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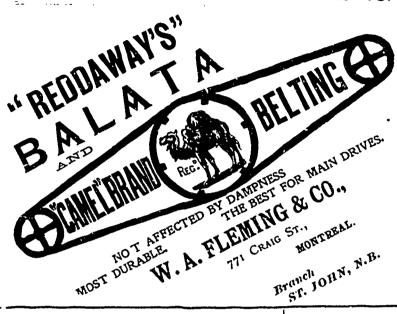
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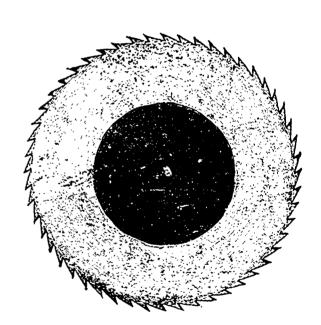
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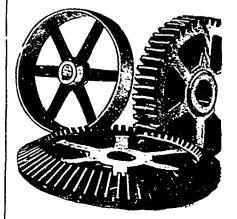
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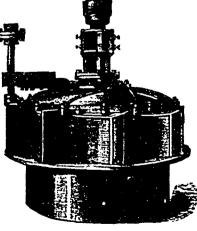
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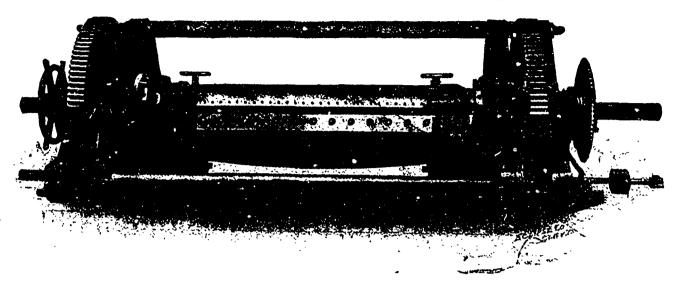
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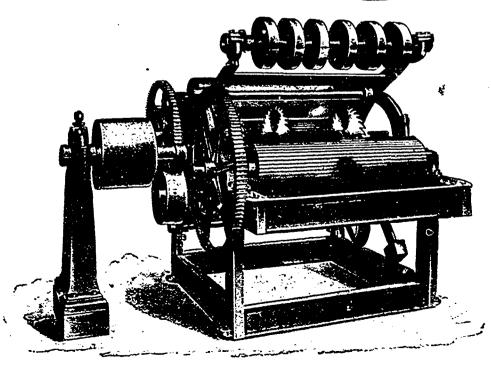
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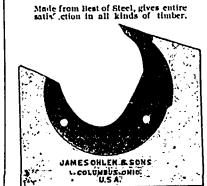
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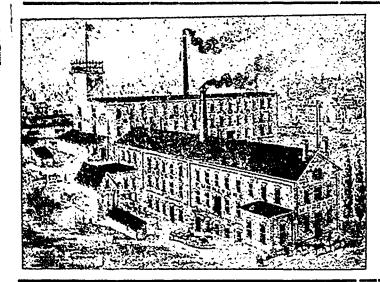
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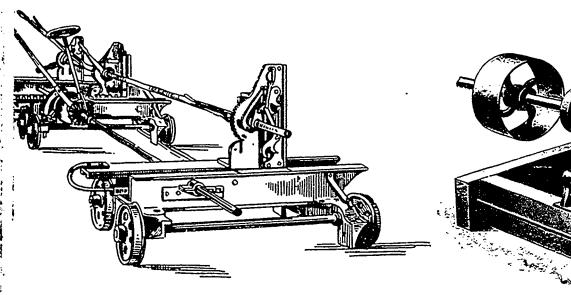
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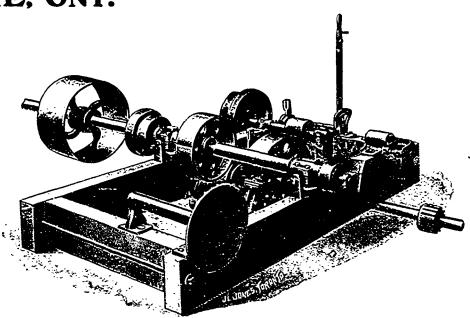
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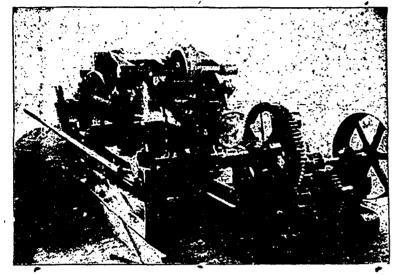
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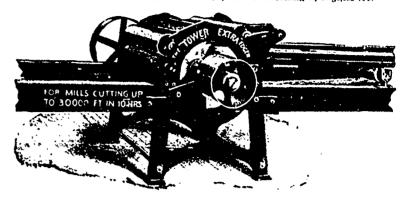
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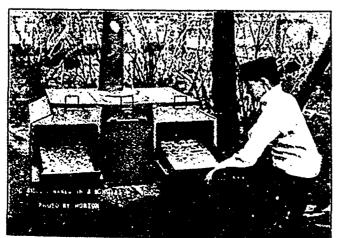
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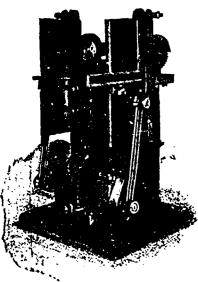
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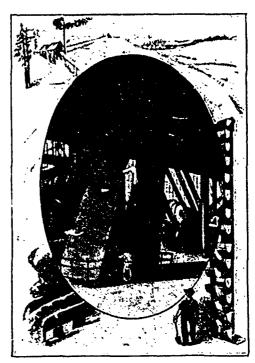
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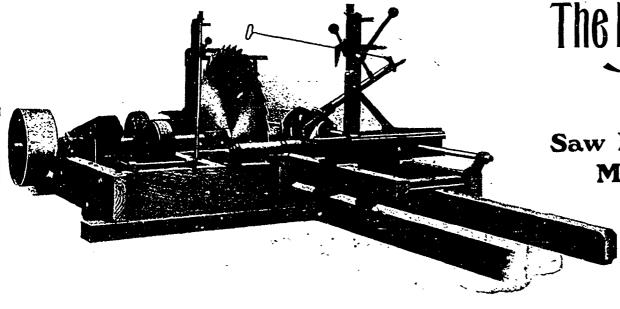
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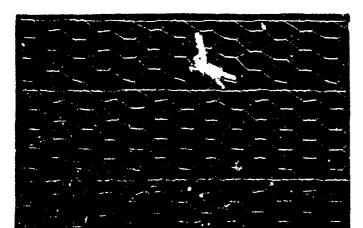
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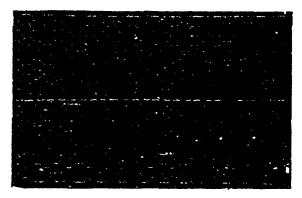
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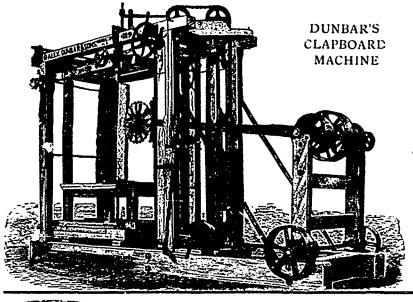
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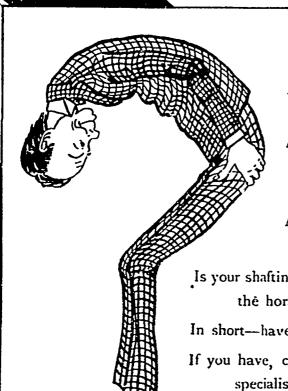
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MAGNIFICENT NEW MILLS OF THE PACIFIC COAST LUMBER COMPANY.

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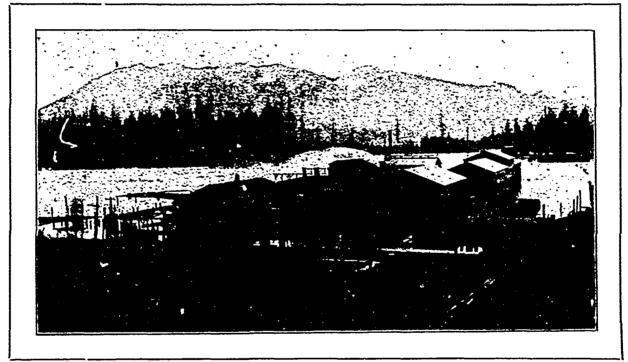
last. Work proceeded without any fuss or feathers, newspaper publicity was neither sought nor encouraged, the management preferring to let finished results speak for themselves. Practical men concede that the whole plant presents as strong a combination of good points, with special consideration to economical manufacture, as any saw mill in the west. There are many larger mills, but none more thoroughly up-to-date.

The saw mill occupies the east side of the company's property and is 60 x 300 feet, two stories in height. The big log haul-up is of the Wm. Hamilton Company pattern, is composed of 134-inch chain with cast steel brackets fast ened at intervals thereon, and is capable of handling the largest logs with the greatest ease.

out to the timber delivery end of the mill.

No back-breaking, man-killing jobs are to be found in the wnole mill, levers that a child can manipulate are operated and men's brains and steam power called into action. At the tail end of the edger the edgings and slabs are dropped on the floor of the mill and are carried by more transfer chains over to the slab smasher saws, where they are cut up into fourfoot lengths and dropped into a conveyor which passes along on the outside of the mill.

From the edger the lumber is carried on live rollers to a camel back transfer and across the mill to the trimmer saws, where it is cut into the vario is lengths required. It then passes out on slow running transfer chains over the sorting putform and is sorted into the vari-



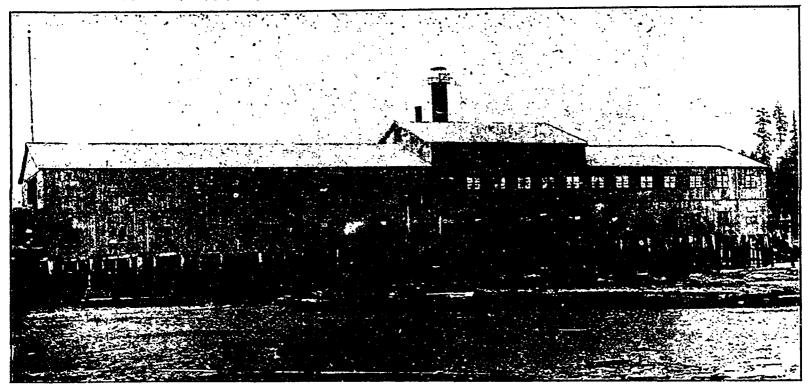
PACIFIC COAST LUMBER COMPANY, VANCOUVER, B. C. GENERAL VIEW OF NEW MILSS.

The site is on Coal Harbor, a sheltered little bay at the west end of Vancouver's Harbor, admirably adapted for the purposes of a saw-milling establishment. Excellent facilities are provided for shipment by rail or water. The location immediately adjoins the westerly end of the Canadian Pacific Railway terminus, and a short extension of the main line on to the property of the company affords rail shipment, while the Empress liners and all water traffic pass within a hundred yards of the mill.

Construction work was begun in January, 1902, and what had hitherto been a boggy, tideland flat has since then been converted into a most attractive hive of industry, giving employment to many scores of workmen. The shingle mill was finished first and began operations in June of last year, while the whole plant was completed and in operation the beginning of May

The mill is equipped with two ten-foot band saws, one on either side of the log deck, from which both of the carriages may take logs, although one side of the mill is more properly intended to act as the re-sawing side. Both of the bands and carriages were made by Clark Bros., of Belmont, N. Y. The heavy side is equipped with a Simonson log turner, by means of which the heaviest as well as the smallest logs are loaded on to the carriage or turned as easily and lightly as if they were hop poles. Both carriages are driven by Cunningham twin steam feeds. Transfer chains convey the "cants" from the heavy side of the mill over to the re-saw carriage, and further down the mill additional transfer chains convey the sawn lumber from either side of the mill to the centre, where the powerful Hamilton edger is placed, and live rollers carry the heavier timbers on ous sizes and grades and passed on to the kiln cars which stand close alongside. When loaded these cars are moved by gravity to the dry kilns, and when the lumber is sufficiently dried, the loaded cars are again moved to in front of the planers in the planing mill. By this system some four or five handlings of lumber are saved as compared with the systems in force in most mills, and the saving in cost effected means almost a living profit.

From the timber delivery end of the mill, heavy timber or other lumber reaching there is placed on cars, and is passed along an elevated trainway running to the lumber yard, where it is either loaded on railway cars for final shipment, piled along the track for shipment later, alongside vessels for foreign shipment, or along wagon road for local trade. So well is this delivery of lumber



PACIFIC COAST LUMBER COMPANY, VANCOUVER-SAW MILL

arranged that horses are not required about the mill.

