

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—The Katrine saw mill is cutting 30,000 to 40,000 feet a day.

—Brady & Hartley's shingle mill, at Washago, is running night and day.

—The timber slides at Almonte have been sold to Mr John Baird for \$900.

—Rathbun's big mill, at Deseronto, is cutting on an average 2,500 logs a day.

—The recent break in Mickle's mill at Gravenhurst will cost \$900 to repair.

—Mr. W. J. Fletcher, of Alliston, is making some important improvements in his mill.

—The Canada Atlantic Railway is at present doing a rushing lumber freight business.

—Owing to a scarcity of logs, Messrs. Pierce & Co., Ottawa, have not started their night gang.

—Mr. J. R. Booth is having his depots and shanties on the Nipissing limits connected by telephone.

—Mr. J. Budd, Mining Station, has completed his new saw mill and will soon have it in running order.

—Ross, Hall & Brown's new mill at Kat Portage, is now busy manufacturing lumber for local and export trade.

—Messrs. Strickland & Co., Lakefield, have been fined \$20 and costs for allowing sawdust to fall into the river.

—Messrs. Graham, Horne & Co., of Port Arthur, are increasing the capacity of their saw mill at Vermilion Bay.

—Messrs. Bonsall Bros.' shingle mill, at Portland, is taxed to its utmost capacity to fill orders, chiefly for the local trade.

—McLaughlin Bros., Arnprior, will build another large steam mill this winter. The ground is now being cleared for the purpose.

—A raft of excellent dimension timber ran the Deschenes Rapids July 19th, having come from the Amable du Fond limits of Booth & Hall.

—Large booms of Messrs. Gilmour & Co.'s logs of Chelsea have been made up at Grenville, Calumet, and near the head of the Long Sault Rapids.

—The cut of the Lakefield Lumber & Manufacturing Co., this summer has been 10,000,000 feet of lumber, 3,000,000 lath and 100,000 shingles.

—Mr. Gray, of Dundas, has bought 1000 acres of land near Silverwater, Algoma, and is going to put up a steam saw mill at Shishiwanning village.

—The Cutler & Savage Lumber Company, of Michigan, intend transferring their field of operations to the Georgian Bay region in Canada in about a year.

—The last of the season's drive of logs passed through the boom at Belleville recently. The drive is said to be the largest on record—over 600,000 pieces.

—The Madawaska drive is considerably scattered along the river from Calabogie to Griffith, which will be a great drawback to the speedy delivery of the logs.

—F. B. Schofield & Sons, Woodstock, have sold out their planing mill to Thos. McClay, of Mitchell, who intends carrying on the business and enlarging the same.

—The lumbermen in Nipissing are preparing for the winter's work. Some of the American companies are in now building their shanties and getting ready for operations.

—Mr. Edward Benoit, of Rutherglen, intends moving his saw mill into the village of Callander, C.P.R., this fall and hange it into a steam saw mill.

—Two rafts, belonging to R. Klock & Co., ran the slides at the Chaudiere last month. They contained eighty cribs each of large waney pine. These make the third raft brought down by Messrs Klock & Co. this season.

—Fishery Inspector Gilchrist has been prosecuting Peterborough saw mill men for allowing sawdust and mill refuse to go into the Otonabee river. Messrs. Irwin, Hazlitt and Hilliard have been fined \$20 each and costs.

—The Collins' Bay Rafting Company have rafted 500,000 cubic feet of board timber at Belleville and sent it down the river to Quebec. It is the intention of the company to transfer their interests from Toronto to that place.

—Eighteen cribs of square timber and hemlock saw logs are on their way to Kingston for the dry dock. This is the first consignment of some forty-two cribs from Ottawa for the same purpose. The cribs will contain 700,000 feet of surface measure. The contractor receives 1½ cents per square foot for its delivery in Kingston.

—Mr. Alex. McCormack, recently sold to Robt. Booth of Pembroke for \$70,000, a valuable timber limit, 27 square miles on the Nipissing branch of the Petewawa river. The limit is partly in Devine and partly in Butt township.

