

## THE NEWS.

## ONTARIO.

—All the saw mills at Rat Portage are now running.

—H. A. Patterson & Co., lumber dealers, Chatham, have sold out.

—J. H. Flanagan has started to manufacture shingles at Port Arthur.

—Thomas Robins' shingle mill, Wyebridge, is closed down for repairs.

—Coulon's mill, at Little Current is turning out about 86,000 feet a day.

—Trenouth's shingle mill, at Fawkham, is turning out a large amount of shingles.

—Mr. John Knight, of Douglas, is going to work a saw-mill at the Fourth Chute.

—Mr. J. H. Flanagan, has started the manufacture of shingles at Conmee's mills.

—The total lumber cut on the Gatineau section is about one-third less than last year.

—Messrs. Holden, of Belleville, have purchased the Fee-ney shingle mill at Moira lake.

—A toll of 8 cents per cord is to be imposed on pulp wood coming out of the Gatineau boom.

—Mr. P. Payette, Penetanguishene, has obtained a patent in the United States for a saw mill dow.

—The Rathbun Company's drive of saw logs down the Moria will amount to over 200,000 pieces.

—The logs on the Kippewa are mostly out of the bush, and the drive is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

—Men are being hired already for next winter's work in the woods. The wages are said to be about the same as last year.

—The Minnesota & Ontario Lumber Company's mill at Norman, which was shut down for want of logs, is running again.

—L. Seelack, of Carlingford, is busy cutting, having obtained a fair stock of logs. He is cutting mostly hemlock and spruce.

—Governor's Bay is alive with cribs of timber and the men working on them. Some three hundred cribs are being made into rafts.

—R. H. Smith and J. Clark have secured a five years' lease of the foundry at Tilbury Centre, and will convert it into a planing mill.

—The movement in Shingles at Severn Bridge has been lively during the past spring. There are no stocks on hand worthy of mention.

—The Rainy River is jammed with logs and navigation is for the time being closed, and will remain so until the Boom Company get the logs sorted.

—On the government boom, near Leamy's lake, work is now at its height. Rafts are being made and logs sorted and put in tows, ready for transit.

—Mr. M. L. Russell's drive of 2,000 cedars has arrived at the boom at Renfrew. They are for telephone poles and will be shipped to Wales, Ont., to Croil & McCulloch.

—Messrs. R. Henderson & Co's drive is out of McDonald Creek, and will be into the Ottawa in a few days. A. Lumsden's square timber from Gordon Creek is being run to Des Joachims.

—Messrs. Bronson & Weston are using their new line from the Chaudiere mills to their piling grounds in Stuarton, which is now being exclusively used for lumber to be shipped by rail to American buyers.

—A large raft of white pine, said to be of excellent quality, belonging to Messrs. Bishop & Kemp, recently reached Ottawa. The timber was made in the country around the mouth of the Madawaska river.

—Lumber shipments from the vicinity of Ottawa have been very brisk of late. A large number of American boats are in constant waiting to load at the Chaudiere docks and Bronson's piling grounds at Rockcliffe.

H. W. Petrie, of Brantford, has just put in an engine and boiler in the *Banner* office, Dundas, which is giving every satisfaction. Mr. Petrie has a reputation for putting in first-class machinery, and the sample put in here fills the bill.

—Hurdman's drive is very backward this season, and it is estimated that over one hundred thousand logs have yet to be taken out of the Mississippi for the firm which, however, took out more timber last winter than in the season previous.

—Thistle & Co.'s large raft of one hundred and eighty cribs, which was anchored in the bay near Rockcliffe, started June

16th for Quebec. It was in tow of the steamer Vermont. Hurdman & Co.'s raft left the same day for the Ancient Capital.

—The Rathbun Company, of Deseronto, has received an order for furnishing the frames, sash, storm sash, blinds, doors and inside finish for sixteen dwelling houses to be erected in Quebec city. All this material must be delivered by July 1st.

—H. W. Petrie, of Brantford, has sold and recently shipped two outfits of machinery for cheese factories, one for the Q'Appelle Butter & Cheese M'fg Association, Q'Appelle, N. W. T.; the other for the Palmerston Cheese Co., Palmerston, Ont.

—The mill men and other business men of Burk's Falls are seeking aid to build a spur from the present station to the saw, shingle and planing mills, and other important industries, and to connect the river navigation with the Northern and Pacific junction.

—Mr. J. H. Gordon, of Mutchmor & Gordon, Ottawa, has received a judicial order authorizing him to sell the stock of N. E. Cormier, of Aylmer. This consists of mills, timber limits, horses and carts, etc. The sale will probably take place early in July.

—The Chisholm Timber Limit Company accuse N. M. Campbell and Alexander Fraser of trespassing, cutting and removing timber from their reserves in Northern Ontario. The company took action against the two named for \$2,000 damages for the trespass and acts of the alleged timber poachers.

—Mr. Hugh McDonald, agent for J. R. Booth on the Temiscamingue river, reports a fair winter's work accomplished in the bush and a splendid spring for driving purposes, the water being a most favorable height. Between 70,000 and 80,000 logs were taken out and are now all in the Ottawa river.

—A large amount of timber has been taken out on the Du Moine river during the past winter. A raft belonging to the Hawkesbury Lumber company, containing 106 cribs recently passed down the Ottawa, and another is on the way. MacLaren & Edwards also have a big lot of timber coming down from the Du Moine.

—A raft of 181 cribs, 4,387 pieces, passed Britannia on the 10th ult., having come from the prolific Petewawa, 100 miles from the Lake Farm. The timber is the property of Thistle, Carswell & Francis and is very fine, reaching 50½ feet average. The limit upon which the timber was cut was bought 21 years ago for \$50,000 and since the purchase 16 rafts have been taken therefrom, value probably \$300,000.

