less than one-quarter cubic feet each in quantity. But even in the face of this duty it is believed that kindling wood can be imported from Canada and sold at a reasonable profit in competition with the trust prices. This industry is one which, if encouraged by the mill owners on this side, may result in the utilization at a profit of a considerable quantity of refuse material.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.
A correspondent in Algoma writes - "Some 12 years ago there was a dam built at the mouth of a lake. It was repaired occasionally for jears by different parties as they required it. Last year a party removed it so as to get all available water for driving lower down the water course. This fall, believing ! was the only one who would require to use it next spring, I put on a new dam on the old site. I find now that another mill man is operating up the same waters. I will require all the water available to get my timber down. The stream out of the lake is not navigable. Can I colfect any rate or ducs on logs or pulpwood coming down; if so, how much and in what way? All timber coming down this way must pass through my mill pond, which is a basin on the waterway. What steps will I have to take to put on a sorting jack?"

Answer. - A person who constructs improvements on a public water course has, of course, no exclusive right to the use thereof. He may, however, collect from other persons using these improvements a certain toll, said toll to be fixed by the county judge and to be based upon the expenditure involved in the construction of improvements. We presume that a sorting-jack might be included in these improvements, and that it would be an element in the construction to be considered by the jucge in fixing the tolls. The fact that a dam had previously been removed does not seem to affect the case, excepting that in removing it the party who did so took the law into his own hands unless he had previously obtained perraission to do so from the proper source. The following sections of the Rivers and Streams Act of Ontario would seem to cover the points in question :
Secrios 11 - In case any person shall construct in or upmen such rwer, creck or stream any apron, dam, slide, gate, lock, boum or uther work necessary to facitate the
 or crafts down whit river, , reek or stream whith was not navigable or floatable before the improvements were made, or shall blast rocks or remove shoals or other impedimen's, or atherwise improve the floatability of the river, cre...: or stream, such persons shall not have the exclusine raght to the wese of the rever, creek or stream or the construatuons and imprucements, but all persons shall hatc, during the spring, summer and autumn freshets, the right to float and transmit saw loge and other timber, rafis and crafts down such rivers, crecks or streams and through and over the constructions and improvements, doing no unnecessary damage to the construction and improvenents or to the banks of the said rwer, creeks and streams, subject to the payment of reasonable tolls to the person who has made the.constructions and improvements.
Section 13. - The judge of the county court or the judge or stipendiars magistrate of the distinct, as the case may be, in whath the constructions and mprovements are situated, shall, upon the application of the owner thesenf, or of any person who may desire to use the same, fix the smounts which any person entited to tolls under this act shall be at hberty to charge, aidd may from time to time vary such amounts, exeept where the tolls are fixed by the chartes of ancorporation of the goverianen: of Canada or of the legoslature of this province, and the judge or slipendiary magistrate, in fixing the tolls, shall have regard 10 and take in consideration the original cost of the constructions and improvements, the amount required to maint:in the same and to cover interest upon the original cost, is well as such uther malice as under the cifcumstances may seen just and cyuitable.

A resident of Memel, N.B., some years ago bought a small tract of wood land for $\$ 80$. Some time afterwards he sold a part of 13 for $\$_{20}$, and the batance about one month ago for $S_{1,000,}$ and that after logeing the tand more or less each winter since it became in his possession.

## WOOD PULP~て ๑~ DEPARTMENT

## ENCOURAGING THE CANADIAN PULP <br> INDUSTRY.

Tine governments of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec have, almost simultaneously, taken action to assist the development of the Canadian pulp industry and to build up an industry proportionate to the vastness of our resources and manufacturing facilities. In the past the United States has been permitted to import pulp wood from any of the provinces of Canada free of duty, while if the wood were manufactured into pulp and exported to the United States, a duty equal to about 20 per cent. of the value of the pulp was collected hy the government of the lattet country. This anomaly is now to be removed.
The Ontario government, by an order-in-council already issued, proposes to apply the manufacturing clause to spruce and other soft woods; that is to say, after April 30th, 1901, spruce timber as well as pine must be manufactured within the Dominion. The government was probably induced to take this step by the satisfactory working of the manufacturing clause as applied to pine saw logs.
The Quebec government proposes to accomplish practically the same result in anuther way. An order-in-council has been sigaed by the Lieutenant Governor increasing the stumpage dues on spruce timber from 40 cents per cord as at present to $\$ 1.90$ per cord, a rebate of $\$ 1.50$ per cord to be allowed on all pulp wood manufactured within the province. This rebate will, it is believed, more than offset the present duty on