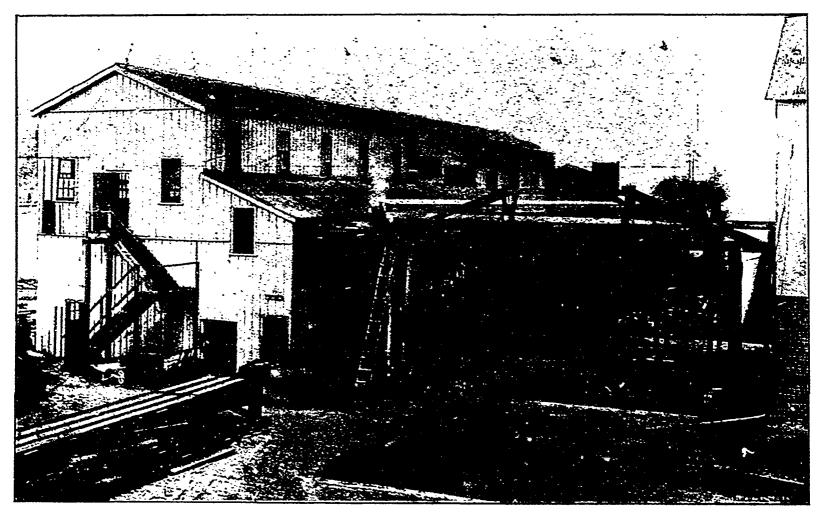
The planing mill is about 100 feet from the saw mill and is 72 x 120 feet, two stories high. It is equipped throughout with wood-working tools made by the Berlin Machine Works, Beloit, Wis., and is a model in every respect. The ground floor is given to flooring machines, moulders, lumber trimming devices, a six inch re-saw and a sixty inch double drum sander, the latter machine being the first of its kind in the province, and with it the company will

sand-finish their flooring, ceiling and such inside finish as can be sanded. This will be a boon to builders and contractors, as it will do away with the necessity for the expensive and laborious work of hand dressing and sand papering of interior finish.

On the upper floor of the planing mill, which is on a level with the sawing floor of the saw mill, the green lumber planers are placed, including the heavy, four-sided timber planer, and with a minimum of handling, heavy timbers or other lumber that is dressed without being

kiln dried are planed and passed out on the elevated tramway to the railway car or pile. Close by the planing mill, the lumber storage sheds are situated. These are 40 x 350 feet, and on either side of this building are railway sidings, so that lumber can be passed on from the planing mill just as readily to either the railway car or storage shed as may be required.

The shingle mill is an entirely separate plant and occupies a building about 200 feet west of the saw mill, and is a good sized industry in it-



PACIFIC COAST LUMBER COMPANY, VANCOUVER-SHINGLE MILL



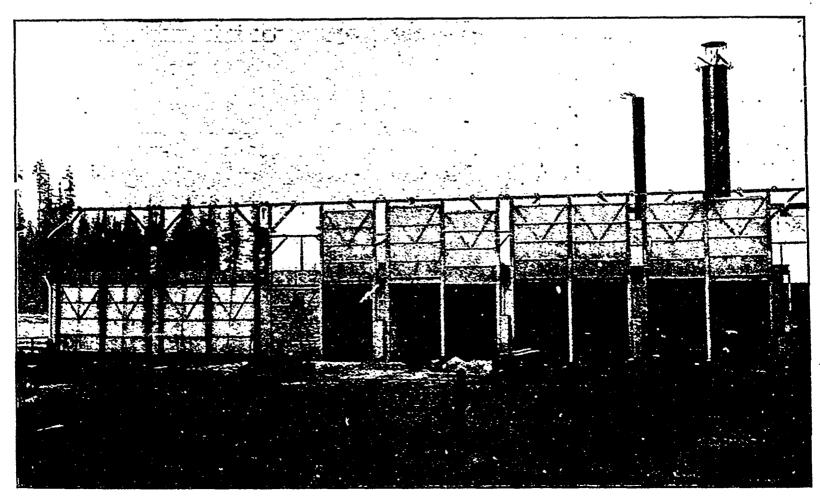
PACIFIC COAST LUMBER COMPANY, VANCOUVER-PLANING MILL.

self. In the log end of the mill are a heavy log haul-up rig, a powerful drag saw, built to special order by the Albion Iron Works, Vancouver, a power bolter, two knee bolters, a shingle bolt conveyor and cut-off rig. Either logs or shingle bolts are used. From this end the blocks are conveyed upstairs to the shingle machines, which were made by the Schaake

Machine Works, of New Westminster. From these machines the finished shingles drop into bins, where they are sorted as to grades and bunched by a carefully trained corps of packers. The bunches are then placed on the kiln cars, which pass close alongside the packing room the full length of the mill, and with loads of 100,000 shingles on each, these cars are passed

down a slightly inclined track and into the dry kiln; when sufficiently dry, again passed along by gravity to the railway car for shipment, or unloaded in a large storehouse capable of holding about fifteen million shingles.

More than ordinary care has been given to the boiler house, which is 52 x So feet, situated midway between the saw and shingle mills,



PACIFIC COAST LUMBER COMPANY, VANCOUVER-DRY KILN.

with a clear space of 60 feet on each side. This building is composed of as non combustible material as possible, the sides and roof being covered with heavy corrugated iron and the floor being a heavy bed of concrete, while underneath the whole of the boilers a complete circulation of air is provided by means of rows of six-inch drain tile, set in concrete. A battery of eight boilers has been installed, each being 16 feet long and 66 inches in diameter.

The saw mill is driven by a pair of 24 x 30 vertical engines, the planing mill by a pair of 14 x 20 horizontal engines, and the shingle mill by a 20 x 24 vertical engine, all being set up on concrete pier foundations. For the purpose of lighting the whole plant, a 750-light direct current dynamo, made by the Canadian General Electric Company, has been installed. This machine is driven by a 12 x 12 Robb engine, and both arc and incandescent lights are used.

The Standard Dry Kiln Company furnished the equipments for the dry kilns. There are six rooms in all, with space provided for addition of more should requirements demand enlarging. In the construction of the dry kiln buildings the greatest care has been exercised to make them as nearly non-combustible as possible. The walls and ceiling are lined with a plaster composed of cement, asbestos, lime and sand, the roof being covered with felt and gravel. Live steam pipes are carried into each room for fire extinguishing purposes, and all steam pipes have been well protected from wood contact.

In the way of fire-fighting appliances the company has installed a six-inch water main, running through the centre of the property, from which a number of four-inch branches are taken, these entering into each of the buildings. Hydrants and hose houses are placed at convenient locations, with an abundant supply of hose and hose reels. A fire brigade will be formed among the employees and regular fire drills held in order to enable each man to understand what duty will be required of him in case of emergency.

The offices of the company are situated on the north-east corner of the property and face on Georgia street. The exterior presents a neat and tasty appearance, while the interior is conveniently arranged and is panelled with cedar and fir, natural finish. The building certainly is a credit to the locality.

Taken as a whole, the plant gives evidence of most careful planning and foresight, and it is bound to be an important factor in both rail and cargo trade. Labor-saving appliances are employed wherever possible; no unnecessary work is needed in the manufacture of the various products; from start to finish it is a straight progressive system. To the uninitiated everything looks natural and just as it should be, and the general completeness suggests that when this plant cannot make money for its owners, it will be a blue time for the lumber trade of that province.

While Canadian machinery and supplies have naturally been given the preference in the equipment of the plant, every part of the machinery has been carefully selected and the best and most modern that the world produces has been chosen. To keep the plant steadily em-

ployed ten hours per day, about fifty million feet of fir and cedar logs will be required annually.

The company is represented in Manitoba and the Territories by Mr. H. T. Burntrager, of Winnipeg, Man., and in Ontario by Mr. W. J. Lovering, of Coldwater, Ont.

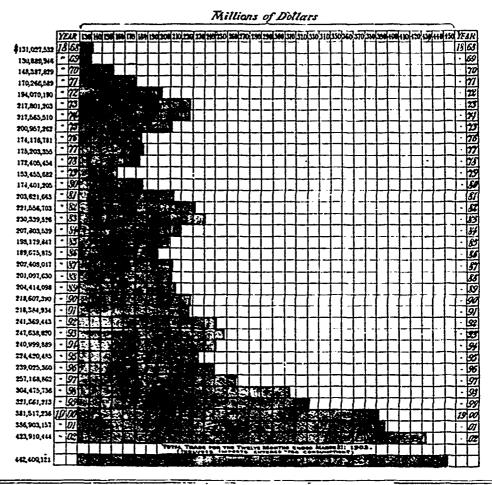
THE COST OF RETAILING LUMBER.

For the purpose of getting an expression of opinion on a subject of interest to the retail trade, I recently propounded this question to a number of retail yard men: "What is the average cost of handling lumber in a retail yard?" The auditor of one of the line yard companies was the first to respond. "With the exception of the line yard companies I find

him anything. Our experience in various yards demonstrates very thoroughly that there is no way of determining the actual cost per thousand feet of handling lumber. It depends entirely upon circumstances and the location of the yard. Unless the utmost care is taken and a perfect system inaugurated, many items of expenses are incurred throughout the year which do not appear on any of the books kept by a retail lumberman. This keeps the dealer ignorant as to what his total expenses are until he takes his inventory at the end of the year, and then he finds to his sorrow that his profits have been materially cut down by these miscellaneous expenses. I have known cases where the total expense of handling and selling lumber in a yard footed up to \$3 a thousand.

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very few retailers who have any knowledge of the actual expense of handling a car load of lumber, nor are they in a position to tell what is the actual expense per thousand feet on the lumber they handle during the year. Where they have no teams o their own many dealers make contracts with some concern to unload, had and deliver the lumber into their yard and accordingly they can tell what this item amounts to. Others who attempt to do the work themselves often arrive at a wrong conclusion. One dealer actually told me that he could handle his lumber for twenty-five cents a thousand. After pinning him down, however, I made up my mind that he referred merely to the cost of loading the lumber from the car onto the wagon and delivering it to his shed. He remarked that the piling was done by his yard man at odd times and really did not cost

This, however, included a reasonable compensation for the owner, insurance, taxes and interest on investment. At one or two points where we operate I do not believe that the total expense is over \$1.50 a thousand, while at other points it exceeds \$2.25. Taking the retail yards as a whole, I do not believe that they can possibly carry on business for less than \$25 a car or about \$1.75 a thousand.— Mississippi Valley Lumberman.

Thomas A. Malcolm, of the firm of Malcolm & Ross, contractors for the construction of the Restigouche and Western Railway from Campbellton to St. Leonards, N.B., says the railway will open up a rich timber region. It is estimated that on Crown lands within twenty miles on either side there are 2,000, 00 feet, and on New Brunswick railway lands nearly 3,000,000 feet, of which to per cent. Is spluce and the balance cedar.

MR. WILLIAMPOWER, M. P.

(By Byron Nicholson.)

A feature of Canadian life, of which we may all well be proud, is that the highest positions in the land are open to all, without exception, who have the ambition to aim at them, the ability to fill them, and the perseverance in seeking after them which ensures success. Indeed, the second of these qualifications is sometimes all that is necessary—for now and then the office seeks the man rather than the man the office. At any rate, whilst Canada gave to royalty the honor which is its due, and unfeignedly respects true aristocracy, she allows no adventitious circumstance of birth or fortune to be a bar to the progress of her deserving sons. Of this the career of the present representative at Ottawa of the Western Division of "the Ancient Capital" is a notable example.

Mr. Powers was born in 1849 at Columbia de Sillery, a suburb of Quebec. He received his primary education at the parochial school of his native parish, and afterwards took a course at the Quebec Commercial School. When but a lad he left this institution to enter



MR. WILLIAM POWER, M. P., Quebec.

the employment of Messrs. W. & J. Sharples, the well-known lumber merchants, and was given a situation in their office at Sillery. Here he displayed such business ability that at the early age of seventeen he was given a much more important position in the company's offices in the city, and, as he afterwards became a partner in the business, he has been identified with the timber trade of the port of Quebec for nearly forty years. Besides, he has a practical knowledge of the actual work of lumbering, having spent several winters in the pine forests of Michigan and of Western Canada, supervising the work there carried on by the company's employees.

Quiet and unassuming though he has been, yet it would hardly be expected that a man who had shown so many excellent business qualities, and who, besides, had given many proofs of his generous and charitable disposition, would be allowed to remain altogether in the comparatively quiet sphere of a business life, and so, not only has he been for many years a member of the parish Municipal Council of Sillery, but on the death of Hon. R. R. Dobell, M. P. tor the district of Quebec West, Mr.

Power was elected as his successor—and that, too, by acclamation. Moreover, the esteem and popularity thus implied becomes still greater when it is remembered that the election took place during the candidate's absence in England.

He has already adapted himself to parlia mentary life very happily, for he is not one of those who occupy the time of the House by making long or academical speeches, but (in accordance with the spirit of the age) deals with questions of public interest in a thoroughly practical manner. In this way, rather than a debate, is his presence felt at Ottawa—though, when he does speak, he speaks with such clearness, deliberation, and force that no one who hears him can possibly misunderstand his meaning, or fail to be influenced by his arguments.

SETTLEMENT OF CROWN LANDS.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA, May 2, 1903. Editor Canada Lumberman

DEAR SIR,—I take the liberty of bringing before your readers a few ideas I have held for some time. I shall be pleased to find that some improvements may be made to the present laws now in force regarding the settlement of the Crown lands of the Province of Ontario. I believe the rule of the provinces of Canada is to lay great stress upon the matter of free homesteads or cheap homesteads, and Ontario has not been behind in its offerings of large privileges in this way.

For the especial benefit of the settler, all of the timber, other than pine and spruce, has been reserved for the settler subject to limitations regarding settlement duties.

The principal enactments of importance to the settler are: That he must live upon his land a certain number of years, do certain improvements under a number of conditions, and when, on the part of the settler, these conditions have been fulfilled he becomes owner of the grant. This all sounds very fair and generous and I may even go so far as to term it paternal. Right here is where I have considered the fabric weak and inefficient for the purpose which the liberality of the grant is intended to serve. Presuming that settlement and development of the vacant lands of Ontario is the desired object of the province, the matter may reasonably be considered from the standpoint of the success of the present laws in achieving that object.

