

## THE NEWS.

## CANADA.

—Burton's mill at Rugby, Ont., is doing a good business this season.

—The sawmill of D. P. McDougall & Co., Maxville, Ont., has been started up.

—W. H. Atkinson, lumber, Deloraine, Man., admitted Alfred Atkinson; style, W. H. Atkinson & Co.

—Wm. Harris & Sons, Day Mills, Ont., are getting out a large quantity of square timber for the "Soo" canal.

—Campbell's new saw mill at Inverhuron, Ont., is now running and turning out about 8,000 feet of lumber a day.

—Frank Atkinson, sawmill, Ailsa Craig, Ont., who compromised at 50c. on the dollar in December last, has now assigned.

—Mr. Mitchell, of Millwood, it is said, has decided to build a saw mill at Selkirk, Man. He will tow his logs from Lake Winnipeg.

—Chas. Ashley, Havelock, Ont., whose new mill has a capacity of 15,000 feet per day, informs the LUMBERMAN that business is lively.

—E. C. Cargill & Co. have purchased from Charles Brewer his sawmill property at Armstrong, B.C., the sum paid being \$5,000, including logs and lumber on hand.

—George Trask, whose sawmill at Orillia, Ont., was burned a few years ago, and on whom the work of rebuilding it has proven too heavy a strain, has assigned.

—Lumbering operations are still impeded in New Brunswick, owing to the heavy snows. There has been 12 weeks of uninterrupted sleighing in the province this winter.

—The Rathbun Company is carrying on extensive lumbering operations near its own section. Timothy Murphy's shanty of 60 men will get out in Hungerford 2,500 cords of hardwood, which will be shipped to Deseronto by train.

—Stewart Bros., of Rapid City, Man., have finished their season's log cut. About 12,000 pieces have been secured. Axemen and skidders have returned from the bush, but it will take the teams about six weeks to finish hauling.

—The shipments of W. M. McKay, of Ottawa, to British ports last year numbered 171 cargoes. Mr. McKay has shipped during the month 690,000 feet of deals to Liverpool, and Scammell Bros. 402,406 feet of scantling and 304,971 feet of boards to Buenos Ayres.

—E. Todd, Brantford, Ont., writes: "I have moved my sawmill from Clavering to Brantford. Have got out a fine stock of pine, oak and basswood; have 700,000 feet on skids and in yards. Though it has been a bad winter for logging in this section, yet I have logs within seven miles of the city."

—A dispatch from Collingwood says: "The sawmill and the large water front belonging to the Georgian Bay Lumber Company have been sold to Toner & Gregory, of this town, who intend to put the works in operation at once. The mill usually employs from 75 to 100 men during the cutting season. The capacity of the mill is from 80,000 to 100,000 feet per day."

Mitchell Bros.' sawmills at Berkeley, Holland Centre and Lucknow, are running in fine shape. \$12,000 has been paid out for logs so far this season at the Berkeley mill. The mill is running day and night, the large part of the work during the winter season being in the manufacture of window rollers for the English market, and shipped direct by the Mitchells. The volume of business at the other two mills is about the same as at Berkeley, the whole aggregating a large business.

—At Dorchester, N.B., says the Sackville Post, besides the large quantity of logs that is got out and sawed by Messrs. James Anderson & Son, there are as follows: By Messrs. James & Robert Buck, 1,500 logs; Samuel & John McAllister, 1,200; Gideon Buck, 1,000; Robert Cook, 1,000; Leonard Buck, 800; Rennis Hicks, 200, and a brow at Dorchester Cape of 4,000 logs. F. C. Palmer & Co. will have about 800 cords of pulp wood and 500 cords of kiln wood to ship as soon as navigation opens; also a quantity of piling.

—D. E. Sprague, the Winnipeg lumberman, who is in the woods on Rosseau river, with a gang of 100 men and 40 teams, says that the winter's work is progressing favorably. He adds that there is plenty of snow for the long hauls. The white and red pine in that section of the province is of a superior quality. Mr. Sprague's cut this winter will exceed two million feet. The logs will be floated down the Rosseau river to the Red river, and thence to the mill at Winnipeg. Mr. Sprague expects also to get a quantity of logs from Minnesota, to be brought down the Red river for his mill.