## pulp exported to the United States. Consequent

 ly, the United States pulp manufacturer importing his raw material from the province of Quebec will be unable to compete with the Canadian manufacturer, and hence will be obliged to look elsewhere for his supply of raw material or remove his mill across the border into the province of Quebec.These new regulations, of coursc, only affect the cutting of timber on Crown lands, but this is the most important factor, as a very small quantity of pulp wood is exported from lands on which the settlers hold the patent. Nearly all the pulp wood exported from Canada is from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1898, Canada exported pulp wood to the value of $\$ 912,041$, of which $\$ 876,962$ went to the United States. Of the total amount Ontario sent $\$ 286,987$ and Quebec $\$ 624,475$. Placing the value of a cord of pulp wood at three dollars, this would represent about 300,000 coids. If this quantity were manufactured in the country and sent out as wood pulp, there would be expended on each cord about \$ro, or a total of $\$ 3,000,000$. It is no doubt a recognition of this fact that has influenced the governinents of the two provinces in the adoption of their present policy. It is quite probable that for a time the governmentai revenues from the cutting of puip wood will show a decrease, but as new pulp mills are established this condition will be overcome.
The Premier of Quebec, speaking on the subject, stated that he was fully alive to the neces-
sity of preserving, as far as possible, the woodol the province for the benefit of our own people. He pointed out that, owing to the depleted supply in the United States, the value of our spruct lands had risen enormously in the past few yeurs In 1892 spruce limits were sold for about $\$ 8$ pe mile, while last year the government sold similar limits for \$150 per mile. He furiher stated that in the province of Quebec there were under license about thirty million acres of timber limits, while there were still unlicensed $3 n t$ hundred million acres in the old part of Qucbec and seventy million acres in the new part recent. ly added to the province.

## PROVINCIAL DISCRIMINATION.

In the preceding article satislaction has $t$ een expressed with the action of the Quebec Govirn ment in imposing differential stumpage due on pulp wood. While in sympathy with the spinit of the legislation, we cannot entirely endorse the terms of the Order-in-Council which prov des that a reduction of $\$_{1.50}$ per cord will only be allowed when the pulp wood is manufactured in the province of Quebec. It this provision is adhured to, it is likely to result to the serious disadvan. tage of persons owning timber limits in the piorince of Quebec adjacent to the borders of the other provinces. There are at least two instances where the interprovincial boundaries are large streams, namely, the Ottawa river forming the dividing line between Ontario and Quebec, and the Restigouche river dividing the provinces of New Brunswick and Quebec. These streams bear an important relation to the lumber industry of these provinces, and the regulations in the past have been such that timber could be cut on either side with almost equal advantage, irrespective of the point of manufacture. If a lum. berman now operating a saw mill should decide to engage in the manufacture of pulp, the natural site for such an establishment would be adjacent to his present mill. If, however, this mill should

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ve luncid on the Ontario side of the Ottawa ree lun in the New Brunswick side of the Restiriser is wer, he would not be allowed the rebate of $\$ 1.5$ per cord on pulp wood, but would be clased in the same category as a person exporting to the United States. This would simply me.nn 't it he could not compete with his competmeor wh. had a mill in Quelec.
The hiordan Pulp Company recently built a mill at Haw sbury, on the Ontario side of the Ottawa, but it ire dependent to strme extent on Quebec for then timber supply. Hence they will be serinuslv mandicapped by the Order-in-Council.
Anotiter disadvantage of the law would be the restricion of the number of pulp mill sites. It is not a maticult task to find a suitable site for a saw
mill mill. Win the number of first-class sites available for puls mills is limited, and any legislation which world turther restrict the number must hamper the industry without any compensating advantage
${ }^{\mathrm{ag}}$ The "flect of this legislation may not be regarded as cerious at the present time, but as the suped as uerious acomes less plentiful more attention will he given to the manutacture of pulp. Then the disidvantages will be more lully realized. The Ontario Government established a piecedent for the Quebec Legislature by placing no restriction on the manufacture of spruce and pine timber within the province, and permitting it to be nanutactured anywhere in the Dominion. The later g.wernment, however, places the provinces of Ontario and New Brunswick on exactly the same fouting as the United States. It is improbable that this $v ;$; the intention of the Quebec Government, and no doubt the wording of the