So far, after very many years of experience with the present laws, settlement has been extremely slow in the Ontario wild lands where the timber is heavy. For the purpose of my statements I will assume that a colony of, say, ten settlers, take up hardwood timbered lands, and ten settlers at any one point is fully above the average settlements in embryo. In moving upon their lots the question of existence is a matter of importance if they have little money or means of subsistence, and people of means as a rule do not go into bush lots these days. They are confronted with the regulations of the Crown Lands Department at once, when a clearing is begun, because there is no market for their timber near by, and as they are on hardwood lots their timber will not float. For the purposes of the first clearing, the timber, after cutting, is burnt, and without a market to buy their timber the process is repeated year after year. Just at this stage in the history of many such new settlements is where a difficulty comes in. Without capital to live upon and with very limited means to start upon, with but a very limited clearing the first or second year to produce means of subsistence, very many of the settlers first going into a new district are obliged to abandon their lots and go out to work in employments which will enable them to live, losing their time and what little savings they may have started with, and leaving their holdings to be taken up by others who may start upon their wrecked hopes and abandoned clearings.

I will not pursue this thought further, as it is so well known, but will suggest, roughly, a remedy: As the greatest obstacle the settler has to contend against is the timber upon his lot, which he cannot sell nor give

away, but which must be removed before he can live upon his land, a market for this timber should be sought for first, and turn to value what is now condemned to be burnt after time and labor has been wasted upon doing so, to the injury of both the would-be settler and the country at large as well as in particular.

In the case of a township surveyed into concessions running say east and west, reserve say the south half of one concession and the north half of the adjoining one, and open to hardwood mill men these half concessions for the sale of the timber upon them, say at stumpage values, and if advisable, divide each township into two, three or four such berths, so as to not allow too large a territory to be tied up or held inactive by mill owners. Hardwood mills are necessarily small and 9, 12, or 18 square miles of hardwoods in a well wooded section will supply all the timber such mills can cut for years. The mills will go in concurrently with, or in advance of the settlers, will be an immediate market for the timber upon the other half of the lots reserved for the settlers, will take off the timber, allowing settlers easier clearing upon the sections the imber has been sold from, and then the paternal disposition of the government may show itself in two ways-either hand to the settler the money received by the government as dues for the timber so sold or use these moneys to build roads, bridges, etc., through the section or township. A mill must have employees (who will largely become settlers), a community will bring a store and post office and artisans, and the growth of the district will soon develop a village.

I feel that by this method what is now bound to be destroyed will be utilized, the mill owner will be an active fire ranger, the co-operative method will assure better and quicker results in settling the country, no loss can come to any of the interested parties, and the government will save the country generally and the district particularly what would and is to-day and has been in the past destroyed by fire.

With these simple outlines I will reserve further words for more definite details if necessary,

Yours truly,

J. T. SCHELL.

CARBOLINEUM TREATMENT OF TIMBER.

The Dominion Paving and Contracting Company, of Toronto, is erecting a large building and plant in Vanconver, B. C., for the treatment of piles, railway ties, paving blocks, etc., with carbolineum. The works, which are now in course of erection, are situated on Coal Harbor, at the junction of Georgia and Denman streets. The property has a water frontage of 330 feet, and occupies a piece of ground several acres in extent. The work the company purposes carrying on is not the manufacture of carbolineum, but the treatment of woods with this composition, wharf piles, railway ties, street paving blocks, etc., and it is Loped that the already large domestic and foreign trade in some of the manufactured products of the British Columbia forests may be increased as a result of the establishment of this industry. Carbolineum is already extensively used on the coast for the preservation of timber. The process considerably lengthens the life of a pile, railway tie or other timber. Unlike creosoting and some other methods of treatment, it does not destroy the firmness or exhaust the wood by extracting or dissolving the sol uble albummous gums, resin, etc. The carbolineum treatment, it is claimed, coagalates all these gums into insolubility and thus prevents the tendency to rot. The treatment also prevents expansion and contraction under varying temperature and moisture. It so impregnates the wood that it becomes entirely uninhabitable to worms or the lower orders of animal life which are so destructive to woods, animatculae, fungi and other forms of lower life being destroyed or kept at a distance by it. Mice and rats and even horses refuse to gnaw wood so treated.

W. L. Martin, lumber merchant, Watella, N.W.T., has sold out to K. Nixon.

A. Haslam, of Nanaimo, B. C., recently put in a log hauling chain containing 774 links, each 6 inches long, made of 1½ inch iron. It was supplied by the Nanaimo Steam Carriage Works and will be used for hauling logs from the pond into the mill.

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FACTS ABOUT SHINGLES.

When about ten years ago the first vigorous steps were taken to introduce the red cedar shingle of the Pacific Coast into the eastern markets, there was much speculation as to the effect which the success of such a movement might have upon the white pine variety. At that time the advantage in the matter of price was with the red cedar shingle. It is only fair to the coast manufacturers to state that the reception which their product received was favorable, while with equal truth it may be said that the white pine shingle has lost little, if any, of its popularity. Natural conditions have brought about a very different situation than that which prevailed ten years ago.

The time chosen by the red cedar manufactures to exploit the eastern markets was most opportune. Many white pine lumbermen had been nursing a conviction that timber was becoming too valuable to be worked into shingles, even at the higher prices then prevailing. As years went by, one manufacturer after another either ceased to produce shingles entirely or reduced his output, using as shingle timber only that portion of the tree which could not be used commercially in any other way. Thus as the production of white pine shingles was reduced, the importation from the west was increased, an opportunity which the red cedar manufacturers were not slow to recognize.

Within ten years the re of red cedars has advanced, while that of nite pine has declined. The rising market for white pine lumber has not been reflected in the price of shingles, and little encouragement is offered for their production. On account of the lessened supply many eastern wholesale houses are abandoning entirely the handling of white pine shingles and are

devoting their attention largely to the Pacific Coast product, which is fast monopolizing not only the Ontario trade, but that of the Eastern States also. In the latter territory the white cedar shingle of eastern Quebec and New Brunswick is an element of competition to which consideration must be given. Being slightly cheaper than the western product, it finds many customers, particularly as the standard shingle now manufactured is vastly superior to that of a few years ago. Having a great advantage in freight rates, the manufacturers of the white cedar should be able to pretty well hold the market in near-by territory.

It will be seen that the producers of white pine shingles have gradually abandoned the market, not as the result of competition from other varieties, but because better returns could be obtained by converting their timber into lumber.

THE SELLING OF TIMBER.

It would be unwise to claim that the persons who are in charge of the administration of the Crown lands of the different provinces of the Dominion have not a fair knowledge of the value of timber. They are, as a rule, shrewd men, capable of framing such laws and regulations as will best meet the present, as well as the prospective needs of the country, as far as it is possible to do so. It is not easy to account, therefore, for certain agreements which have been made by more than one Government, and which would seem o have given away valuable timber lands for a "mess of pottage." Only last month the announcement was made by the British Columbia Government that nearly all the timber lands on Vancouver Island and the coast of that province not previously taken up had been reserved for really unknown parties, under the name of the Island Power Company. At first it was difficult to grasp the significance of the announcement, which seems a serious blow to the lumber industry. The situation was not improved by the later report that the company securing the concession had sold out to an English syndicate.

Notwithstanding claims to the contrary, it is quite certain that our timber lands are not always disposed of to the best advantage. More than one pulp company have secured a greater area than they were entitled to, and a few lumbermen have profited by the generosity of governments. The favored few will have no words of condemnation, but to the majority an injustice is done. As a public asset the timber should be sold to the highest bidder, and an equal opportunity given to all. It is a question whether the disposal of pulp wood lands by auction, although presenting some disadvantages, would not after all be found to be the most equitable plan.

A policy which seems to have been adopted by the Quebec Government is to give but scant publicity to proposed public sales of timber limits. Although one of such sales is to take place about the middle of this month, there was not, so far as can be learned, until a few days ago, any public announcement of the fact outside of the city of Quebec. It is difficult to imagine how the Government hopes to thus secure that degree of competition which would

result in obtaining the best possible prices for the timber. If that result is not desired, the course followed can be understood.

Since the above was written, a modest looking notice has been published in the British Columbia Gazette cancelling the reservation of timber on behalf of the Island Power Company, on the ground that the reserve was six hundred square miles more than it was intended to have been.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

At time of writing forest fires are raging on all sides. Already the damage to standing timber and to a number of settlements has been heavy, but it is feared that the worst is not yet past. Undoubtedly the extreme drouth which has prevailed throughout almost the entire Dominion is the chief cause for the large number of fires. As the property of many individuals, particularly in Quebec and New Brunswick, has suffered, it is probable that it may lead to a public awakening to the necessity of more adequately protecting the forests from fire. The public has in the past been too careless about the setting of fires, and while commendable measures have been taken by the different governments to prevent their origin and spread, these measures have in a large degree been frustrated by the indifference and apathy of the public towards forest protection. When their personal effects become endangered, however, a change of disposition may be looked for.

The manufacturer is being severely condemned for the prevailing high prices of lumber, which, in the opinion of the layman, are largely the result of a desire to increase profits at the expense of the consumer. If due consideration were given to the conditions affecting the price of lumber, however, it would be found that the manufacturer is deserving of no such censure. Apart from the added expense of timber, camp supplies, machinery, etc., the expenditure in wages alone to produce one thousand feet of lumber has almost doubled within six years. This is shown by the following table, compiled by the secretary of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association. The figures given are the monthly wages paid the employees of the camps in Minnesota and Wisconsin:

1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1001
Teamsters \$16.00	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$10.00
Swampers 13.00	16.00	20.00	24.00	25 00	30.00
Choppers 14.00	15 00	20 00	24.00	20 00	30,70
Loaders 20.00	24.00	26,00	30 00	32 00	35.00
Sawyers 14.00	18.00	20.00	24.00	26.00	30.00
Graders	16.00	18.00	20.00	24 00	30.00
Chain tenders 16.00	16.00	19 00	20 00	24.00	30 00
Blacksmiths 35 00	40 00	45 00	50.00	55.00	δυ.ν ο
Cooks 40.00	40 00	45.00	50.00	55.00	65 00

The conditions in Minnesota and Wisconsin are much the same as those which exist in the white pine districts of Ontario.

The Canadian buyer of lumber is more generously dealt with in respect to terms of sale than is his confrere in the United States. As recently pointed out in these columns the terms as wed are two per cent. off for payment within fifteen days, or the face value of the invoice within three months. In the Eastern States 1½ per cent. discount is allowed for settlement within fifteen days, one per cent. within one month, and the invoice must be met in full within sixty days. These terms seem to

have given general satisfaction, as the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association and the Wisconsin Valley Association have recently adopted them, and the Southern Lumber Manufacturers' Association and the Northwestern Hemlock Manufacturers' Association are considering their adoption. This will make their adoption practically unanimous for the territory east of the Mississippi Valley.

CUTTING AND FLOATING OAK.

Our contemporary, the Southern Lumberman, publishes the views of several persons on the subject of whether or not it will damage oak timber to cut it in the spring or early summer, peel the bark off and let the logs lie out until the fall or winter, before sawing them up. While there is some difference of opinion expressed, the replies are in the main unfavorable to the assumption that the logs can be carried over summer profitably. Discoloration and worms are given as possible sources of damage. One correspondent states that the removal of the bark frequently prevents worms getting into the logs, although it would scarcely pay to remove the bark. The policy of another firm is to cut the timber in the fall and scalp it, refraining from putting it in the water until it has been cut and on the bank sixty days. It is claimed that 99 per cent. of oak will float after being prepared in this way. If it is cut in the winter and hauled in green with the bark on, about one-half or two-thirds of it will sink. Timber cut in June or July and peeled will float, but is likely to check.

THE AUSTRALIAN LUMBER TRADE.

In his last report to the Department of Trade and Commerce, Mr. J. S. Larke, Canadian Commissioner at Sydney, New South Wales, says of timber:

"Notwithstanding the drouth building operations have been brisk and the demand for timber good. British Columbia fir, known here as 'Oregon,' is now \$14 at the mill, instead of \$7.50 at which it was once sold. California redwood, sold largely for doors, sashes and inside work, has advanced nearly 331/3 per cent. in a year and is quoted at \$24 at the mill. Every now and then it has been proposed to introduce cedar and some of the cheaper timbers of British Columbia into this market, but no determined effort has been made. The market in timbers, as well as in other lines, is conservative and no demand for a new timber can be created in a day. The high prices now ruling afford an opportunity to introduce the Canadian that may not occur again for a decade.

"One of the timbers practically unknown here is the hemlock, and in connection with the cutting of that timber, there would be a market for the extract of the bark. There is a prejudice against hemlock-tanned leather mainly on account of its colour and some poor samples of that tannage that have been offered on this market. Wattle, which is the Australian bark used for tannage, has gone up in price and as a result there is a demand for a cheaper tanning material. This demand is likely to continue for some time, as the drouth has killed a good many wattle trees and stopped the growth of more,"

VIEWS AND INTERVIEWS

Few persons know more of the early history of lumbering in Ontario than Mr. Thomas Shortiss, an old Torontonian. He relates that fifty years ago the township of King was considered the lumber centre of the Province. In 1853 Mr. Shortiss built a saw mill just above Barrie, on the Northern Railway. It had a capacity of 75,000 feet per 24 hours and in those days was considered a very large mill. He was the first person to ship lumber from Ontario to Chicago. He is now not actively engaged in the lumber business, although interested in timber limits. It is the opinion of Mr. Shortiss that very few people have become rich by sawmilling operations, but that most of the wealth now represented by lumbermen is the result of investment in timber limits.