—A meeting of the creditors of Francis Hardy, saw mill owner, of Osgoode, was held at Ottawa, Aug. 6th, when it was decided to wind up the estate. Mr. P. Larmouth was appointed assignee, and Messrs. J. W. Russel, W. J. Campbell and Thos. Workman inspectors.

—The collector of customs at Amherstburg has detained a large raft of timber from the Georgian Bay district got out by an American firm for export to the United States upon which duty had not been paid. \$3,500 was afterwards deposited in the collector's hands to cover the duty.

—The well known lumber firm of R. & J. White has assigned for the benefit of creditors. The firm has been in business for a number of years. The Whites had branch stores at Sudbury, North Bay and Ascola, besides doing a large lumbering business on the Bonnechere, Coulange and Black rivers.

—The last raft of the season has passed down the Petewawa. It belonged to Mr. Alex. Fraser, of Westmeath, and consisted of 138 cribs, and contained in all about 3,000 pines. The timber is said to be of excellent quality, and is being taken down to Quebec where it will likely find a ready market.

—The tail end of the first drive down the Trent, from Gilmour & Co.'s timber limits, has arrived at Trenton, and is now safely through the slide in the boom. The river is piled full of logs. Gilmour's mill is in full blast, and the factory has been running extra time and night work to fill the orders.

—D. Davidson, of Penetanguishene, has two one-circular saw mills across the bay and cuts about 3½ million feet of lumber annually. He owns a tug and the little passenger steamer Maude Davidson, which makes frequent trips to the rocks and the islands, which are famous resorts for tourists and visitors.

—S. & J. Armstrong, who are running a saw mill and carrying on a large general business at McKellar, being hard pressed, have succeeded in getting an extension of two years from their creditors by giving security. Assets \$24,000 and liabilities \$15,000. The cause of the trouble was slow payments.

—Mr. McDonald, of Toronto, general manager of the Ontario Lumber Co., has purchased all the company's limits in Chaffey and Stisted, and is preparing to commence to work the limits this winter. The stock will be manufactured in Huntsville. A mill is to be built on the bay to be ready for the spring work.

—M. Boyd & Co.'s saw mills, at Bobcaygeon, have a capacity of about 100,000 feet a day, and the aggregate cut averages about 14,000,000 feet a year. They employ about 150 men and can boast of having the most important industry in the place. A large branch for the sale of their lumber is carried on at Albany, N.Y.

—Two young Ottawaites had a narrow escape from a serious accident while returning up the Ottawa in a small skiff. When directly opposite the Rideau falls a sawdust explosion occurred almost directly underneath them. They were badly scared as their craft was nearly swamped. They say the water and sawdust shot at least forty feet into the air.

—The last drive of the season is about out of the Petewawa river. It belonged to McLaughlin Bros., of Arnprior, Hurdman & Co., of Ottawa and Mr. Fraser. There is only one raft of timber left up the Petewawa, and it will be impossible to get it out this year. The timber in the raft is said to be of very fine quality, and ahead of any taken down the Ottawa this year.

—The tug Rooth and raft and three million feet of logs were released by the Amherstburg customs authorities upon the parties depositing \$4,000 for export duty on the raft and \$400 fine for the tug. The matter will be tried at Ottawa, as the other rafts brought down by the Rooth this season were measured at Point Albino by customs officers and duty paid before being taken to the United States.

—Deseronto Tribune: A visit to the Cedar Mill shows that everything is booming about that busy establishment, and better work is being done than in any previous season of its history. This is proven by this fact, among others, that 53,000 ties were cut last month in addition to the vast output of shingles and timber. Large shipments are daily made by rail and water. Not long since the hands in an institution ironically entitled the Big Mill asked if the Cedar Mill was running this year. The Cedar Mill boys consider this question another conclusive proof that the Big Mill men are very slow and away behind the times.