Oruer-in-Council will be so changed at ,he present session as to give equal rights to all owners of Quebec timber whether manufactured in one province or another. It is stated in the British North America Act that there shall be no provincialdiscriminationaffecting tradematters. This is purely a trade question, and as one which affects the development of an important Canadian industry, should receive liberal treatment.

## LARGE PULP DIGESTORS.

The Polson Iron Work; Company, of Toronto, are building three large pulp digestors for the new mill of the Riordan Pulp Company at Hawkesbury, Ont. These digestors are 38 feet high, 13 teet 6 inches in diameter, and are known as 11 -ton digestors, being capable of making 11 tons of pulp each charge. They are made of $11 / 8$ inch steel plate, with $1 / 4 / 4$ inch butt straps. A special press for torming the ends, which are elliptical in shape, was built by the Polson Company. It has a capacity of 100 tons, and is also used tor flanging and pressing large marine boiler heads. The Polson Company are looking forward to a considerable business in the manufacture of pulp digestors.

## JACK PINE FOR PULP.

A wrier in the Paper Mill from Appleton, Wis., says. - Some of the mills on the Wisconsin riser are expert mentug with jack pine for mahing pulp. Considerable success his attended hiese experiments, and when more effective methods are peifected for eliminating the pith in which the wood abounds, a great deal of it may be used, as it is abundant and cheap in the immediate vicin
ity of many of the mills. Basswood is also used to some extent by somie of the mills, and so are hemberk and sraight pine, though always in combination with spruce."

## PULP NOTES.

The North Kiver Lumber \& Pulf, Co., of Val Morin, Que., have spplied for a charter.
It is reported that the Custhng pulp, mill at St. Juhn, N.B., may not be put in operation belore next fall, owing to the difficulty of obtaining the machinery.
A syndicate, including Dr. L.ind, E. F. B3. Johnson, Robert Davies, of Toronto, W. R. White, of Penabroke, and others, have appled to the Untano government fur a pulp nood concessuon in Temiscamingue district. They proprose to erect a mill for the manulacture of pulp wood, and will spend ahout $\$ 100,000$ on bualdings and plant.
A report from Watertown, N. I', states that Cul. J. T. Uutterson and assuctates have purchased a hact of 160,000 acres of spruce lands in Bunareniure cuurd). Que, "pon which they will erect extensive pulp mills The property fringes the shores of Challeurs Bay and Reslygouche harbor, in the Gulf of St. Lawrense, and is well watered. It is stated that the papers have alteady Leen signed, and that thic cunpmatiy will le called the Bay Challeurs Sulphite Finne Co.
The quality of the pulp wond grouing in the Ortawa valley is as a sule better than that grouing on the Cieorgian Bay district, according to a correspondent of the l'aper Mill. The reason for thes appears to be that in the Untana valley there is a deep, fermle sull, sumable fur agnaculture, white un the shores of the Ceorgian liay the soil is thin, lying as a rocky tract. Thus there is not the same nourishment in tre Georgian Bay soil as in that of the Ullawa valley. It has not teen ascertaned by any pre-ise tests hun far the two regiuns differ in the quality of the wood. In size the difference is marked, but how much in density; in lengith, or toughness of fibre is unknown. According to the commion estumate a cord of spruce shoutd yeld 1,800 pounds, dry weeght, of mechanical pulp, and 1 ,ovo to 1,650 pund $\mathrm{dr}^{2}$, "cight of diemical pulp. Such will probalily le fuuta to ble above the average from wood hrought to the Welland Canal and Niagara mills. But in the Uuawa vailey spruce has been found in some cases to run 2,000 puunds ul ground yulp, tu the cutd, of 1,150 pounds of chemical pulp.

