

# MILL AT THOMPSON TO BE TORN DOWN; AN OLD LANDMARK

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J. B. Fitch Arrives From  
New York To Superintend  
The Job

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5/1924  
Town Of Thompson Result Of  
Founding Of Mill 42  
Years Ago

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One of the early landmarks in Schoolcraft county, the Chesbrough mill at Thompson, is going to be dismantled and shipped away, according to announcement made this week by J. B. Fitch, of Moriah, New York, who has arrived in the city to superintend the work. Mr. Fitch is by no means a stranger in Manistique, having left here only last fall for New York. He was master mechanic at the Chesbrough mill prior to its closing down.

Reason for the permanent closing of the mill is the fact that the timber supply of the company has been practically exhausted. The mill was erected 42 years ago and has been operating almost continuously ever since.

The mill was erected by the Delta Lumber company with E. L. Thompson as president. Hence, the naming of the town as Thompson. The original company failed in 1893 and the business was taken over for about six years by the F. and F. company. After this it was idle for several years and then started again by the Thompson Lumber company which was backed by local capital. After this the North Shore Lumber company operated it until it was finally sold to A. M. Chesbrough, of Toledo who is the present owner.

Mr. Fitch, who is well known in the county, was continuously employed at the mill from the time it was founded until it was closed last year.