

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

The lumber firm of Black & McKellar, Strathroy, has been dissolved.

The saw mill belonging to W. K. Dickenson, Manotick, has been burnt.

Adam Wright's saw mill at Newburgh, was totally destroyed by fire recently.

Louis and Charles McDonald's saw and shingle mill at Walton has been destroyed by fire.

A saw mill at Omaha has been burned by the bush fires which have been raging of late near the Mississippi.

Mr. James Mackenzie, lumber merchant of Sarnia, younger brother of Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, died September 15th.

J. R. Booth is extending his piling ground in the vicinity of Rochesterville, and a siding is being put into it from the C. A. Railway.

H. A. Patterson & Co., of Chatham, have imported two million feet of lumber this year, and are expecting another consignment soon from the Georgian Bay.

M. & J. O'Donnell, of Jersey City, N. J., lost their stave mill at Brighton, Ontario, by fire. The mill, sheds and 2,000 feet of matched staves burned. Loss, \$10,000.

The Cheloygan Lumber Co., recently sold their pine in the Spanish River region to Stephen Baldwin, of Detroit, for \$100,000. About three years ago they bought them for \$60,000.

Lumbermen in the Upper Ottawa are very shorthanded. Mr. Noah Gareau who tried to engage about forty men in Ottawa could only secure three although he offered the highest wages.

The last raft of square timber which will arrive this season from the Upper Ottawa has already run the Chaudiere slides. The timber is the property of W. H. Klock & Co., and was cut in the Temiscamingue district.

Seymour Hollister and Henry Jewell, both Americans, have bought a large tract of pine in Canada, near Sault Ste. Marie, and are making arrangements for extensive logging operations. These gentlemen are thoroughly practical loggers and command abundant capital.

T. L. Nichols, a lumber dealer at Welland, has been absent from his business for some time and the sheriff has seized and is disposing of his stock. He never made any headway although in trade for some years.

A move is being made by the millmen at Norman, a suburb of Rat Portage, to separate the mill districts municipally from the town. The lumbermen claim that they do not receive benefit in return for the amount of taxes paid.

Messrs. R. Hurdman & Co., of Ottawa, have a gang of men employed at present, putting up the frame of their new dimension mill which will be in running order in about two months. They have also added a pump and first-class fire apparatus.

The Minnesota and Ontario Lumber Company's mill at Norman, Lake of the Woods district, will cut nearly ten million feet of lumber this season. The logs are principally drawn from Minnesota, where the company has extensive timber reserves. The output of Cameron & Kennedy's mill at the same place will be about 6,900,000 feet.

The outlook for lumber at Ottawa is said to be very favorable. There has been a gradual advance in prices during the last couple of months. An outside dealer states that three-inch deals now sell at \$7 per thousand, being an increase of one dollar.

Two slides of 1,400 and 800 feet have been constructed by J. R. Booth on the Kabaskong, and another is under construction which will be 480 feet long. Over 350,000 logs have been driven through this season, and it is expected that 100,000 more will be pushed through before the season closes.

The lumbermen at the Chaudiere are apprehensive of a shortage of power for their saw mills, owing to the almost unprecedented lowness of the water in the Ottawa river. It is stated that the water in the mill dams is at present lower than it has been since 1876, when the mills at the Chaudiere were compelled to shut down altogether. If the water in the river falls a foot lower some of the mills will have to cease operations.

M. Brennan & Sons, lumber merchants and saw and planing mill proprietors, are building a new saw mill on their timber limit, Huntsville. This mill will have a capacity of about 75,000 feet per day and will be the largest of their three mills. The mill building is now up and the two 75-horse power boilers are in place. The engine of 150-horse power is also in position. The weight of the steam machinery will not be less than 50,000 pounds.