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## CANADIAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held in the oflice of Mr. E. Slewart, chief inspector of timber and forestry, Ollawa, on Mon: day, January 15th, when initial proceedings were laken to establish a Canadian Forestry Association. Amongst those present were Dr. Saunders and Prof. Wm. Macoun, of the Agricultural Farm, Ottana; ; Sir Henry Joly de Lothiniere; W/m. Deirce, Calgary; James A. Smart, Deputy Minister of the Interior: G. I.. Chitts, inspector of timber for the Indian Deparment; Thomas Southworth, Chief Clerk of the Bureath of Forestry of Ontario ; Out G. Klotz; J. R. Booll; Wim. L, tlle, Montreal; Thos. C. Keefer and Clays. 11. Keefer, Ottawa; Prof. John Macoun, zud Wm. Mackenzie, Duck L.ake, N.W.T.
Mr. Wm. Little was appointed ehairman of the meeling, and Mr. E. Stewart secretary.
Mr. Stewart, in addressing the gathering, stated that the object of the meeting was to take steps to consider the best means for the preservation of the Canadian forests, as well is in encourage tree culture in lhe Canadian North-West. He stated that it was the intention to form an assoctition workug alung simmiar lates to those adopted by the American Forestry Association-an organization haveng the preservation and extension of the forest land of the United States m view. After several of those present had expressed their views on the subject, a motion was adopted, moved by Mr. J. A. Smart, and seconded by Prof. John Macoun, appointing a commitiec to draw up) by-laws and constitution, these to be considered at a meeting to be held next month, during the parthanentary meesing to be held next month, durne the parhanentary
session in Otiva. The members of this committee are Sir Henry Joly de Lotbiniere, J. R. Booth, Wm. Litte, T. Soulhworth, Prof. E. Saunders and E. Stewart.

At the next mecting the formation of the Forestry AssoAt the next meeting the formation of the Forestry Asso-
ciation will be proceded with. It is expected that there will be quite a large altendance from all parts of the country. The committec will also arrange a suitable programme of subjects to be discussed at this meeting.
At the meeting on the igth inst., Prol. Saunders gave quite an interesting talk ontree culture as conducted at The various Dominion experimental farms. At Brandon, Man., Indian Head, N.W:T., and Agassiz, B.C., seeds and irees had been distributed. On the experimental farmis great success had attended the culture of trees.
Mr. J. R. Booth also spoke on the stubject of the preservation of the forests. He referred to the yearly; increasing loss caused by the destructive forest fires, against which the best protection was the appointment of forest which the best protection wase the appointment of larest
rangers and guardians. He stated that on his limits rangers and guardians. Hee stated that on his limits
the care of canmp fires was left to one nan, and thus no the care of camp fires was left to one man, and thus no
fire was left unguirded or permitied to burn when not required.
Mr. Thomas Southworth next addressed the meeting. He referred to the decrease of forest fires in Ontariosince the apponament of ramgers, as a plea for the extenston of such protection. He also referred to the repuat of the Foy:al Commistion appointed by the Ontario Government, in which it recommended the extension of forest ranging so as to include all the crown timber of the province, whether ficensed or unlicensed, that is, to make it compulsory on all limet holders 10 join with the Government in the protection of their limits, the unlicensed territory bemig treated by the Government likewise. Sir Henra Joly de Lotbinere, lice-President of the Anverican lorestry Association, gave an interesting account of the work of
that institution, and the benefits derived therefrom. that institution, and the benefts denved therefrom. Prof. JuhaM, wuan, Dummun Botanist, who has iravelled extennely and who is ery famhlar with the Aurth-llest and British Culumbia, was quate enthusiastic over the possibilties of tree cuthure on the "estern prames, and in his speech adrucated the aims of the association in the way of tree planting.

Mr. Mackenze, of Duck Lake, N.W.T., stated to the meeting that he had been very successful in growing trees on his prairee farm, the most success nitending the seed planting.
The meeting was a brief but enthusiastic one, and the prospects for the success of the Canadian Forestry Association are bright.