—Messrs. Barnes & Co.'s shook factory at the Chaudiere closed down Aug. 13th, throwing 200 men out of employment. The machinery, trucks, &c, will be removed to Rouse's Point, where the firm have already in operation a large shook factory. The only men who will remain in the employ of the firm will be a few who will carry on the shipping of rough lumber requisite for the factory at Rouse's Point.

—The C. Beck Manufacturing Co., (Ltd) Penetanguishene, with a paid up capital of \$250,000, have 3 extensive mills, known as the "Penetanguishene Mill," the new Keene mill and the shingle and planing mill. They cut a daily average of 150,000 feet of lumber. They claim to have the fastest running circular saw in the world. They own a steam barge with a carrying capacity of 280,000 feet of lumber and a large steam tug.

—The Rathbun Company, Deseronto, have obtained a judgment for \$5,580.58, with interest, from the corporation known as W. D. More's Sons, of Lowville, N.Y., upon failure to answer. The complaint of the Rathbun company is based upon the failure of the More concern to liquidate various drafts of exchange drawn in their favor to the order of the Bank of Montreal and made payable to the Black River Bank, of Lowville.

—At the Ottawa assizes, opening September 12, a case of unusual interest will be tried. The plaintiff is D. Waite, a lumber merchant of Cambridge, and the defendant Thomas C. Day, of Roseboro county. In March last, Day instituted an action against Waite for stealing lumber, and had him arrested and imprisoned. The magistrate discharged Waite, who now enters an action for false arrest and imprisonment against Day, claiming \$5,000 damages. The defense set up that there was a reasonable and proper cause for making the arrest.

—The French River Boom Company has given notice of its intention to apply for letters of incorporation from the Ontario government to enable it to carry out work and improvements to facilitate the transmission of timber on the French river. The company is also asking for power to erect mills for the purpose of carrying on a general lumber business. Toronto is to be the chief place of business. The capital stock of the company is to be \$100,000, in shares of \$100 each. The names of the applicants are as follows: H. H. Cook, H. J. Bohme, F. E. Macdonald, all of Toronto; C. Henderson, of Bracebridge, and N. Irvine, at French River.

—Ottawa Free Press: During the shanty season, which is now about closed, upwards of 800 bushmen registered in the Lower Town hotels. Many of these complain bitterly of the way they were treated both by the lumber firms and hotel men. The former they claim have reduced the wages slightly every year, and next year it appears intend to make a still further reduction. Then, too, they say that in order to be engaged they generally strike the city a month or more in advance of the season to look for employment, which also necessitates a big expense for nothing. A great many who went to the woods last winter are completely penniless. Most of them were from Quebec province.

—Messrs. Flatt & Bradley, the well-known timber and lumber merchants of Hamilton, have disposed of their Hamilton business to Mr. W. D. Morris, of the Samuel Rogers Oil Co., of Ottawa. The purchase includes about 2½ acres of valuable land in the heart of the city, stock of hardwood and pine lumber, etc., on hand, also horses, wagons, sleighs and the good will of the business. Mr. Morris has associated with him Mr. John Bradley, of the firm of Flatt & Bradley, and James McBain Reid, of Kansas City, who will carry on the business till a charter is procured under the style of Bradley, Morris and Reid. Mr. Reid will be manager, having had an extensive lumbering experience heretofore.

—One of the many dangers that a raftsmen has to encounter was forcibly illustrated recently when two cribs of a raft of Gee Bros. collided in the Chaudiere slides, but fortunately no one was hurt. A crib manned by two men was making rapid progress, when at the bottom of the first pitch the mass of timber stuck, the hind part being lifted considerably by the force of rushing waters, and the men being nearly carried off. They, however, managed to jump on the long pier by the side of the slide and proceeded to give warning of what had happened. As they reached the top of the pitch, to their terror they saw another crib about going over. They shouted to the men to jump, which they did just in time to save their lives, for a couple of seconds more would have been to late. The second crib bounded over the pitch with lightning rapidity, and went almost clear under the one that was stuck at the bottom. In an instant the crib was shattered and the timbers were swept over the remainder of the slide. The men off the raft were engaged in big boats for some time afterwards, gathering together the pieces that were distributed over the river.