Mr. Richard Allen, of Bay City, Mich., formerly an old resident of Ottawa, is in the city. Mr. Allen left Ottawa about twelve years ago for Bay City with a few dollars in his pocket. He arrived there when the lumber industry of that State was in its infancy, and by perseverance and business tact became finally the owner of a large saw mill near Bay City. He is now chief partner of one of the wealthiest lumber firms in Bay City. Mr. Allen worked as a corporation laborer in Ottawa for two years.—*Ottawa Journal*.

On Monday morning shortly after midnight the men of the yard department of the Rathbun Company commenced to load the steam barges Resolute and Reliance. The whole work was done under the supervision of M. Marrigan, with G. P. Sills as foreman on the Reliance, and Wm. Wilson and Chas. Dryden on the Resolute. At 6.36 o'clock the same morning, the Reliance was, after two shifts, loaded with 161,286 feet of lumber; and at 7.10 o'clock the Resolute, after three shifts, had received 295,837 feet of lumber. This beats all previous records. The boys are proud of their achievement and are looking forward now to a grand oyster supper as a fitting termination of the season's successful work.—*Detroit Tribune*.

A dispatch from Kingston, Sept. 16th, says:—There have not been in years as destructive bush fires as those which have burned this year. They are still consuming valuable timber, fences, buildings, and in some instances the crops of the season. At Eganville, in the next county, fires are raging in every direction. On Sunday morning one fire started below the Cascades, and by night had travelled half a mile towards the village. The fires in the vicinity of Golden Lake are probably the largest. The farmers have been night and day battling against the flames. Mr. Brisco was working between two fires when a heavy wind arose spreading the fire so rapidly as to encircle him. He made a bold dash through the burning pinery and lost his hair and whiskers.

Messrs. Hurdman & Co., the extensive lumbermen of the Chaudiere, are making arrangements for the construction of a new circular saw mill, which will utilize a part of their unused water power in the rear of their office, in Ottawa, and next to the works of the Chaudiere Electric Light Co. The new mill will be used entirely for sawing dimension timber and will be 150 feet in length by 74 in breadth. The building will be of wood and will have sufficient capacity to saw all the dimension timber the firm will be able to turn out. The firm have a gang of men engaged in preparing the timbers for the new structure, and the foundation for the new mill was started during the past month.

A very peculiar circumstance occurred in the new saw-mill of Messrs. Grier & Co., Ottawa, a few days ago. While a log was being put through one of the edgers the man in charge heard the saws strike against some hard obstacle, when he immediately had the gang stopped to find out the cause. The log was drawn back, but before anything could be found, it had to be cut into, when it was discovered that near the centre there was embedded an old Indian hatchet, which, judging from the quaint shape and the depth it was buried in the log must have been stuck there quite a number of years ago. The hatchet though very well preserved, must have been left sticking in the tree while very small, as it had completely grown over it, leaving no trace whatever.

An exchange says:—Mr. Johnston, of Rockland, who is taking down a raft of dimension timber to Lachine, has met with unusual bad luck. When the timber reached the Deschenes rapids the water was remarkably low. In running the first few cribs over the rapids three of his men were injured. The biggest part of the raft was tied at the head of the rapids, when the recent gale struck it, scattering it here, there and everywhere. On the raft was a lot of chains, ropes and other goods, which on the timber breaking up went to the bottom of the river and will be a dead loss. Mr. Johnston's loss is put at \$1,000. To add to the series of misfortunes, a number of men deserted their employment; on the whole Mr. Johnston's attempts at getting down the timber have met with disaster seldom experienced on the Upper Ottawa.

Ottawa lumbermen generally expect to cut about as much in the woods this year as was cut last year, if nothing interferes with the season's operations. In connection with this it is interesting to note that it is estimated that the busy saws at the Chaudiere will cut this summer about the following figures, which are somewhat less than last year's figures, which were the largest for the previous twenty years: J. R. Booth & Co., 90,000,000 feet; Bronson & Weston 75,000,000 feet; E. B. Eddy & Co. 80,000,000 feet; Perley & Pattee 70,000,000 feet; Hurdman & Co. 50,000,000 feet. The cut of Messrs. Grier & Co. last season was about 16,000,000 feet, but since the building of their new mill which has given them increased facilities it is expected that they will more than double that amount this year. Jam. McLaren will cut over 50,000,000 feet this season.