## CARE OF CIRCULAR SAWS.

## By T. W. Higginson.

1 find in hammering circular saws that the more evenly the tension is distributed througheut the plate the better the saw will run, and in order to do this thoroughly l use at convex gauge to adjust the lension, working from buth sides of the plate until it drops away from a straght line so as to fit the convex edge of gauge. When the satw is hammered in this manner so that it .will fit the gauge on both sides from collar to rim, it will run straight, stand up in slab or stock without dodging, and will not heat on rim. The amount of convex to sauge must be determined by the speed of the saw, class of timber and the power that is behind the
Len saws. A saw hammered in this way will do better work in the hands of a poor fitter than a saw hammered in the usual way will do in the hands of a good fitter. I find for a saw 66 inches in diameter that 7 gauge, with 66 teeth, hammered as above, at a speed of 750 revolutions per minute, requires a gauge with a convex edge swept with a radius of 20 feet. (See sketch.)

## PERSONAL.

Mr. F. W. Jones, manager of the Columbia River Lumber Co., Golden, B.C., was recently on a visit to Winnipeg.
Mr. W. J. Pulling, lumber merchant, of Windsor, Ont., has the sympathy of many friends in the death of his wife, which occurred in December last.
Nr. E. H. Newton, of Mississippi Station, Ont, has recived the appointment of superintendent of Mr. Peter McLaren's mill at Blairmore, Alberta.
Mr. Louis Bluc, mill owner, of Kamloops, B.C., is receiving congratulations of many friends upon his recent marriage to Miss Dias, of Bloomington, Illinois.
Mr. W. H. Winnell, lumber and coal merchant, has been returned as alderman for the city of London for the sixth term. He has been chosen to preside as Chairman of the Board of Works.
The Lumberman was pleased to receive a vist from Mir. Chas. Tyrer, a member of the well-known firm of Smith \& Tyrer, wood agents, Liverpool, Eng. Mr. Tyrer s visit to Ontario was of a two-fold character, combining business with pleasure.
About two years ago Mr. W. J. Willison, of Toronto, was appointed Crown timber agent for the Yukon district by the Duminion Government. It is learned that Mr. Willison has now tendered his resignation, and that it is his purpose to engage in mining adventures.
Mr. J. G. MicLaren, elfest son of Mr. Davad McLaren, the well-known Uluawa falley lumbernan, was in Johannesburg when the South. African war broke out. Mr. Mclaren, who is only twenty-two years of age, instead of returning to Canada as intended, offered his services as a voluntecr, and is now a member of the Mounted Infrantry.

A reconstruction has taken place in the Ontario Cru in Lands Department. Mr. Thos. Gibson lias been appoin ed secretary of Crown Lands and Mines, and the work re nquished by him will be performed by Mr. D. G. Bo d. The immigration work has been transferred fiom the 1 epartment of Agriculture to he Department of Crown Lanl is, and will be known in future as the colonization bran $h$. Mr. Thos. Southworth, Clerk of leorestry, assumes he work of director of this department in addition to lus pt es. ent duties.

## TRADE NOTES.

An unfortunate occurrence was the destruction by fire, on January ath, of the foundry and machine shop of he Lloyd Manufacturing Co. at Kentville, N.S. The los estimated at $\$ 15,000$, but there were about $\$ 8,000 \mathrm{wc}$, th of orders on liand at the time of the fire. It is underst od that the works will be rebuilt as soon as possible.
The business of Stuart \& Harper, dealers in machin og and machinery supplics, Winnipeg, has taken the forn of a joint stock company. John Arbuthot, lumber dea $t_{\text {. }}$ has been admitted as a partner, and the style will be the Stuart-Arbuthnot Machincry Company, Limited. warehouse adjoining the present premises will be erect d.
Recent orders booked by Madison Williams, of Port Perry, Ont., include the following : ${ }^{1}$ No. 2 I. .ne carriage with Green Mountain dogs, for Colin Red, Buthwell, Ont., two Champion water wheel goversurs ior Parry Snund Lumber Co., l'arsy Sound ; one 56 inch Ler. fel turbine, one Lane carraige, with shafting, etc., for $W$. D. Mace, Tamworth, Ont.; one $301 / 2$ inch Vulcan turl ne for D. J. Galbraith, Newcastle, Ont.; one 52 inch V'ul an turbine for P. Kyle, Merrickville, Ont.; one 30 inch l.ef. fel turbine for Bruce Stewart \& Co., Charlottetown, 'E. I.; two complete Lane nills and carriages for A. R. Wij. liams Machinery Co., Toronto: one complete Lane mill for Alfred Phillips, Monsell, Ont.; one 20 inch Vulcan turbine for McOuat \& McRea, Lachute, Quc., one ju1/2 inch Vulcan turbine and complete lane mill for $J$. $1 / 2$ Matte, St. Jerome, Que., and one $171 / 2$ inch Vuran tur-
bine for MacDonald Bros., Glendyer Mills, Glendyer, C B.