—The *Orillia Packet*: Among some of the larger shipments from Midland and Waubushene to the States, during the past week, coming to the notice of the United States Consul at Waubushene, were:—600,000 feet of lumber by one firm; 950,000 feet by another; 650,000 feet by another, and 550,000 feet of lumber and 3,000 tons of ice by another. A lively business is being done all along the line.

—The rise in the Rainy River and its tributaries will enable the lumbermen in the Lake of the Woods district to get all last year's cut out, which were "hung up" owing to low water, and they have also been enabled to get all of this winter's cut, so that a majority of the mills have now a two years' supply of logs which within the next month will be in the booms at the mills. All the mills are preparing for making large cuts.

—The three mills at Byng Inlet cut more lumber than any other town on the Georgian Bay. One of these is operated by Burton Bros., of Barrie, the other two by the Georgian Bay Lumber Company. They cut annually 40,000,000 feet of lumber, which represents a market value of \$450,000, which is quite a large income for a village with a population of 600. Most of the square timber at this point is rafted into a string of 500 feet, which is towed to Waubushere. It is then carried by rail to Belleville, where it is again rafted and floated to Quebec, when it is shipped to England.

—George Clarke, of Dunchurch, while engaged with a number of workmen in breaking a jam of logs by the use of dynamite, lit the fuse connecting with a charge placed in the centre of a log, and not retreating far enough received the whole force of one-half of the charged log in the right side of the body. When the workmen returned after the discharge, they found Clarke lying on the ground and picked him up for dead. He recovered consciousness, however, when he related the cause of the accident, smoked his pipe and died in sixteen hours afterwards.

—The *Ottawa Free Press* says:—Very often when there is an adverse wind the work of collecting the logs that come down through the Chaudiere slides, and rafting them is a very tedious and laborous one. At high water too, it often happens that the swift water carries the logs far beyond the point

at which the rafting goes on. When the cribs have been gathered on the Hull side of the river it is always difficult on account of the current and eddies to bring them across to the opposite side. It is rendered treble so when there is a contrary wind. Mr. W. P. Leit who has often watched the hard work of the raftsmen on the river, suggests that a small steamboat be employed to tow the cribs across. This would he says save a whole day in making up the rafts, besides the saving that would result in the expenditure for food for the men.

## QUEBEC.

—J. B. Lafontaine, lumber, Chamborn, has assigned.

—Prosper Lafontaine, lumber, Lake Bouchette, has assigned.

—Herbert & Co., saw millers, of St. Martine, have assigned.

—The lumber business at St. Johns is reported as being very dull this season.

—The manufacture of burial caskets out of wood pulp is a new industry to be started at Pont Rouge.

The E. B. Eddy Manufacturing Co., Hull, are receiving orders for their pulp faster than they can produce it, and it is stated that they are already contemplating doubling the capacity of their pulp mills.

—At a little town called Mille Vaches, about thirty-five miles above the Saguenay, a British company has started the largest saw mill and pulp factory in Canada, and one of the largest in the world. The works are on the edge of a vast forest, and can deliver their product straight from their rooms to the deck of a ship or steamer. Nearly all the wood pulp made is consumed by paper makers, who are enabled by its use to produce paper at less than two-thirds of what it formerly cost. The extent of the business can be easily imagined from the fact that at least ten manufacturers are millionaires, and that each one made his fortune from wood pulp. The best wood for the manufacture is the white birch, which produces the finest grade of paper, but nearly all ordinary trees are more or less available.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

—The lath sawyers employed at Murray's mill, St. John, have struck for \$1.80 a day. They were getting \$1.65.

—The exports from St. John for May were \$316,692, against \$574,000 in May 1889. The falling off in exports is wholly in lumber.

—There were over one hundred millions s. f. of lumber in the Fredericton booms on the 6th ult., the largest quantity ever there before at one time.

—A large raft of piling belonging to J. D. Leary, of New York, was towed out of the harbor at St. John, on June 17th, by two tugs sent there for that purpose. The raft is not built up like those taken from the Joggins, but fastened together and spread over the water like ordinary rafts. The piling was cut up the Salmon river, a tributary of the St. John, and floated to St. John, where it was made up in large rafts. It is said to contain sixteen cribs of 400 to 500 sticks each, and the timber is valued at \$150,000.

—Robert Connors purchased in the spring the right of driving logs to the booms on the St. John river. This season has been an especially favorable one for the work, and Providence almost unassisted by man has already floated logs to the booms estimated at 140 millions. It is estimated that 200 millions will be brought down the St. John river before the season closes, and this will be the largest quantity of logs ever floated in this great lumbering area in any previous year. With trifling labor it is stated that Mr. Connors' net profit in driving the logs this year will be twenty or twenty-five thousand dollars. Look out for a scramble for the driving next year.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

—St. John *Sun*: Since the first of April Mr. Buchanan has been superintending the overhauling of Major Roop's rotary rotary and shingle mill at Springfield, and E. Davison & Sons' mill at Alpena, both on the line of the Nova Scotia Central. Davison's mill combines gang, rotary, shingle machine and lath machine. Mr. Buchanan states that there is quite a large traffic over the Nova Scotia Central. From the mills at Alpena, Springfield and Cherryfield about five millions of lumber will go to Bridgewater and Lunenburg, besides ship timber and stock to Mahone Bay. Last year Mr. Buchanan built a mill for Mr. Wagner, and put in a turbine wheel of his own design, made by himself and shipped across the bay when he went this spring. It is now in operation and gives complete satisfaction. Mr. Nichol who is running the mill, informs him that with 11 feet head water it will drive through fifteen thousand feet of lumber in ten hours. The wheel is 40½ inches in diameter, and its designer is confident that it will do better work than any he has seen in use.