Would it not be possible to increase our exports of turned hardwood stock to Great Britain if we more nearly met the requirements of that market? This is a matter that is worthy of consideration. One who is largely interested in this trade states, for instance, that the English buyer is very particular about the design of broom handles, for which there is a large market there. They require a handle grooved about two inches from the top and with a bead running around. The ordinary Canadian broom handle would be called a mop handle in England. Great care should also be taken in the shipment of such stock. We know of an entire consignment of broom handles which was rejected on account of the bundles having been tied with a tar band, causing a mark which could not be removed.

*** It is impossible to manufacture basswood in certain seasons without its being seriously discolored with sap stain. For this reason much of this wood is manufactured in the winter and even then a large per cent. of it blues. Soft elm occasionally has this defect, but it is very seldom found in oak or maple. Some of the sap in birch decays, but it leaves white spots and very soon rots. Hemlock has very little sap and so escapes the defect. Doubtless climatic conditions have much to do in bringing out this discoloration in wood. The other day a manufacturer in speaking of the subject said: "Whenever a rain storm occurs followed by hot, sultry weather, lumber that is freshly piled is almost certain to become badly stained. I have known cases where lumber has been taken from the saw, loaded in the hold of a vessel and 24 hours afterwards had quite a mold and mildew covering the surface. This was doubtless caused by the stifling, hot atmosphere down in the bottom of the vessel. We find that one hoard seems to discolor another, but generally it is not seriously injured except where it comes in contact in cross piling. Many of the manufactures have adopted the practice of using hemlock on this account."

The Toronto Globe, in noting the appointment as Senator of W. C. Edwards, the Ottawa lumbeman, says that while operating far up the

Gatineau river, he tells this story of a shantyman who had spent a couple of seasons working for him in the bush, and was coming out again shortly after the death of Queen Victoria.

At Maniwaki the shantyman made his first stop on the way down, and in a chat with the hotelkeeper asked what was the news since he had gone in the woods.

"Oh, there's nothing much new. I s'pose you heard up there that the Queen was dead?"

"No, you don't tole me de Queen was dead! I'm sorry to hear dat: I'm sorry. She was a good woman, de Queen, an' a good Queen, too. Well, we'll all die some tam, even de Queen."

After a hort respectful paus, he asked: "An' who's got de job now? Who's de head now?"

"Oh Edward's the King now. It's King Edward for the last three months."

"Edwards de King! Well, well; you don't tole me Edwards de King! He's a beeg man in de lumber business, but I never expec' to hear of him be de King. What a pull dat man Edwards mus' have wit' Laurier!"

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Hemlock is now having its innings. price of white pine has reached the point where substitutes are sought atter, and for many purposes hemlock fills the bill. The mills in the Parry Sound district are this season sawing a very large quantity of hemlock logs, largely into dimension timber. Hemlock lath is also growing in favor, although the price seems to be too close to that of pine to warrant its use to any large extent. Concerning the relative merits of white pine and hemlock lath the Mississippi Valley Lumberman says: "White pine is particularly well adapted for lath for the reason that it is not inclined to warp and does not shrink and swell abnormally. In addition to these well known merits there is a well grounded preference in the minds of practically all builders and consumers favorable to white pine lath. The numerous substitutes which have been put on the market from time to time have accordingly had to be sold at a substantial reduction from the white pine prices." The question has been asked whether there is any money in manufacturing hemlock lath from standing timber. It is extremely doubtful that this could be done to advantage, as it is now a recognized policy to manufacture lath only from that portion of the tree which would otherwise be wasted.

DOMINION TIMBER LICENSES.

The regulations regarding timber licenses in Manitoba, the Northwest and the railway belt of British Columbia have been amended so as to make it clear that the licensee complying with the conditions is entitled to a yearly renewal while merchantable timber remains upon the area.

The Virden Lumber & Hardware Company, with offices at Brandon and Virden, Man., have changed their name to the Manitoba Hardware & Lumber Company.

During the eight months ending with February the United States imported nearly fifty per cent, more unmanufactured wood than during the corresponding eight months of the previous year. As represented in dollars the figures were \$10.232,745 and \$15,206,827.

NEW COMBINATION LATH MILL AND BOLTER

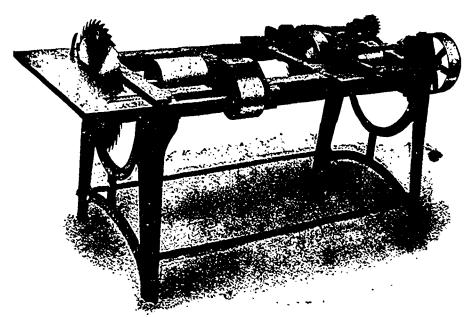
Although there have been many combination both mills and bolters put on the market the last few years, the exacting conditions of the lath industry soon relegated many of them to a place in the background. It is claimed that not until the advent of the machine which is the subject of this sketch, has any manufacturer been successful in designing a machine which was strong and cheap enough to fill the conditions. This machine, however, meets all the requirements and has proven to be a favorite with the lath manufacturer from the start.

The machine consists of a one-saw bolter and a threesaw lath mill mounted on one table with strong iron legs. feet 10 inches long over all, 3 feet wide, 3 feet 6 inches high, and when boxed occupies about 72 cubic feet; weight complete with countershaft, 1,050 lbs.

Those interested in the cheap manufacture of lath will do well to write for the pamphlet. "How to Make Good Lath," in which this and other interesting machines are fully illustrated, addressing Wm. E. Hill & Co.,415 N. Rose street, Kalamazoo, Mich., and mentioning this paper.

TRADE INQUIRIES.

The following inquiries concerning trade prospects have been received at the office of the Canadian



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The table is a large well proportioned easting so designed that nothing short of dynamite will break it, while the legs and other parts are strong and well proportioned. A countershaft, not shown in the illustration, completes the machine.

The machine is built on generously strong lines, and like all other "Hill" machines is built to wear. It is 6

Manufacturers' Association, Toronto. The names of inquirers may be learned by communicating with the publishers of this journal.

BOX SHOOKS—A firm of fruit shippers in Ealing, Eng., require a large quantity of box shooks cut to dimensions and wish to hear from Canadian manufacturers who can fill orders.

A wholesale seed firm in Surrey, Eng., requiring large supplies of wooden boxes, cut to specified sizes, have asked to be placed in touch with Canadian shippers of box shooks.

Casein—The addresses of casein manufacturers in Canada are asked for by a firm in Scotland.

CHAIR MATERIAL—A London firm of manufacturers' agents possessing a long experience and large con' nection would like to represent a first-class Canadian producer of chair materials.

DOORS AND LUMBER -A London timber merchant

desires names of Canadian manufacturers who can supply doors, shelving, carpenters' clear pine, poplar, etc.

DOORS AND SASH—A correspondent at King's Lynn, England, desires to purchase the above for each against shipping documents. He asks tor quotations delivered at London or Liverpool.

DOORS, WINDOWS AND SASH - A merchant in Antigua, B. W. I., desires to purchase the above. He asks for quotations f. o. b. St. John and Halifax. Canadian references are sent and payment will be made by sight draft on New York.

HANDLES—BROOM - (1) A Bristol house is prepared to contract for supplies of broom handles and invites correspondence from Canadian producers.

(2) A correspondent at King's Lynn, England, desires to purchase the above for cash against shipping documents. He asks for quotations delivered at London or Liverpool.

Handles, Spade and Shovel—An enquiry has been received from Berwick-on-Tweed for names of Canadian lumber houses in a position to export 32-inch spade or shovel box or D handles (English pattern); also shovel stems 32, 29 and 34 x 1½ inch diameter.

LUMBER—A London merchant desires to purchase carpenter's clear pine, poplar and hickory.

PIANO KEY BOARDS—A London manufacturers' agent asks to be placed in touch with Canadian manufacturers of basswood piano key boards.

Skewers—A well known firm in Christiana, Norway, desires to purchase the above and asks for samples and quotations f.o.b. New York.

TIMBER-A Wolverhampton commission agent desires to procure cheap timber for machine chopping and bundling firewood.

WOODEN WARE—A Glasgow firm of manufacturing agents who already represent Canadian manufacturers desires to correspond with shippers of the above with a view to representing them in Great Britain.

C. W. Milestone has established a lumber yard at Moose Jaw, N. W. T.

The St. Anthony Lumber Company, of Whitney, Ont., are building a new steam hoist at Sproule Lake for the loading of logs.

One of the boilers in Petit Bros. saw mill near Comber, Ont., exploded recently, seriously injuring one of the employees.

Hunting & Lee are building a shingle mill on the south side of False Creek at Vancouver, B. C. The mill will be equipped with five shingle machines, which will be supplied by N. Thompson & Company, of Vancouver.

The Surveyor General of New Brunswick proposes to make some alterations in the fees of log scalers. Heretofore the scalers have been paid five cents a thousand on all the logs scaled. It is proposed to pay the scalers a stated salary and to make them game, fish and fire wardens all the year round.



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AN INSPECTION BUREAU.

The cargo branch of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association have organized the Pacific Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau, with one chief and three deputy chief inspectors. The manufacturers interested in the movement include the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company, of Chemainus, B. C., and the British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Conpany, of Vancouver. The result of the first month's work of the Bureau was very satisfactory. It is estimated that fully 95 per cent. of the coast-wise and foreign shipments from the Pacific North-West will pass under the supervision of the Bureau. It is claimed that for the past ten years the lumber manufacturers have been compelled to stand for reclamations in the markets of the world, and had absolutely no recourse. The Bureau's inspectors now reject defective lumber at the mill, thus saving the cargo trade thousands of dollars annually. It is understood that shippers by rail are considering the adoption of a similar plan.

TRADE NOTES.

The Stillwell & Company, of Detroit, Mich., announce the removal of their office from 684 West Fort street to 301 Stevens Building, 31 to 39 Grand River avenue, near the Griswold House.

McOuat & McRae have recently shipped one of Doncan's patent resawing machines to Gillies Bros., Brae-

side, Ont., and another to the Great Northern Lumber Company, of Mount Tremblant.

The Hanchett Swage Works, Big Rapids, Mich., manufacturers of the celebrated "Hanchett adjustable saw swage" and other filing room tools, report a marked increase in their Canadian trade.

Owing to the large orders that the Syracuse Smelting Works have been receiving for babbitt metal, solder, Columbia phosphor tin, etc., they have been alliged to add more furnaces and to work day and night.

Messrs. Mixer & Company, wholesale lumber dealers, of Buffalo, N. Y., are sending out a leather pocket book with their name and address stamped on the inside-a useful article, and withal a good advertisement.

Mr. Alfred Rubbra has resigned his position as manager of the Machinery and Supply Department of the Laurie Engine Company, Montreal, and has opened a new machinery supply warehouse at 22 and 24 Victoria square, under the title of The Machinery Exchange. It is the intention to carry full lines of new and secondhand machinery. Mr. Rubbra has been appointed eastern agent for H. W. Petrie, of Toronto.

The Mengel Box Company, of Louisville, Ky., will equio their new vencer plant with "A B C" dry kilns. The American Blower Company have also an order for apparatus for a three-compartment kiln for the Laquin (Pa.) plant of the Brooklyn Cooperage Company. The same company is furnishing kill's for the Chicot Lumber Company, Blissville, Ark., Huntly Manufactur-

ing Company, Silver Creek, N.Y., The Menasha (Wis. Woode Ware Company, Buckstege Furniture Company, Evansville, Ind., Hastings (Mich.) Wood Working Company, The East Jordan (Mich.) Flooring Company, Evansville (Ind.) Desk Company, and J. C. Widman & Company, of Detroit.

McDougal & Cameron, of Vancouver, B. C., 128 month purchased two logging engines for their camp on Jervis Channel.

The Trites-Wood Company, Limited, has been incorporated by the British Columbia government, to carry on a general lumber and mercantile business.

The sash and door factory of the Fernie Manufacturing Company, at Fernie, B. C., is one of the best equipped establishments of the kind in the west. The machinery was furnished by J. L. Neilson & Company, of Winnipeg.

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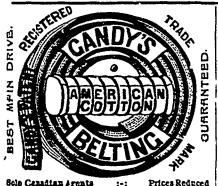
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OBITUARY.

H. W. TODD.

The death occurred last month, in Liverpool, England, of II. W. Todd, of the firm of Watson & Todd, timber merchants, Liverpool, England, with branches at Ottawa and Montreal. He was 64 years of age. Mr. Todd gained his early experience in the lumber business with Mr. R. A. Watson, of Liverpool, whom he subsequently joined in business. About twenty years ago they turned their attention to the pine deal trade, and since that time have been large buyers of Canadian lumber. Last year their shipments from Montreal were upwards of 50,000,000 feet.

WILLIAM RICHARDS.

William Richards, one of the most extensive lumber operators on the Miramichi river, died at his home in Boiestown, N. B., on June 1st, after more than a year's illness.

Mr. Richards was born in Cardigan, York county, sixty-eight years ago. He was a son of the late Daniel Richards, who was a native of Wales. Mr. Richards had been a large lumber operator for more than thirty years, a little time on the Nashwaak for Alex. Gibson, but for many years on the Miramichi. He also operated a large saw mill at Boiestown.

Six years ago his business was transferred to a stock company, The Richards Company, Limited, of which he was president. He was widely known and much respected and a staunch Liberal.

EDMUND HALL.

