

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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William Holmes Sr. has resigned his position as superintendent of the woods operations for the Kirby, Carpenter Company of Menominee. He has held the position for forty years and will devote his entire time to his extensive logging business. Holmes' logging career is a long and honorable one dating back to the early 1850's. He came from the state of Maine and first worked in the woods with Samuel M. Stephenson at Flat Rock (Escanaba) before they both moved to Menominee in 1858. There are few if any men better or more favorably known in the logging world today than William Holmes Sr. and much of the success of Kirby, Carpenter which is one of the largest lumber corporations in the world can be credited to Mr. Holmes. Along with his son, William Holmes Jr., they own and operate a logging railroad business which operates year around with 55 miles of railway track and bank almost 72 million board feet of logs annually.