—The vast amount of logs that passed over the Horseshoe falls, and which are now on the Canadian side of the river on the ice bridge, are only a portion of the number which came down from Tonawanda, and their loss will be a most serious blow to Mr. W. L. Land, who owns the property. Mr. Land is from Au Sable, Mich., and an extensive lumber dealer. The extent of his loss is estimated at 1,500,000 feet of Norway pine lumber, valued at \$21,000. Some of this lumber has undoubtedly passed through under the ice bridge, and will hardly be recovered again. The lumber was in rafts when swept away by the ice.

## GENERAL.

—Sales of lumber at Duluth, already contracted for, aggregate 20,000,000 feet, or forty cargoes.

—Puget Sound lumbermen are discussing the advisability of introducing the Australian idea of cutting timber by exploding a ring of compressed gun cotton. It is claimed that the explosion will cut the tree perfectly clear of the stump.

—Messrs. Merrill, Ring & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, recently sold 800,000 feet of white pine lumber to the Jeannette Planing Mill Company, of Jeannette, Pa. This firm claims that they manufacture from 500,000 to 600,000 feet of glass boxes into lumber every month.

## FIRES AND CASUALTIES.

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—Pilkey's sawmill at Edenville, Ont., has been destroyed by fire.

## CASUALTIES.

—Frank Benninger, while running an edge-saw in Thompson's mill, Hepworth, Ont., had his hand cut clean off.

—Wallace Beeler, an employee of Rope Bros., Bridgetown, N.S., met an almost instantaneous death by a log rolling over him.

—James Shannon, employed in McCorgowdale's sawmill at Boissevain, Man., had his right arm badly injured by an accident in the mill.

—John Richardson, of Windermere, Ont., was instantly killed a few days ago, by a log which rolled off a high pile, striking him on the head.

—Samuel Thompson while employed in a camp of Messrs. Dymont & Mickle's, near Bracebridge, Ont., was struck by a falling tree and instantly killed.

—A man named Kelly, while drawing logs for Rathbun & Co., at McLean, Ont., had his sleigh upset, receiving a broken leg as a result, and one of his ears was completely severed.

—A terrible accident happened at Vale's sawmill in Sombra township, Ont. The operators were just preparing to shut down when the boiler exploded, killing Mr. Cornell, the engineer, and three of his children, who were in the engine room at the time. The boiler was thrown over the house adjoining the mill. Mrs. Cornell has one child left.

## PERSONAL.

Capt. Graham, formerly of Winnipeg, and well known in the lumber trade, is dead. He has lately been residing at Townsend, Wash.

W. D. Mearns has resigned his position as foreman of the Hastings mill, New Westminster, B. C., after a service of a number of years.

Mr. Duncan McLaren, a well-known lumber merchant of Lanark county, died recently in Florida, whither he had gone for his health. His remains were brought to Carleton Place for burial.

At St. Martin's church, Montreal, Que., on Feb. 27th, Albert McLaren, of Buckingham, Que., lumberman, was married to Lillian Edith, daughter of William Henry Moody, of Terrebonne, Que. The officiating clergyman was Rev. G. Osborne Troop.

## LUMBERMEN OF MANITOBA.

The third annual meeting of the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association was held at Winnipeg on the 12th February. The meeting was well attended and much interest evinced in the association work.

The president in his opening remarks made pleasing allusion to the honorary members in acknowledging the good support received from them in faithfully observing the by-laws and firmly declining to sell to suspended members and generally co-operating with the association throughout. He reported the association to be in a prosperous state and that the board of directors had only a few congested cases to deal with in the early part of the season for infraction of the by-laws, and was glad to state that the board had successfully disciplined the offenders and all of whom in the end are working harmoniously with each other.