Edmund Hall, a veteran lawyer and lumberman of Michigan, died at his home in Detroit on May 17th, after a very brief illness. Mr. Hall was born at Cayuga, N. Y., in 1819. He was admitted to the bar in 1847, practising for a number of years in Detroit, where he soon took rank as one of the cleverest lawyers in that section. About thirty years ago his other interests became so large that he gave up the practise of law entirely. He was contractor for the building of several state roads, receiving land scrip in part payment. He located valuable tracts of white pine in this way and soon became known as a lumberman.

Mr. Hall's early lumbering operations were largely confined to Michigan, his mills being located at Bay City. When the pine timber in that city gave out he invested in extensive timber tracts in the Georgian Bay district of Ontario, rafting the logs to Bay City. About three years ago he built a large saw mill at Sarnia, which is now in operation.

JOHN MACLAREN.

John MacLaren, a prominent citizen of Brockville, Ont., died at Kamloops, B. C., on May 29th from injuries sustained by being thrown from his horse while on a hunting trip up the Thompson river, fifty miles from Kamloops. Mr. MacLaren was spending a short time in British Columbia in connection with his lumbering operations at Barnet.

Deceased occupied a prominent place in business, social and religious circles in Brockville, where he resided. He was born at Buckingham, Que., about hfty years ago, being the sen of the late James MacLaren, a prininent lumber merchant and former president of the Bank of Ottawa. As a young man he was associated with his father in the lumber trade. He spent several years at New Westminster, B. C., in connection with his father's interests and for a time lived at Windsor, Ont. In 1892 he removed to Brockville and purchased the James Hall Glove Works, which he considerably enlarged and operated up to the time of his death. He was also president of the Canadian Oak Belting Company, Brockville, and owned a large saw mill at East Templeton, Que.

Deceased was one of the stalwart members of the First Presbyterian church in Brockville, and took an active part in all branches of church work. He was a warm supporter of healthy athletics and an enthusiastic curler. In every sense of the word he was a public spirited citizen, always ready to give a helping hand to a just cause.

The surviving members of his family are Mexander and Albert MacLaren, of Buckingham, David MacLaren, vice-president of the Bank of Ottawa, and Mrs. William Alloway, of Winnipeg.

ALEXANDER FRASER.

The result of an attack of pneumonia extending over four weeks. Alexander Fraser, the pioneer lumberman of Ottawa, passed away at his home in that city on June 1st, at the age of 73 years.

From the first of his illness it was feared that he might not recover, owing to the fact that he had not been in good health for several years, though for a year previous to his death he had been very well.

The late Alexander Fraser was one of the last of the square timber pioneer lumbermen of the Ottawa Valley and was widely and favorably known from the headwaters of the Ottawa to Quebec.

He was a son of Hugh Fraser, a Higland Scotchman, a soldier who served in the 1812 war and later settled in Goulbourn, near Ottawa, where Alexander Fraser was born. Along about 1835, the late Hugh Fraser removed to the township of Pembroke and his son Alexander entered the employ of the late Hiram Chamberlain, of Westmeath, as clerk in his lumber supply store. It was here that he came into contact with the lumber men and Hudson B. v traders and acquired a taste fo the life of the woods and river. And when quite a young man he had already acquired such an expert knowledge of woods and river craft that he soon became a leader among men on the Ottawa river, and in 1853, at the age of 23, he took out his first raft of square



THE LATE ALEXANDER FRASER.

timber on Black river. As time went on he kept increasing his operations and during the seventies it was not unusual to see 10 or 12 of his rafts passing down the river to Quebec His energy was tremendous, and being a man of great physical strength and also a splendid constitution, no amount of application to business appeared to have any effect on his general health.

Mr. Fraser was possessed of a keen foresight and sound business judgement and was often by consent accorded a leading part in the management of large enterprises in which he was interested. He was one of the founders of the Bank of Ottawa, The Lachine Rapids Hydraulic Company, The Ottawa Trust and Deposit Company, and was also largely interested in The Upper Ottawa Improvement Company, The Keewatin Lumber Company, and many smaller enterprises.

He was of a very quiet and retiring disposition and extremely simple and unostentatious in his habits of life, but possessed of a strong will and great determination.

His business career was not one of uninterrupted success. He had at various times serious losses, sometimes running into several hundred thousands of dollars, but his greatest reverses occurred after he had attained a strong financial standing and was able to bear them easily.

Since the formation of the Fraser Lumber Company by his sons in 1855, the late Mr. Fraser had not been actively engaged in lumbering—his time was almost exclusively devoted to the enterprises in which he was interested outside of the lumber business.

His business relations, extending over nearly half a century, with such firms as Sharples, Dobell Beckett, Burstall, and McArthurs, were always of the pleasantest nature, and it was with these people that the great bulk of his business was done. His estate is estimated at between three and four millions.

He leaves surviving, his widow, three daughters, Mrs. Daw, Mrs. Fee, and Miss Madge Fraser, and two sons, J. B. and W. H. A.

The funeral of the deceased was very largely attended. Among the prominent lumbermen present were the following: Hon. E. H. Bronson, Messrs. R. Beckett, F. P. Bronson, Peter Whelan, Edward Skead, Levi Crannell, J. G. Bryson, Charles McLaren, J. R. Booth, C. J. Booth, G. B. Greene, W. C. Hughson, James G. MacLaren, John Mather, George Klock, J. C. Browne, Ottawa; E. H. Lemay, W. J. Poupore, Montreal; William Power, M.P., E. Harper Wade, Quebec; Claude McLaughlin, Arnprior; Hon. Peter White, Pembroke; David Gillies, George Gillies, Braeside; Robert MacLaren, Buckingham; Norman McCuaig, J. E. McCuaig, Bryson.

WILLIAM MOHR.

William Mohr, a prominent figure in the early lumber trade of the Ottawa valley, died at his home in the township of Fitzroy, near Renfrew, Ont., last month, in the ninetieth year of his age. His operations were confined to the square timber trade. He took many rafts to Quebec, his operations sometimes reaching 750,000 cubic feet in a season. He operated on the Quyon, Bonnechere, Petawawa, Dumoine and Madawaska rivers. He was particularly well known along the valley of the Bonnechere, where he year after year regularly made his trips to the snanties. It is said that he could fall a lofty pine with great despatch.

ALLAN GILMOUR.

Allan Gilmour, a well known lumberman of Ottawa, was on May 19th accidentally shot by a magazine rifle, death resulting almost instantaneously. It seems that Mr. Gilmour had arranged to go on a fishing trip and proceeded to get his tackle together. The store room was darkened and it is presumed that in reaching for his fishing rod the gun was in some way discharged.

Deceased was the eldest son of the late John Gilmour, a prominent lumberman, and was in his fifty-seventh year. He was a man of independent means, and a few years ago retired from active business life, although retaining an interest in the lumber firm of Gilmour & Company, Limited, of Trenton, Ont., of which company he was formerly president. Messrs. John Gilmour, of Ottawa, and David Gilmour, of Trenton, are brothers of the deceased.

PERSONAL.

Mr. E. H. Lemay, the well known lumber merchant, of Montreal, accompanied by Mrs. Lemay, recently returned from a three months tour through Europe. They visited Spain, Italy and Algiers.

Mr. E. A. O'Connor, formerly of St. John, N. B., and well known as a shingle expert, has removed to Salmon Lake, Que., to accept a position as foreman for the lumber and shingle mills of J. Fenderson & Company.

Mr. George W. Campbell, for several years manager of the Winnipeg branch of the British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Company, has accepted the management of the Tait saw mill at Vancouver, B. C., recently purchased by the Rat Portage Lumber Company.

PUBLICATIONS.

Mr. Robert Bell, of the Seaforth Engine and Machine Works, Seaforth, Ont., is sending out a new catalogue of his various lines of saw mill machinery, engines, etc.

Illustrated sectional catalogue No. 149, issued by the American Blower Company, of Detroit, and referring to exhaust fans, is a very complete work, neatly printed and containing a number of useful tables.

Eastern capitalists have formed a joint stock company to take over the extensive timber limits and logging business in British Columbia controlled by W. H. Higgins, of Vancouver. The principal limits concerned are located on the Toba river, near Malaspina Inlet. Mr. Higgins will continue as manager of the business.

THE GROWTH OF FOREST TREES AT THE CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM, OTTAWA.*

By W. T. MACOUN, Horticulturist.

Experiments in the growing of forest trees at the Central Experimenal Faim were begun mainly for the purpose of gaining information which would be useful to the farmers of Canada, and the tifteen years work accomplished has, we believe, been of some service to the farming community and also to others who are interested in the growth and development of trees from a more economic and scientific standpoint.

About twenty-one acres of the Experimental Farm have been devoted to the planting of forest trees in belts and clumps, and sixty-five additional acres have been used for an Arboretum and Botanic garden in which forest trees are planted as individual specimens.

The forest belts extend the 19 the whole northern and western boundaries of the farm; the belt along the western side being 165 feet wide and that on the northern boundary 65 feet, their total length being nearly 14 miles. There is an evergreen plantation also occupying about 2 teres. These belts and plantation were planned by Dr. Wm. Saunders, the director, and the first planting was done in the year 1857.

The main points on which information was desired were: First, as to the rate of growth of the best timber trees when grown on different kinds of soil and at different distances apart; the distances chosen at first being 5 by 5 feet, 5 by 10 feet, and 10 by 10 feet. Second, it was desirable to know how the growth of trees planted in blocks of one species, compared with those grown in mixed plantations. Third, it was important to learn, what influence, the forest, belts would have on the crops in the adjoining fields, in regard to the shelter afforded them, and also how far from the belt the crop would be affected adversely. Fourth, the planting was also planned as far as possible with the object of improving the landscape, and the several species were arranged so that a good effect would be produced.

These were the principal objects in view in establishing the forest plantations. We propose to endeavour to show how far these objects have been accomplished.

First, with regard to the comparative growth of trees when planted on different kinds of soil and at different distances apart. The soil in which the trees were planted was in some instances poor, in some cases wet and cold, in others heavy clay loam, black muck, sandy loam, and also in gravelly soil—a great variety of soil being represented in the 134 miles of forest belts.

The black walnut thrives well and grows rapidly on warm sandy loam but is almost at a standstill in wet, cold, sandy soil and the trees are stunted and practically useless. This is very interesting, for in Western Ontario this tree thrives best in river bottoms, but it is a good example of how trees taken from a comparatively warm and dry part of the country must be given a warm soil in a colder climate, even though there is less moisture in the ground. A number of species of Canadian trees as they reach their northern limits are found growing on much higher altitudes than where they grow to perfection. I he hard maple is an example. This tree as it goes north seeks the hillsides. In the Maintime Provinces, also it is found on the high elevations. The white, red, and green ash grow almost equally well on wet, cold soil, heavy, clay loam, black muck and gravelly soil. The black ash only succeeds where there is an abundant supply of water.

White, canoe, and yellow birches all thrive on the light soils, but they also do well on heavier and wetter ground.

The hard maple succeeds best and grows quickest in warm sandy loam. In clay loam it makes a healthy but slow growth, the growth lessening as the loam gets stiffer. Good drainage is very essential for the vigorous growth of this tree. The red maple does best in moist ground and the rate of growth is largely governed by the amount of moisture in the soil. It is unfortunate that so many of these trees have been planted along the streets of Ottawa, as the permanent roadways and walks which are being made in the city prevent these trees getting the moisture which they require and they are gradually sickening and dying. The

*Abstract of a paper read before the Canadian Forestry Association.

red maple has a wide range from north to south in America, and it has been found at the Experimental Farm that trees of this species imported from the South are in some cases not hardy. The silver maple thrives in a greater variety of soils than the red and is a more rapid grower. It, however, also requires a plentiful supply of moisture to make its best growth.

The white or American elm has been tested at the Experimental Farm in a great many kinds of soil. There is an elm avenue about ¾ of a mile long, and by driving along this the rate of growth of the trees on different kinds of soil can easily be noticed. This tree is making the strongest growth in the warmer but fairly moist soils. Where the subsoil is a cold, compact sand it does not thrive nearly as well. The elm makes remarkably rapid growth where the conditions are favourable. Avenue trees planted in 1888 when about 11 feet high and 1½ inches in diameter 4 feet 6 inches from the ground are now 37 feet in height and 12½ maches in diameter at the same height from the ground. The red and rock elm have also been tested in the forest belts, but these are not important timber trees.

The beech does best in warm, sandy loam here like the bard maple, but does very poorly where the soil is wet.

The basswood is one of the noblest trees and thrives well in the Ottawa district. It succeeds best in rich, warm soil and seems to require a fair amount of moisture. It has not done so well on light, sandy land. The butternut also grows well here, but does best in warm rich ground.

Poplars and the large growing willows have made very rapid growth on most soils, but on stiff clay loam the willows have made least growth, though the poplars do well in it. The Russian poplar made strong growth at first, but of late years have been affected with a dry rot which is gradually destroying them. The white poplar is very subject to borers, and the aspen is too small a tree to be of much value. The two species which are making the best growth and the finest trees are the cottonwood and the balsam poplar. These are fine specimens and reach noble proportions here.

The white spruce makes the moist rapid growth on warm, sandy loam soil at Ottawa. It does well on gravelly soil and fairly well on ciay loam. The Norway spruce, which is the fastest growing spruce we have, makes its greatest growth in good sandy loam. It also succeeds well on gravelly soil and clay loam; in fact, it has made good growth in all kinds of soil in which it has been tested, but makes the poorest growth in the lightest sandy loam.

The American arbor vitae thrives in almost all kinds of soil. It is most at home, however, on the black and moist ones. It makes the least growth in heavy clay.