The shipments of sawn lumber from Ottawa during the first seven months of the present year, as also for the same period of 1886, are as follows:

	Ft. B.M. Lumber.	Ft. B.M. Lumber.
JANUARY	4,416,887	4,587,083
FEBRUARY	7,174,531	5,382,395
MARCH	9,271,289	9,676,682
APRIL	7,778,551	8,115,873
MAY	7,053,136	8,511,481
JUNE	6,328,401	8,782,371
JULY	5,704,831	8,862,361

	Total, 1886.	Total, 1887.
	47,727,626	53,918,246
	M. Lath.	M. Shingles.
JANUARY	1,477	40
FEBRUARY	1,386½	219½
MARCH	1,039½	105
APRIL	2,331	10
MAY	893½	125
JUNE	936	80
JULY	886	123

Increase in Sawn Lumber, 1887, 6,190,620 ft.

Decrease in Lath, 1887, 6,711½ M.

Shingles, 1887, 486½ M.

The foregoing includes shipments to points in Canada, as well as what went to the United States.

QUEBEC.

The sale spoken of in the last issue of the LUMBERMAN, stating that negotiations were going on between McLaughlin Bros., of Amprior, and the Eddy Manufacturing Company, of Hull, for the purchase of the mills and limits of the first mentioned firm, has, it is understood, fallen through.

Charette & Co., lumbermen, Coteau St. Louis, have dissolved.

The firm of McArthur Bros., of Quebec, Que., Toronto, Ont., and East Saginaw, Mich., lumber and timber manufacturers and dealers, has been changed to "The McArthur Bros. Co., (Ltd.)." No further change has taken place.

D. LeClaire's saw and planing mill, Montreal, and adjoining lumber piles, burned August 29. Loss, \$15,000; insurance, only \$2000.

The following is clipped from an American lumber exchange and we re-produce it for what it is worth, not knowing whether it is true or false: "It is announced in official circles that extensive frauds, committed by wealthy and well-known lumbermen, on the government are coming to light in the province of Quebec. Timber has been cut on limits for which patents were held and the certificates of settlers as to the number of trees cut has been falsified so as to defraud the government."

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

D. Cameron, saw miller, of Minnedosa, has sold out.

Prince Bros. mill at Battleford has closed down temporarily owing to shortage of logs.

John A. Christie, of Brandon, has sold out his large mill and business to Durham & Mann.

The mills of the Rat Portage district, six in all, have all been running this season with the exception of one.

Fox's mill at Illecillewalt, west of Donald, barely escaped destruction from fire lately, caused by a spark from a railway engine.

A good deal of spruce lumber has been cut on Lake Winnipeg this season and importations of furnishing material have been made from British Columbia.

Joseph Davis, manager of the Manitoba Lumber and Fuel company, has returned from a trip through the timber districts of British Columbia.

The Canadian Pacific railway mill recently burned at Donald, near the rockies, is being replaced. The machinery from the mill in the district at Six Mile Creek will be utilized for the purpose.

Charles Balfe, a pine cruiser recently connected with Capt. Bent's party of Manitoba surveyors running the Brainerd & Northwestern line between Leech lake and the Mississippi river, is supposed to have been drowned in Leech lake.

In the Riding mountains, a timber country of considerable extent in northern Manitoba, preparations are being made for a large cut this winter, the extension of the Northwestern railway into the district having started up a number of new towns, which are calling for a supply of lumber.

Dick & Banning have, it is said, been about the most fortunate of the Lake of the Woods mill men this season in the matter of floating their logs. Logs on the Big American were the most unfortunate, and here was the principal cut of the Minnesota & Ontario company. A large number of logs are hung up on this stream, though there is still some hope of getting them afloat.