

Chips.

The ship Mercury, from Chatham, N. B., at Sydney, N. S. W., December 12, lost part of deck load of timber in a gale some days before.

The schooner Lizzie K., St John, N. B., for Boston loaded with lath, was rapidly going to pieces February 5 on Folly island, off Cape Provoise.

SINCE August 1 last it is estimated that 1,500,000,000 feet of standing pine in Michigan has changed hands, the consideration for which approximates \$5,000,000.

NOTICE of application is made in the Canadian Gazette by parties for incorporation as a railway bridge company, to build a bridge across the St. Lawrence at Brockville.

J. G. McELWEE & Co., of Big Rapids, Mich. are shipping shavings from that point to Brunswick, N. J., the freight thereon being \$80 per ton. It is not stated to what specific purpose the shavings are put.

At Middle River, N. S., George Kerr & Son's "Burnside" Woollen Mills and steam sawmill, burned down in 1883, have been rebuilt four miles further down the river and fitted with cross-cut saws and shingle machines. It is in better condition than ever.

WORK at the Deseronto Cedar Mill is very brisk; shingles, posts, &c., are being turned out in great quantities. Carloads of cedar from the line of the Central Ontario railway arrive daily. Mr. G. W. Walker, formerly shipper on the east dock, is now attending to the packing and sorting room of the shingle department, while Mr. James Gorman takes charge of the first floor.—Tribune.

A DESPATCH from Bancroft, Hastings county, Ontario, says:—Lumbering operations are progressing favorably in this district, and a large amount of the produce of the forest, both in square timber and saw logs will be floated this spring. A quarter of a century ago it was supposed that ten years would exhaust all the merchantable timber in this part of the country, but those prophets were like the weather wise—they knew little about it.

MR. PETER McLAREN, the well known Perth lumberman, says the Brockville Recorder, while in town on Saturday gave a striking instance of his liberality. He has large quantities of mill wood which makes excellent fire-wood, and is sold exclusively for that purpose. He offered to send three carloads to be distributed among the poor in the town provided the authorities paid the freight. It is needless to say the offer was accepted.

MR. ALEX. GIBSON, of Marysville, N. B., will make a special exhibit of the produce of his settlement, at the Canadian Exhibition in May, consisting of lumber, timber, cotton, cotton batting, bricks, etc. The educational exhibit from New Brunswick will also be a large one. A trophy of wood is being prepared by the Government. It will occupy ten square feet and represent all the woods and shrubs of the province. The shipbuilding interest will be represented by models of vessels and several applicable to the same. There will be a large fish and vegetable exhibit.

AUSTRALIAN HARDWOODS.

An Australian paper says:—"Probably no country in the world possesses finer or more durable hardwoods than New South Wales. Her iron bark and black-butts rank for durability second to none. Singularly enough all the principal hardwoods used in the colony belong to the great Myrtle family, which, according to Professor Balfour, contains 75 genera, and as many as 1,800 species. Some of the genera, such as the eucalypts, which constitutes at least three-fourths of the timber-producing trees, furnish the bulk of colonial hardwoods, iron-bark, black-butt, blue gum, stringybark, swamp mahogany, tallow-wood, and yarrah all belong to the same remarkable genus, although differing in many ways, and in none more than their rate of growth, the blue-gums and black-butts being very rapid growers, while the iron-bark and box take much longer to mature. The

remainder of hardwoods are principally angophoras or "apple trees," most of which are subject to gum veins; tea-trees, tristanias and syncarpas, better known as turpentine trees, but all members of the Myrtle family, and all growing in the open forest—very rarely in the bush or scrub."

U. S. TARIFF CHANGES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. —Morrison's Tariff Bill will reduce the revenue about \$20,000,000 a year. Of this amount probably one half is taken off sugar, a little more than one-fourth taken off additions to the free list, and a little less than one-fourth comes from various items scattered through the list. All wood and lumber not dressed is put on the free list with this provision, that the abolition of the duty is not to apply to any wood or lumber imported from a country that imposes an export duty on those articles. The other additions to the free list are hemp, jute bolls, sisal, and other fibre grasses, coal, salt, iron, led, copper and other ores, unmanufactured stone, chicory and other substitutes for coffee, corn, oats, hay, potatoes, extract of hemlock, and other barks, crude glycerine, indigo extract, sulphate of barytes, unmanufactured crude borax, saltpetre, log-wood, and other dye woods, ochery earths, and unwrought clays. On the various grades of sugar there is a general reduction of 20 per cent, but the reduction does not apply to any sugar on which there is an export duty is levied, as is now the case in Cuba. On the finest grades of cotton goods, the duties on which are *ad valorem*, no changes are made. The rates of duty are highest on the cheapest grades of goods, and on cotton yarns, and on the coarse cotton cloths some reductions are made. When existing duties are under 40 per cent *ad valorem*, they are not touched, but the duty on coarse cotton is reduced from 40 to 35 per cent. The duty on pig iron, is reduced from \$6.72 to \$5.60 per ton. The rate on steel and iron rails is reduced from about \$17 to \$12.50. There is a slight reduction in bar iron, and some varieties of boiler and hoop iron, while others are not touched. The rate on structural iron and steels, is reduced from one and a quarter to one cent a pound. The three highest classes of crockery now pay duties of 60, 55, and 50 per cent; the new bill reduces them to 50, 45, and 40 per cent. Those grades cover all ordinary crockery.

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