## CALENDARS RECEIVED.

Among those to whom we are indebted for calendars for 1900 are the following : Cope Rros., manafacturers of lumbermen's wooden specialties, Pecrless tapered pike poles, etc., Cope's Falls, Ont.; John G. Hall \& Co., commission merchants and dealers in eastern apruce and hemlock lumber, Boston, Mass., West \& Peachs, makers ot alligator warping tugs, saw mill machanery, boilers, an gines, shafting, hangers, etc., Simcoe, Ont.; E. A. Leliel, wholesale dealer in lumber, shingles and edar poos, Sarnia, Ont.; and an unusually attractive calendar as the compliments of Rhodes, Curry \& Co., manufacturer, of dimension timbet, dressed lumber, clapboards, doon, sashes and other building material, Amherst, N.S.

The twenty-first annuai number of The Tradesman, of Chattanooga, Tenn., has been receiyed. When we state that this issue consists of 236 pages, some conception may be formed of the attenuon and labor intolved in ats preparation. The publishers are to be congratulated upon this edition, which is replete with practical and valuable contributions by able writers on subjects of anterest to die south. Among these we notice articles entilted "Foresus vs. Lumber," "Wiall Forestry Pay." "The Waste of T.m. ber in Manufacture," "An Cp-to-Date W"oodware Plan, and "A Model Wood-Working Plant," all from the pen of well imformed writers.

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. w saw mill is being built at Moorefield, Ont., by Mal. NCassidy.

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 M, N.S., by D. Hunlley., the intention of John Carew, of Lindsay, Ont., to buhs. '. iddition to his saw mill.

A-Dermott is rebuilding his saw mill at Old Fort, Ont whel was destroyed by fire recenlly.
...phli Bedard has rebull his saw mill at Richmond, Qur. and sawing was resumed last month.
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- M. Lawlidin Bros., of Arnprior. Ont., are building a large senerve boom for storing logs at Castleford.
$\therefore$ is llansen, of Bocabec, N.B., purposes building a now mith at the nouth of the Magaguadavic River.

Ther C. Beck Manufacturing Co., of Penetanguishene, Ont lute put a new lath machine in one of their mills.

The Goderich Lumber Co. are reported to have purehised lickard \& Rowan's saw mill at Owen Sound, Ont.
-A Doaktown, N.B., letter states that there is nothing domp; whe spool wood trade, and that prices are very dollat.
lhe ratepayers of Trenton, Ont., have granted a bonus to $\mathrm{b} l \mathrm{mour} \& \mathrm{C}$. to assist them in extending their "orks.

The Canadian Ladder Manulacturing Co. has been org.anzed at Leamington, Ont., to manufacture a patent l.dder.

The death is announced of John Mosher, senior member of the firm of John Mosher \& Son, saw-millers, Minasvuri, S.S.

- 16. J. Pearson, of Stanton, Ont., intends building an adtutuon to his sash and door factory and adding some Hew machinery.
( Himour \& Co., of Trenton. Ont., have lately installed In their mills an electric light plant, furnished by the Koyal Electric Co., of Monireal.

Dewhens, Levesque \& Co., of St. Jerome, Que., have anked for incorporation, to carry on a general lumber busmess, with capital of $\$_{3,000}$.