There is no forest tree which appears to succeed as well in such a diversity of soils as the Scotch pine. This tree makes strong growth in cold, poor soil, in clay loam, and in warm sandy loam; in fact, we have not discovered a soil at the Experimental Farm in which it does not thrive. The white pine succeeds best in sandy loam, and although it makes a healthy growth on heavier and moister soils, the growth is much less.

One of the most striking trees at the Experimental Farm is the European Larch. Like the other European trees, the Scotch pine and the Norway spruce, the Larch succeeds almost equally well on all kinds of soil. A block of these trees in the forest belt, in cold, sandy loam soil, have made very satisfactory growth, while equal if not better growth has been made on the highest sandy loam on the farm. The trees have also made strong growth on heavy clay loam. The Larch saw-fly is, however, very troublesome, and if the trees were not sprayed they would be defoliated every year. It is a remarkable fact that in the Arboretum where specimens of the European Larch and our native Tamarac are growing within a few feet of one another, the saw-fly has not attacked the native species. Tamarac transplanted from a swamp adjoining the Experimental Farm have surprised us by succeeding admirably on the higher ground in sandy loam soil. Whether the tree will reach a large size in this soil has not yet, of course,

As already stated, the trees in the forest belt were planted 5×5 feet, 5×10 feet, and 10×10 feet apart in order to learn which was the most satisfactory method.

These distances have all been found too wide. Where the tress were 10 x 10 feet apart, cultivation was still necessary, in some cases eight years after planting, in order to prevent sod from forming, and to get the trees to make satisfactory growth. The lower limbs of trees planted 10 x 10 feet apart have in many cases not yet died, the result being that the trees have knotty trunks. The tops of the trees planted 10 x 10 feet apart have also been more broken by storms than those planted closer. The main objection, however, to such wide planting is in having to keep the ground cultivated for so many years.

Even 5 by 5 feet has not been found an economical distance, as cultivation had to be kept up for from five to seven years, depending on the species and the irrangement of the trees. The most satisfactory growth from a forestry standpoint has been obtained in a solid plantation of evergreens, which was in 1877 a musery, but which was allowed to remain and was extended. The trees in this plantation were in rows 3 feet apart and the trees from 1 to 2 feet apart in the rows. These have done remarkably well, growing tall and straight, and having their lower branches Lilled early owing to the dense growth. This plantation has been gradually thinned until the trees are now about 3 by 4 feet apart but the distance will be widened somewhat this year, as more will be taken out for poles.

During the past three years some new plantations have been made in the forest belts where certain kinds of trees have failed, and the trees in these blocks were planted only 2½ by 2½ feet apart. These were not really all timber trees, as a large proportion of shading and small trees were used for the purpose of shading the ground and saving cultivation. Several kinds of trees and shrubs were used for this temporary purpose, with the object of finding out which were the best. It may be found that 2½ by 2½ feet apart is an extreme in close planting, and that a slightly wider distance would be more satisfactory.

It has already been said that the trees in the forest belts were planted in blocks of a single species and mixed plantations in order to demonstrate which was the better plan. The rapid growing evergreens have succeeded about as well in unmixed blocks as where mixed with deciduous trees and other species of evergreens, but the deciduous trees have required much less labour to keep them growing vigorously where the species have been mixed. For instance, the ash, walnut, butternut and elm, though rapid growing trees, have thin foliage, and in the case of the ash, walnut and butternut are late to leaf out in the spring. The result is that there is greater opportunity for grass to grow; there is also greater evaporation from the soil, as the leaves are not thick enough to shade the ground thoroughly. The result is that the trees do not grow as rapidly as it there were no sod and the ground well shaded.

The hard maple, oak and beech are rather slow growing trees, and although they have heavy to liage do not grow rapidly enough when planted in rows and cultivated to shade the ground in a reasonable time.

The quick growing but thin foliaged trees require the thick foliaged deciduous kinds and the evergreens planted among them to make good soil conditions and give best results, and the thick foliaged but lower growing kinds require the others for the same purpose. The box elder is both a thick foliaged and rapid growing species, and hence a very useful kind as a temporary tree.

There is another advantage in having a mixed plantation on a farm, and that is that injurious insects spread less rapidly and are easier controlled than where the trees are in blocks of a single species.

A number of average trees were selected in 1893 in the principal parts of the forest belts and for the past ten years annual measurements have been made of these trees. The average is taken of these average trees and the results published from time to time in the annual reports of the Experimental Farm.

Some of these measurements may be of interest to this Association:

Name.	Distance Apart.	When Planted.	Height When Planted.	Soil.	Height.	<u>:</u> 8	Diameter, 4 ft.,6 in from ground, 1902,
	Feet.	_	Inches			-	
White Pine	5×5	1889	5-10	Light sandy loam with gravel.	25	3	3 4-5
**	10X10	• • •	••		24	5	514
Scotch Parc.	5*5	18 [¢] 7	15	Low sandy foam with gravel	27	7	1 11
"	10210	••	١٠٠	••	22	9	; ,
••	17273	1 ~~7		Light sandy loam and gravel	4,	4	11/3
Black Walnut	5X10	:887		Clay toam	17	5	11%
White Ash.	5*5	1 ~59	; year	Black muck Light Sandy	25	•	ż
	10X10] "	·•	loam, moist bottom	21	9	315

ONTARIO CROWN LANDS.

The report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands of Ontario for the year 1932 states that the total revenue collected on account of the Woods and Forest branch was \$1,331,352.10. Of this sum \$1,078,273.35 came from timber dues; \$227,667.84 from bonuses; \$61,039.41 from ground rent, and from transfer fees \$4,371.50. The revenue collected on account of timber dues is the largest in the history of the Province. The collection on account of bonuses is derived from timber sales of previous years.

The report refers to the prosperous condition of the lumber trade. Wages in the woods not many years ago ran from \$14 to \$18 a month. Last year the range was from \$25 to \$32, and even then men were hard to obtain. All kinds of supplies increased in price, and the cost of getting out logs, delivery at the mills, and sawing and shipping the lumber was much enhanced, leaving the lumbermen no more than a fair profit.

The statement of timber cut on Crown lands for the year is as follows:

Area under license	17,408	sq. miles]
Pine saw logs	615,831,433	ft. B.M.
Other saw lovs	15.634.341	**
Pine boom and dimensio a tumber.	18, 510,856	••
Other dimension timber	4,994,334	•••
White pine square timber	1,468,756	cub ft.
Ash timber	169	**
Pile timber	1,022.483	
Cedar	362,491	lin. ft.
Cord wood	31,562	cords
Tan bark	10,723	••
Posts	5.394	• •
Railway ties.	2.575.255	pcs.
Telegraph poles	10,524	**
Head blocks	343	••
Shingle bolts	521	cords
Pulp wood	20.703	••
Heading bolts	24	• • •

SAWDUST AND FISH LIFE.

A paper bearing the above title was read before the Canadian Institute by A. P. Knight, M. A., M. D., Professor of Animal Biology at Queen's University, Kingston, and has been reprinted for distribution. It is a very valuable work, reviewing as it does the experiments which have been made by leading scientists to determine the effect of sawdust upon fish life.

Professor Prince, Dominion Fish Commissioner, says: "So far as our present knowledge goes, sawdust polution, if it does not affect the upper waters, the shallow spawning and hatching ground, appears to do little harm to the adult fish in their passage up from the sea. There is no case on record of salmon, or shad, or any other healthy adult fish being found choked with sawdust or in any way fatally injured by the floating particles."

Mr. Bastedo, Deputy Commissioner for the Province of Ontario, expresses the opposite view in the following words:

"There can be nothing more destructive of fish life than the depositing of sawdust in the rivers and lakes. It is said to absolutely kill all vegetation, and it is well known that in waters where there is no vegetation fish life is noticeably absent. Minute crustacea of various kinds feed upon the juices of the plants which are to be found at the bottom. These afford food for the smaller fish, and again these furnish food for others of larger size."

In the year 1900 Professor Knight, with the above facts before him, undertook some experiments at St. Andrews, N. B., for the pur-

pose of ascertaining whether or not sawdust war injurious to fish life. The results went to show that brook trout were not injured by living for two weeks in a water tank largely filled with sawdust so long as a copious supply of water was allowed to run into and out of the tank. These results were corroborated by subsequent experiments carried on in the biological department of Queen's University. When, however, sawdust was allowed to lie in still water, or in very slowly running water, entirely diffierent results were obtained.

Prof Knight made a series of experiments which show comparative results at a glance. Two grams each of different kinds of sawdust were placed in shallow circular dishes containing respectively 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1,000, 1,200, 1,500, and 1,700 c.c. of fresh water. After soaking for about five hours in each case, a minnow was placed in each of the dishes. The length of time each animal lived was carefully noted, except in those cases where death occurred during the night. The results for white pine, Ontario cedar and British Columbia cedar are given below:

The conclusions of Prof. Knight are summarized as tollows:

- t. Strong sawdust solutions, such as occur at the bottom of an aquarium, poison adult fish and fish fry, through the agency of compounds dissolved out of the wood cells.
- 2. The overlying water in such an aquarium does not at first kill fish. After about a week it does kill, but solely through suffocation, the dissolved ozygen having all been used up.
- 3. Bacteria multiply enormously throughout all parts of such an aquarium, and through oxidation change the poisonous extracts to harmless compounds. Mosquito larvæ live on the bacteria. No doubt, in natural pools, other aquatic insect larvæ live on bacteria also.
- 4. Subsequent aeration and sedimentation of sawdust water purify it, so that fish can live in it without injury.
- 5. Since adult fish and black bass fry both refused to be driven into pine extracts in the bottom of an aquarium after they had experienced its poisonous effects, we may infer that fish would desert a river much polluted with sawdust, going down stream and into tribu-

Weight of Sawdust	Volume Water c.c.	Time Soaking	WHITE PINE SAWDUST. Time at which minnow was immersed.	Res	sutis.
grams.	300	io a. m.	2.43 p. m.	Lived abou	: 9 minutes.
44	400	**	ii	41	••
4.	500	**	••	••	••
••	600	••	••	• •	••
44		••	••	••	••
••	700 Soo	••	••	** 10	minutes.
••	900	••	••	" 13	••
••	1000	••	••	" 15	••
••	1 200	••	••	" 20	••
••	1500	••	••	" 29	••
••	1700	••	••	" 29	**

Weight of Sawdust.	Volume Water c.c.	Time Soaking.	ONTARIO CEDAR. Time at which minuow was immersed.	Results
2 grams.	300	10 a. m.	2.33 p. m.	Lived 8 in nutes.
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••	500	••	••	" ı́g "
••	600	**	••	" 20 "
••	700	••	44	" 21 "
**	Sor	**	••	·· 22 ··
••	020	••	••	·· =7 ··
••	1000	••	••	" 27 "
••	1200	**	**	" i hour
••	1500	••	••	" 1 " and 48 minutes.
••	1700	••	4*	" 1 " " 55 "

		DKI	TISH COLUMBIA CEDAR.	
2 grams.	300	10 15 1.111.	2.51 p.m.	Lived 6 minutes.
""	100	•	••	· 6 · ·
••	500	••	••	" 15 "
••	600	••	4*	" 53 "
••	700	••	••	43 "
••	Soo	••	••	" 1 hour and 9 minutes.
••	900	••	••	Jumped out of dish unnoticed.
••	1000	••	••	Lived 1 bour and 32 minutes.
••	1200	**	• •	" 1 " 36 "
••	1500	••	Ľ٠	" 3 " 50 "
••	1700	••	7.	" 3 " 29 "

Concerning experiments made on the Bonnechere River Prof. Knight says the results point unmistakably to the conclusion that the sawdust poured into the river is not destroying its fish life. Moreover, in Golden Lake, an expansion of the same river, and ten miles above any saw mill, lake trout used to be very abundant. Every October large numbers were caught in nets along their spawning beds. Now these spawning grounds are reported to be deserted by fish, and certainly sawdust cannot be blamed for their disappearance. Higher up the river, in Round Lake, the October fishing is still good, solely because there are fewer settlers and less fishing. taries to escape from the disagreeable influence of sawdust extracts.

- 6. No stream can be pronounced off hand as poisoned by sawdust. Each stream must be studied by itself and the varying conditions must be thoroughly understood before a judgment can be pronounced. The chief things to be considered are (1) the quantity of sawdust, and (2) the volume of water into which the sawdust is discharged. Subordinate conditions are the rapidity or sluggishness of the stream, the amount of sunlight or shade, and the character of the water, whether from agricultural lands or from primitive forests.
- 7. Further observations and studies along sawdust polluted streams and rivers of Canada are urgently needed before more definite conclusions can be reached.

