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Cheboygan, and four years later was organized as a separate county. The first attempt to locate here was made in 1836 by Jonathan Birch, who, having found that there were excellent facilities for building a dam at the Rapids, commenced getting out lumber preparatory to erecting a saw-mill; he was not, however, allowed to put his design into execution, as the Indians, who were opposed to allowing any improvements to be made, forced him to abandon his purpose. It was not until 1856 that any permanent location was made here, when Messrs. Fletcher, J. S. Minor, J. K. Lockwood, E. A. Breckenridge, Oldfield and Daniel Carter, commenced a survey of the village, which was then called Fremont, commencing on what is now known as River street. Shortly after this the name of the place was changed to Alpena, and it has remained so ever since. In 1864, the total number of inhabitants was 674, and the town, which was already beginning to assume a more civilized appearance, consisted of 2 mills, a hotel, a few stores, 2 mill boarding houses, and about a dozen private dwellings on the north side of the river; and 3 mills, a court house, 3 stores and some 20 or 30 dwellings on the south side. The first lumbering was commenced in November, 1858, and to Mr. E. K. Potter belongs the honor of having scaled the first log and measured the first cargo of lumber that ever left Alpena. In the spring of the following year, the first steam mill was erected, and it commenced operations in the fall, since which time so rapid has been the advance made by this city as a lumbering and commercial centre that it would occupy too much space to give a complete record of the progress of

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Alpena's most important industry. The following reports for the years 1874, 1882, and for the first seven months of 1883, show the almost phenomenal growth of the city, and reflect the very highest credit on the energy, enterprise and business ability which must have been displayed by her citizens to raise her in a few short years from a position of comparative insignificance to the place she now holds as metropolis of the Huron shore. In the compilation of the subjoined report, as in the case of all the others, which appear in this sketch, great care has been taken to insure accuracy.

Shipments from Alpena, by vessels which reported at the custom house in 1874, 1882, and during the first 7 months of the year 1883:

	1874.	1882.	1st 7 months, 1883.
Lumber, feet.....	85,000,000	194,464,339	59,100,000
Lath, pieces.....	33,116,000	36,082,000
Shingles.....	65,000,000	54,676,000
R. R. Ties.....	798,075
Posts (cedar).....	100,000	656,725	415,000
Poles.....	9,200	9,400
Vessels (reported)...	492	710	475

The following will show the amount of lumber manufactured during the past 5 years, and also the total cut of lumber, lath and shingles by each mill for 1882:

1878.....	100,946,126
1879.....	116,673,306
1880.....	120,000,000
1881.....	129,600,000
1882.....	194,464,339
Total.....	661,683,771

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