The Bonny River Lumber Co. are about to connect lin, mill, at Masquash and Bonny River with the city of hi. Julan, X.13., by a telephone line-
..cutert Brus. \& Cu., of Campbellford, Ont., are flling hispec contrat for barrels for the Canadian Gold Field Comp.tny, to be used for the shipment of arsenic.
-Lhas. Newton \& Son have under consideration the erection oi a new saw mill near lictoria Harbor, Ont., to have a capracity of 75,000 feet per day and to be fitted with modern mochanery.
-The Harrison River Mitls, Timber and Trading Co. are about to commence the erection of a saw mill at Har-
 risun water, h.
II, Mallory, joi Hastings stred, Vancouver.

Chip-building seems to be quite active in Nova Scotia. D. A. Huntley, of l'arrsboro, is getting out the frame for 2 Ihrec-masted schooner, and $H$. Elderkin \& Co. are at iresent building two schooners at Port Greville.

During the past month the Beckett sash and door
factory, at Sumth s Falls, Ont., was purchased by A. Patterson, who in turn sold it to Ciapt. loster. It is understood that the building will be overhauld.
-The Scotstown Mills Co., a lumbering coneen with head office at Sherbrooke, Que., and capital stock of $\$ 100,000$, has been orginnized. II. R. Firaser, of Sherbrooke, B. H. Hope, M.P., of Cookshire, and (i. R. brooke, R. H. Hope, Mis.s of

- At the annual meeting of the Montreal lumber Co., held recently in Montreal, the followius oflicers for the ensuing year were elected: President, John L. Mcker. gow : vice-president, Gcorge J. Dewar; manager, W. J. Grafney; secrelary-treasurer, H. Brown.
-An inspection has been made by Mcarthur Bros. of the mill at Little Current recently purchased by them. It is understood to be their intention to put in two new steam botlers, and to repair the old machiners temporarity, so that the mill will be ready for operation in the early spring.
- The Lictoria Lumber \& Manufacturing Co., of Chemamus, B.C., cut in their own camps in the year 180 $26,980,000$ feet of loss, and at their mill 33,780,000 feet of lumber and $4,320,000$ lath. The Brunette Saw Mill Co. cut $20,000,000$ feet of lumber and $2,000,000$ lath at Sap. perton, B.C.
-J. O. Gibbert \& Son, of Bishops Crossing, Que., have added another boiler to then saw-mill plamt, and have also placed their order for another 80 h. p. Leonard engule. They are mereasing the capacity of their mill by engme. They are mereasing gang edgers and trimmers, which will nearly adding yang edgers and double ther former capacity.
-Speaking of the lumber industry in Newfoundland $n$ 1899, R. J. Reid stated that it had undergone a surprising degree of development, and that new mills are being erected wherever the locality appears to favor this branch of trade. The local demand for lumber had greatly increased, and lazge quantities were exported to Great Britain.
-The Natonal Hardwood Lumber Association of the United States have decided to hold their next annual meeting in the city of Cincimati on the first Tuesday in May. On belialf of the Cincinnati Lumbermen's Club, Mr. J. W. Graham, the presiden:, extends to all members and friends of the attend the meeting.
-An extensive sale of timber limits, the property of the

Couk Bros. Cumpany, will be held in Tironto on April 3oth next. The limits are sitnated on the Serpent River, in the Geurgian Bay district, and are reported to contain half a billion feet of pine timber. The male has been rendered advisable owing to the death, about one gear ago, of Mr. John Cook.
-The last acquisition to the Camadan forestry exhibit for Paris is a complete series of the woods of Manitoba. Though it is not so extensive as regard the number of sibecies or the size of the specimens as the exhibit from lBritish Columbia, Mr. Macoun sitys that the Manitoba exhibit is the most complete he hias yet received. It corsists of large specimens of pine, clm, oak, ash spruce, puphy wood, railway ties, etc.

## CASUALTIES.

-A shantymrn named MalDomald was found frozen to death near one of Alex. Barnetts shantes, in the vieinty of Crooked latke, It is surmised that he lost his way while going from one shants 10 :mollur.
$\rightarrow$ Sone ino mouths ago lheems juncan, an employee of the Vetoria Harbor Lumber Co., had one of his arms badly muthated by a plamigy manhinte knife, the eutire forearm being denuded of hesh to fully one-half its circumference and length. Recently his medical attendants resorted to skıngrafung, by whichat is believed his life will be saved.

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