THE NEWS

- -Mr. Shea has remodelled his saw mill at Doc Lake, Ont.
- C. T. White is building a new saw mill at Apple River. N. S.
- Moir, Son & Company have completed a new box factory at Halifax, N. S.
- -F. E. Sayre & Company have completed their new saw mill at St. John, N.B.
- Dumont, Fontaine & Cie, sash and door factory, Genilly, Que., have registered partnership.
- The Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company are building a slungle mill at Chemainus, B.C.
- --Forest fires in the vicinity of Amherst, N. S., early in May destroyed considerable standing timber.
- The Cushing Bros. Company have installed new machinery in their planing mill at Edmonton, N. W. T.
- —B. Quinn, of Windsor Mills, Que., has purchased from Joseph Bedard his saw mill and limits at that place.
- Incoraportion has been granted to the W. A. Dunn Lumber Company, of Toronto, with a capital of \$40,000.
- The lumber yard of Klassen & Wieve, Altona, N.W.T., has been sold to the Prairie Lumber Company.
- -The Descrotto Milling Company have purchased the Easterbrook mill at Tweer. Ont., for the sum of \$16,000.
- R. Walker, of London, Ont., has purchased the lumber business of E. H. Mathias at Morningside, N. W. T.
- -The Arrowhead Lumber Company, Limited, of Arrowhead, B.C., has been incorporated. The capital is \$250,000.
- -James W. Day has purchased the woodworking factory at Parrsboro, N. S., formerly operated by E. Spencer & Son.
- --A. M. Stewart, of Morden, Man., has disposed of his lumber business at that place to the Canadian Elevator Company.
- —It is stated that the saw and shingle mill at Fenelon Falls, Ont., owned by the Rathbun Company, of Deseronto, will be enlarged.
- -The Rat Portage Lumber Company have given the contract for the erection of a large saw mill at Winnipeg to Stephen & McKinnon.
- -The Brodhagan Lumber Company, of which Mr. Benniweiss is president, are building a saw mill on Cecebe Lake, Muskoka district.
- —The Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Company, of Vancouver, B. C., are building a large flume for floating shingle timber from their limits to the mill.
- -- Irons & Winnacott, of Huntsville, One, have the new addition to their planing mill well under way. It will contain the machinery for the manufacture of sash and doors.
 - -The St. Anthony Lumber Company, of Whitney,

- Ont., have built a logging railway which will enable them to get logs to the mill without waiting for the slower method of river driving.
- -The Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company have installed four new boilers in their saw mill at Chemainus, B.C. They were supplied by the Victoria Machinery Depot, of Victoria.
- -The Gull River Lumber Company, of Coboconk, Ont., has been incorporated, with a capital of \$40,000. The directors are G. W. Stevens, J. A. Peel, Edward Noice and R. J. McLaughlin.
- —The saw mill and timber limits of A. E. Alexander at Cumpbellton, N.B., has been transferred to the Wm. Richards Company, Limited. It is understood that the purchase price exceeded \$110,000.
- —T. A. Burrows, G. A. Mantle and H. E. Crawford, of Winnipeg, and William Cowan and E. H. Moore, of Prince Albert, N.W.T., hat formed a partnership to carry on a lumber and pulp wood business.
- The saw mill at Sidney, B.C., has been remodelled and again put into operation. George Cudhec is manager, and J. W. Wey, of Tacoma, head sawyer. United States capitalists are largely interested.
- —John Hanbury, of Brandon, Man., has sent out cruisers to survey the timber limits in British Columbia which he recently purchased. It is understood that mills will be erected in the vicinity of Vancouver.
- —The new mill of G. L. Burtis at Thessalon, Ont., is nearing completion. It will be operated day and night, as it is expected to cut 30,000,000 feet of lumber this season. The local manager is Mr. J. H. Vice.
- —C. Ward and H. S. Barton, of London, England, have decided to build a saw mill of 50,000 feet capacity per day at Trout Lake City, B.C. A contract has been given for the cutting of 1,000,000 feet of logs to be delivered at the mill this summer.
- -An exhibit of the timber, mineral and salmon industries of British Columbia will be made at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition next year. William Hutchison and W. H. Hay are making arrangements for the display.
- --The largest private electric plant in New Westminster is now in operation at the Brunette Saw Mills. It was recently installed by the Hinton Electric Company, of Vancouver, and is capable of supplying 3,000 candle power.
- —The Grand Valley Company, Limited, has been incorporated to conduct a lumber business, with headquarters in the city of Quebec. The incorporators include T. G. Meredith, Narcisse Bechard, Reginald Meredith, A. E. Scott, and Ferdinand Audet, all of Quebec.
- -The Burrard Inlet Flume & Beom Company will soon have completed their large flume for conveying shingles bolts from the west bank of the Capilano river tosalt water, a distance of eight miles. J. G. Woods is managing director of this company, and H. H. Spicer secretary.
- -John Angus McBean, foreman of Alex, Gibson' slog driving operations, was killed on the Nashwaak river

- near St. John, N.B., on April 21, being crushed under a brow of logs. He was 46 years old, and had been associated with Mr. Gibson's lumbering operations for many years.
- "The Ontario-Slocan Lumber Company's new four machine shingle mill at Slocan City, B.C., made a very satisfactory start a few days ago. The company will at once proceed with the erection of their large saw, planing and other mills, and hope to have all completed during the year.
- A party of twenty-three students at the School of Forestry of Cornell University recently visited Ottawa. They inspected the Experimental Farm and were shown the experiments in forestry undertaken by the officials of that institution. They also visited the large saw mills in the Ottawa district.
- Andre Cushing & Company, of St. John, N.B., have for some time been conducting experiments with a view to utilizing the reluse of their saw mill for the manufacture of wood board. It is said that they have been successful and will erect a large plant at St. John. The firm holds both the Canadian and American patents on the process.
- -R. M. Jack, of North Sydney, N. S., recently returned from Newfoundland, where he surveyed timber limits on which the Dominion Iron & Steel Company have an option. It is understood that his report is favorable. The company desires the limits for the purpose of obtaining a supply of pit props and other timber for their mines.
- The Northwest Lumber Company has been incorporated, to establish lumber yards in Raymond, Magrath and Stirling, Man. The supply of lumber will for the present be obtained from the Northern States, although eventually a mill will be built in the vicinity of Stirling. The manager of the company is L.H. Baker, with headquarters at Raymond.
- -Much sympathy is expressed for Messes. Davidson & Thackray, of Ottawa, in the total destruction of their planing mill by a fire which occurred on June 4th. Their loss it estimated to be above \$200,000. This is the third total loss the firm has encountered within ten years, while Mr. Davidson was a heavy leser by the destruction of the Hotal Cecil last fall.
- --Messes. Ross & Taylor, of the Exeter, Ont., Planing Mills, have added to their already large enterprise by the purchase of the business which has been successfully carried on for the past thirty years by the late James Willis. They have purchased the entire stock of lumber, shingles, etc., and have leased the yards for a term of years. With this addition to their stock they have now a very extensive and well equipped lumber yard.
- The Vancouver Engineering Works, Vancouver, B. C., recently turned out what is claimed to be the larges logging engine ever manufactured in British Columbia It has cylinders to-inches in diameter by 15-inch stroke, and the bedplate is made of 15-inch steel I beams. The main drum will accommodate 1½ miles of 34-inch cable. The boiler is 60 inches in diameter and 131 inches high and will carry a working pressure of 150 pounds of steam. The engine was built for the British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Company, of Vancouver, B.C.

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MECHANICAL WOOD PULP.

Lord Strathcona, the Canadian High Commissioner in Great Britain, in his last report to the Department of Trade and Commerce, thus refers to the pulp industry:

Some surprise is expressed that the development in Canada so far should have been in the direction of mechanical wood pulp rather than in sulphite. The trade in the latter in the United Kingdom is much larger than in the former, the quantities consumed being about the same, viz., 250,000 tons, but while mechanical pulp is shipped containing 50 per cent. of water, chemical pulp is shipped air dry, consequently the actual amount of fibre in sulphite is almost double that of mechanical. The following is an extract from a letter received on the subject:-"We must strongly urge for future developments in Canada properly organized sulphite mills, and there can be no doubt that the future of sulphite making lies in Canada. Our reasons for this statement are the following: We have seen that Canadian mechanical pulp mills can compete successfully with Scandinavia. The only advantage they have over the Scandinavians is a modern plant and cheap wood, and the disadvantages under which they labour are the extra freight rates. Now, the wood necessary to make a wet ton of mechanical wood pulp in Scandinavia costs on the average 118 per ton; and in the best situated mechanical mills in Canada is said to cost 6s a ton. A Canadian mechanical wood pulp maker therefore starts out with an advantage of 5s per ton wet; against this he has an extra freight to pay of 58 to 68 a ton at an optimistic estimate, and therefore has no present great advantage, except that of modern plants, over his Scandinavian competitors. But reversing the position to chemical pulp making, the wood necessary to make a ton of chemical pulp costs in Scandmavia obs, because the bulk of the wood boiled is boiled away; reckoning the wood costs 3 dols, a cord at the mill, it would cost the Canadian only 30s for his wood to make a ton of pulp, and leaves him an advantage of 30s per ton. Against this be would have an extra freight to pay on dry putp of 7s 6d, and he starts out making pulp with a certainty that he can get his raw material so cheaply that he can manufacture 208 to 228 per ton less than the Scandinavians. The answer to this argument is, of course, why don't the existing mills do it, and the reply to that again must be that whereas any intelligent man can become a fairly expert pulp grinder in six months, in sulphite making great experience is required, and many a man who has been a sulphite maker all his life cannot make sulphite when he dies. The sulphite maker, like the paper-maker, is born, and the workmen who can be obtained in Canada are not sufficiently experienced, and do not take the

care requisite in the manufacture of a good sulphite pulp. All these are difficulties which can be overcome, and Canada is to-day making no fair share of the sulphite of the world, and it is in this direction that it will be a pleasure for the writer to convince your lordship that the future development of Canada in the pulp trade is possible."

HARMSWORTHS SECURE PULP LANDS.

The announcement was made about one week ago that the Newfoundland Timber Estates, Limited, in which H. M. Whitney, of Boston, and B. F. Pearson, of Halifax, are interested, had taken over the timber possessions in Newfoundland owned by Lewis Miller, of Scotland. It transpires, however, that most of this property has been taken over te rporarily by the Whitney Company, and that they will operate it only for the remainder of this season. It will then be taken over by Harmsworth Bros., publishers, of London, England, who, it is said, will make an investment of about \$10,000,000 in the purchase and equipment of their Newfoundland property.

Mr. Beeton, hydraulic engineer for the Harmsworths, has visited Russia, Finland, Norway and Sweden in search of suitable pulp lands, and believes that the property which they are about to acquire is admirably adapted to meet their requirements. The property consists of over one million acres, located on the Exploits River, Indian Lake, Lloyd River, King Georges Lake, Victoria River and Victoria Lake. The watershed is over 2,000 square miles, so that a famine in the water supply may be said to be out of the question.

At Grand Falls, on the Exploits River, the Harmsworths will build a mechanical pulp mill, a sulphite pulp mill, and a paper mill capable of producing 1,000 tons of paper per week. This amount of paper will be required for their various publications. It is estimated that the time necessary to erest the mills will be between two and three years.

One of the advantages of Newfoundland for pulp is that in the case of forest fires, or of spruce being cut down, the second growth is invariably spruce.

PULP AND PAPER MAGAZINE.

Messes. Biggar-Samuel, Limited, Toronto and Montreal, have issued the first number of a publication entitled "The Pulp and Paper Magazine of Canada." It contains 52 pages, of regular magazine size. Articles in the first number include the following: "Fibres for Paper Making," by Earnshaw Bradley, C. E., Toronto: "Canada and her Forests," by George Johnson, Dominion Statistician, Ottawa; "The Pulp Mill at the Soo," (with folding plate), by E. G. N. Cape, C. E., Montreal; "The British Paper Industry and its Relation to Canadian Trade," "Anglo-Canadian Pulp Trade," and other interesting contributions.

SWEDISH WOOD-PULP MARKET.

Consul R. S. S. Bergh writes from Gothenburg to the United States government, April 22, 1903, as follows: "Swedish newspapers state that by reason of the unsatisfactory condition of the wood-pulp market, Swedish and Norwegian manufacturers have agreed to diminish their production. According to reports, 30,834 tons of paper were exported from Gothenburg during the year 1902, or nearly 64 per cent, of the total export from Sweden, and 7,497 tons of pasteboard or building paper (nearly 92 per cent, of the whole). The quantities of wood pulp exported from Gothenburg were: Chemical, dry, 40,064 tons, or nearly 25 per cent.; chemical, moist, 4,753 tons, or more than 47 per cent, mechanical; dry, 22,339 tons, or more than 69 per cent., and moist, 7,004 tons, or more than 14 per cent. of the total export from Sweden.

PULP NOTES.

It is expected that the pulp mill of the Metabetchouan Pulp Company, at Metabetchonan, Que., will be in operation by the end of May.

W. & I. Sharples, of Quebec, who are largely interested in the River Ouelle Pulp & Lumber Company, are reported to have decided to increase the manufacturing capacity.

Mr. Grosset, managing director of the St. John Sulphite Pulp Company, arrived at St. John last month from Scotland to make an inspection of the pulp mill at Mispec.

The William Hamilton Manufacturing Company, of Peterborough, Ont., have supplied ten large turbines for the new pulp mills of the Canada Paper Company at Windsor Mills, Que.

The Quatsino Power & Pulp Company, of Vancouver, B. C., are preparing for active operations on Quatsino Sound. The intention is to erect a saw mill at once, and a pulp mill at a later date.

The experiment of running a pulp wood camp in the woods all summer will be tried near Gilchrist, Mich., this year. If the experiment is a success it will revolutionize the pulp wood cutting industry and avoid the present danger of shortage of pulp wood.

A Mr. Campbell estimates that the cost of pulp wood in Ontario is \$4 per cord, which will make 1,850 pounds of air-dry pulp. In Norway and Sweden it is estimated that the cost of pulp wood is higher, the difference amounting to about \$3 per dry ton of pulp in favor of Canada.

A paper on "The Chemical Industries of Canada" was read by W. R. Lang, B. Sc., at an open meeting of the Canadian section of the Society of Chemical Industry in the chemical lecture from of Toronto University on May 6th. The author gave some attention to the pulp and paper industry.