The secretary-treasurer followed with the financial statement showing a balance on hand of \$1,140.80. He also reported the association in a prosperous condition; that it is generally recognised in the lumber trade of this country and that its members comprises all the retail yards in this province, and the eastern part of Assiniboine, with its usefulness for good being more and more demonstrated. The secretary desired to strongly emphasize the remarks of the president as to the honorary members in the very reliable support received from them in dealing with suspended members, in refusing to sell to such; and that the retail members should in their dealings keep in mind the old adage "that one good turn deserves another," in making their purchases, to patronise honorary members always.

The by-laws having been read and with a slight amendment adopted, the election of officers was proceeded with and on motion the president and directors were re-elected by acclamation. The question of freight rates was discussed and a committee appointed, with power to co-operate with other corporate bodies in urging the railway companies, to make a reduction in the freight tariff. An amendment to the lien law was submitted and upon full discussion was given into the charge of a committee to obtain legislation upon it.

An important question was brought up at the close of the meeting as to the advisability of establishing a mutual fire insurance company in connection with the association. After much live discussion the matter was given into the hands of the board of directors to deal further with it.

A very successful meeting was brought to a close after two sessions and extending to two days.

## LUMBERING IN GREY COUNTY.

THE lumbermen of Grey look for a profitable season's work, and already many of the mills are quite busy. In this county is located a considerable lumber interest. The following particulars touching some of the leading operators will prove interesting.

John Harrison is getting the most of his stock from the Manitoulin Island and will raft it to his mill at Owen Sound. He has large orders for lumber to fill for the C. P. R. and for the G. T. R. extension. C. H. Whittune & Co. have their new mill near Shallow Lake running. J. E. Murphy, the Hepworth lumber king, has erected another mill on con. 10, Keppel, on the G. T. R. extension, which will be running almost right away. H. Pedwell has removed his mill from the Glen to the Centre road, Keppel, and has made large improvements in the size and increased the speed of his manufactory. He has out a large stock of logs and is running a full gang of men on full time. Mr. Pedwell has also a second mill at Brookeholm, for which he is getting out large stocks of logs on the shores of Georgian bay, and which he will raft to this place as soon as navigation opens and start cutting. He has also a good stock of logs at his mill at Thornbury. James Nelson at Bayview, Sarawak, is getting out a nice little stock for his water mill. Kilbourn & Dunbar, near Presque Isle, are getting out a good stock of hardwood logs and will start to cut in March. Pickett & Ryan, who have purchased the mill near the Polsons, are purchasing logs on the Georgian bay to be rafted to their mill at Owen Sound, to be sawed during the coming season. Maitland & Rixon have a large gang of men and 30 teams getting out logs on their limits on the Peninsula, to be rafted to their big mill at Owen Sound and converted into lumber during the summer. Brunell Bros. mill on the Derry line is running day and night manufacturing mangles for the English market. They are getting out a large stock, and so are Barber & Gowan at their mill, also laying in a fair stock of logs. Campion's mill at Rocklyn is busy, with a small stock in the yard. Wardell's mill at Kilsyth is busy on custom work, and has a stock of logs in yard. R. A. Stark has already a large stock of logs on hand and will double his last year's supply if the sleighing holds out. Jones Bros. are not stocking very heavy this season. They are waiting, it is said, for free trade in lumber and will then take advantage of the market. Young, Leslie & Bro. have in a large stock and are paying good prices for logs to fill their orders for lumber in the American market. Charles Engle at Balaclava is running full time, and has his yards full of logs. N. D. Seaman, whose steam mill is near Woodford, is well supplied with hardwood and hemlock logs, and is running full time to fill orders in hand for lumber. J. S. Findley's mill at St. Vincent Crossing has in a large stock of logs, mostly maple, that he is manufacturing into mangles for the London market.

The details here given are confined principally to those whose operations are within easy distance of Owen Sound, and does not take in Hepworth, Chatsworth, Holland Centre, Allanford, Tara, Meaford, Wiarton, or the many other mills in this county, or the neighboring county of Bruce. The saw mills mentioned will have a combined stock of at least 17,000,000 feet.