From Great Britain comes the information that the Canadian Finance Syndicate, Limited, has been organized, with a capital of \$75,000, to acquire timber limits and water powers and engage in the manufacture of pulp and paper in the province of British Columbia. The water powers are located on the Findlay river and lakes.

The North Shore Power & Railway Company, in which Thomas Meaney, of Toronto, is interested, are actively pushing operations on their works at Seven Islands, Que. During the past month a contract was given to Michael Connolly, the well-known contractor, Montreal, to construct a railway, wharves, pulp mills, and other buildings.

The Island Power Company, which secured a large timber concession from the British Columbia Government, for pulp purposes, is reported to have sold out to English capitalists. The Oriental Power Company, has in reserve all the timber limits on Princess Royal Island in British Columbia, is also reported to have disposed of its holdings to an English company. These English

capitalists are said to be pledged to spend between one and two million dollars in the establishment of pulp mills.

It is reported that American capitalists are considering the construction of a pulp mill at Lve du Bonnet, Man., stuated on the Winnipeg river. About Lac du Bonnet there are stretches of country that is well timbered with spruce and other pulp wood, and a sharp variation in the level of the water there furnishes the natural requirements for a good water power.

The case of the Bank of Montreal and other bondholders of the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Company against the company and the Royal Trust Company has been settled. The difficulty arose over the winding up of the pulp mill at Chatham, N. B. The claim of Lieutenant-Governor Snowball against the company has been referred to arbitration, Judge Barker having been selected as arbitrator.

Proceedings have been taken to wind up the Blanche River Pulp & Paper Company The and of the company are said to be \$3,000 and the indicties \$6,000. The reason given for the unsatisfactory state of the company's affairs is that the land grants to veterans have been taken largely out of the territory covered by the company's concessions. These grants carry with them rights to timber included in the concession to the

company. Hence the company's material was being limited to narrower bounds by the progress of settlement.

The question of the determination of moisture in wet wood pulp is a matter which has occupied the attention of everyone connected with the industry. It has been the cause of innumerable disputes, as well as the subject of careful investigation on the part of many experts. It is learned that the Chicoutimi Pulp Company, of Chicoutimi, Que., have engaged Mr. G. Davis, of the firm of Davis Bros., of Manchester, England, to thoroughly investigate the arrangements for the determination of moisture, with a view to putting them on a reliable working basis.

W. McCredie, ting from the Temiscaming district, says: "An intending seitler makes application for his lot of 100 acres, pays the Government five dollars, he has at the end of four years to pay a total of fifty cents an acre, clear sixteen acres, and have built on his lot a house at least 16 by 20; then he will get his title. But supposing him to be so poor he can only raise five dollars and get there, when he has located his lot he can go to any one of the three companies buying timber in that country and say, 'I am poor; I want an axe, saw and a load of provisions to live on, and a horse,

harness, hay, oats, etc." He will get those articles cheaper than he can at the retail stores. He then goes to work cutting pulp wood, for which he gets \$2.50 per cord, on the banks of any of the streams that will float it down. When his provisions are gone he can go back and get more till the spring, when the company will send their agent up to his place, measure his winter scut, and pay him the balance due in cash. He can then go and chop and clear the land he has taken his timber off during the winter; and each succeeding winter repeat the operation. Hearned that settlers last winter cut from one hundred to eight hundred cords each."

It is announced that the Ramy River Pulp & Paper Company, of which Hon, George E. Foster, of Toron to, is a director, have secured a timber concession of 270 square indes from the Ontario Government. The company are making preliminary surveys for flumes, dams, mills, etc., and intend erecting a 30-ton mechanical pulp mill and a 15-ton chemical mill. They will also erect a saw mill and do a general lumbering business. They expect to have the saw mill in operation next spring, and the pulp mill by the spring of 1905. The area of the concession is covered with banksian pine, poplar, spruce, tamarac and cedar.

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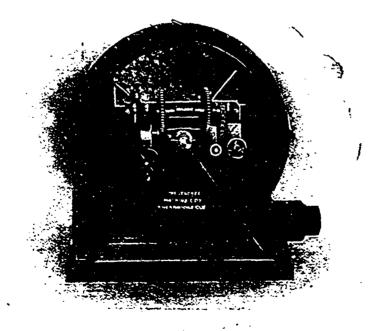
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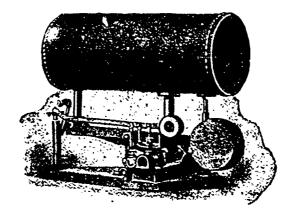
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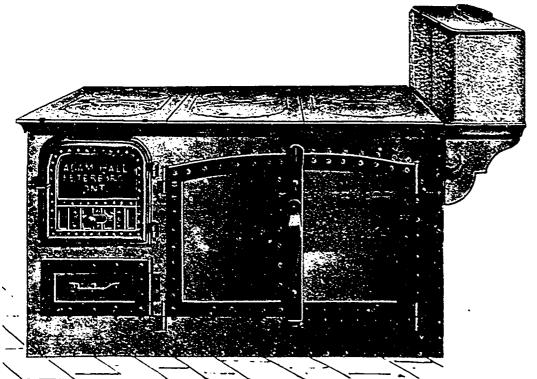
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Referring to the by-law Senator W. C. Edwards stated that of all the fires that have taken place in Ottawa only the one which occurred on May 10th was directly attributable to lumber. Had the city waterworks been in good shape on that day, he contended that the fire would have been extinguished before serious damage had been done. There seemed to be an impression that Ottawa would be immune from fire if the lumber were removed.

Mr. J. R. Booth is said to be considering the removal of his saw mill from the city as a result of the new by-law. This is considered a serious matter, as his employees now number nearly 2,000. It is possible that Mr. Booth will secure outside piling grounds at such a point that the lumber may be carried to the yard by rail.

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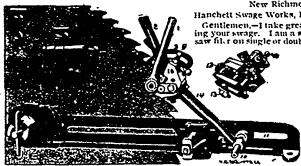
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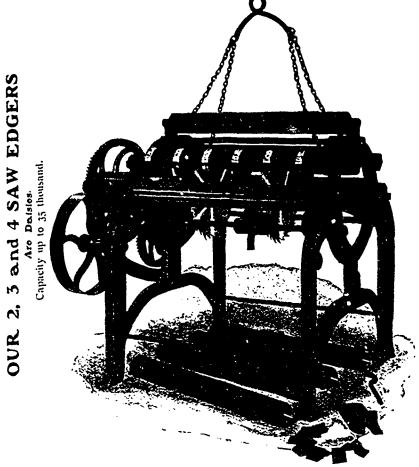
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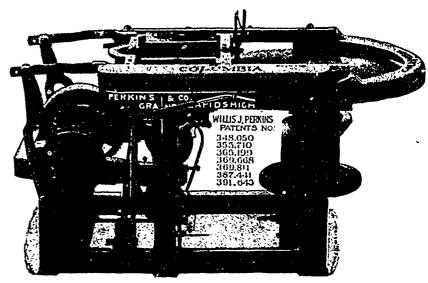
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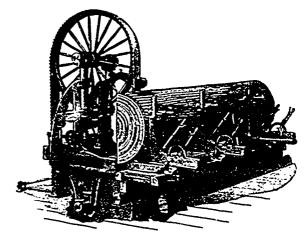
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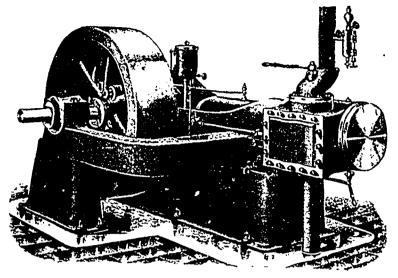
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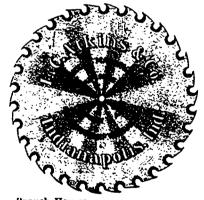
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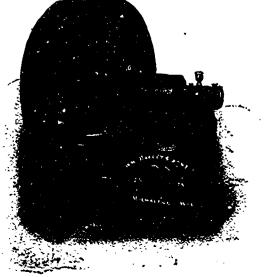
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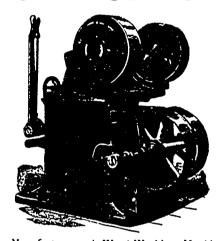
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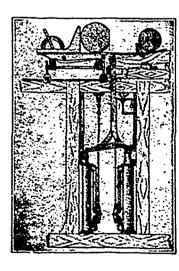
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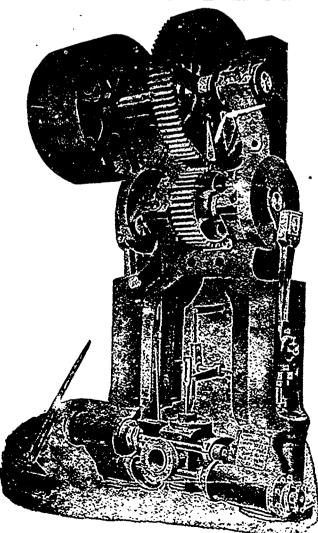
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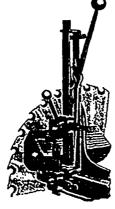
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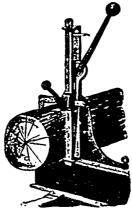


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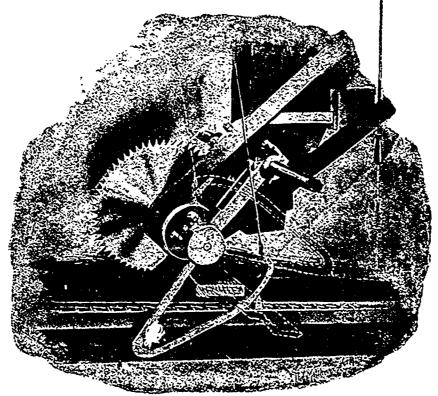
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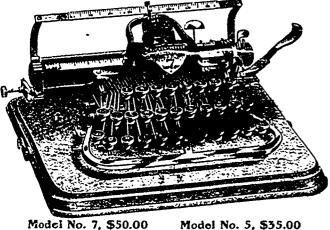
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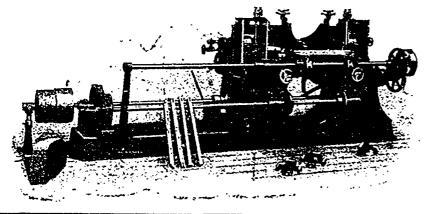
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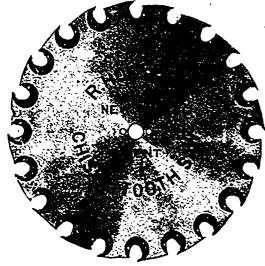
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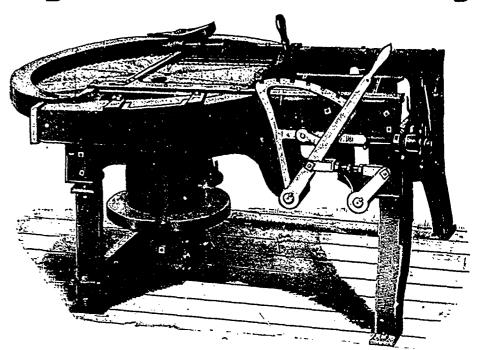
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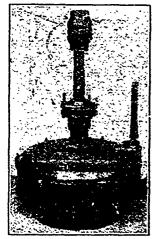
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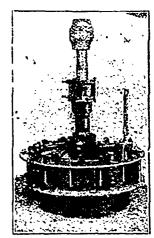
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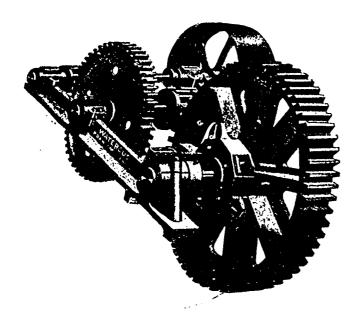
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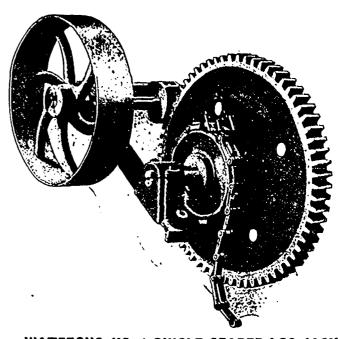
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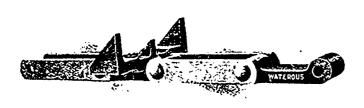
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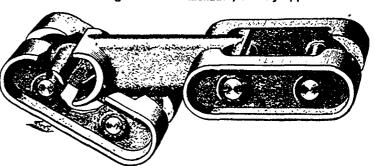


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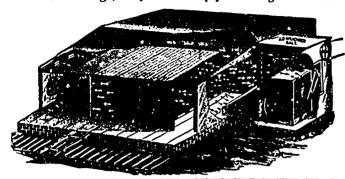
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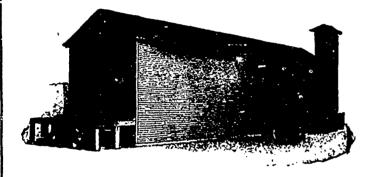
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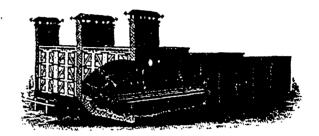
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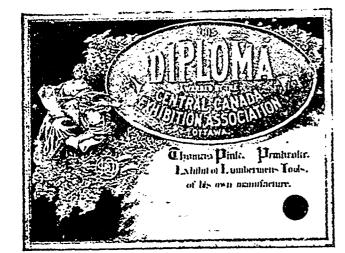
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