

—Mr. Prince, of Calgary, N.W.T., manager of the Eau Claire and Bow River Lumber company, had an interview with Hon. Mr. Dewdney recently, in reference to securing additional land for logging grounds for his company.

—A Mr. Lennox, working in Kent County, N.B., recently placed his axe on the limb of a tree, the axe fell and striking him on the nose cut that member nearly in twain. The unfortunate man will likely be disfigured for life.

—The Lumber and shingle mill owned by Lawrence Bros., situated in the township of McMurrich, Muskoka, was destroyed by fire on the 12th ult. with 75,000 shingles and a quantity of lumber. Loss \$2000; insurance \$600.

—G. O. Buchanan has been granted the timber limits he applied for near Nelson, Man., in the Toad Mountain country, and has a saw mill lying at Spokane Falls, which he intends shipping in as soon as transportation can be had in the spring.

—The Shareholders of the Muskoka and Nipissing Navigation Company have applied to the Lieutenant Governor in Council, for permission to change the name of said Company to that of the Muskoka and Georgian Bay Navigation Company.

—As an example of how the sawdust regulation is affecting the lumber business in Nova Scotia, one Bridgewater firm which formerly employed 300 men now employ only 30, and their output will only be one million feet instead of ten million.

—It is reported that a staff of men are already at work for the Canadian Pacific Railway in the Crow's Nest Pass of the Rockies, exploring a route for a road to run through Southern Alberta to British Columbia, with the intention of making it their main line.

—It is reported that the Fort Ellice (Man.) saw mill, which is in good order, will be started in the spring to cut bridge timber and other lumber required by the Northwest Central railway, which it is expected will be completed to the Assiniboine river.

—Owing to the unusual absolute void of Birch in the Quebec market, contracts have been made for considerable quantities for early delivery, and as in most cases the timber has to be taken to market by rail, it is being got out in old settled districts.

—Lumbering operations have been lively on the River Rouge this winter. Messrs Weldon Bros., E. Cook, John Wade, D. Williamson and R. McIntyre are each taking out a raft of square and flat tamarac, pine and spruce for the Lachine market.

—Octave Cossette, an extensive lumber dealer at Valleyfield, P. Q., has assigned, with \$47,000 liabilities. Mr. Cossette was burned out in the spring of 1886, when the town voted him a \$2,500 bonus and a loan of \$5,000 to assist him in rebuilding his mill.

—Mr. B. W. Washburn, of Deseronto, Ont., has applied for the patent right of a new cross cut saw of his own invention. It will be known as the "King of the Forest" and there will be five members, two for soft wood, two for hard wood and one for general purposes.

—The following are the values of the various lumber exports from the Consular District of Orillia to the United States, for the year 1888: Lumber, \$23,385.62; shingles, \$27,358.72; telegraph poles, \$22,053.75; lath, \$461. Mr. Charles Corbould is Consular Agent here.

—Mr. J. A. Christie will have his new mill at Brandon, Man., ready for cutting in the spring. It will cost about \$20,000 when completed. He will cut this season about 20,000,000 feet of logs, which will be brought down the Bird Tail creek from the Riding Mountain district.

The Royal City Mill Company, of Westminster, B. C., has lately established a machine shop in connection with the mill. About \$15,000 worth of new machinery is being added to the machine shop plant. The company is also establishing a ship yard at its mill, and is building a new tug for its own use.

—Bronson, Weston & Co. are cutting some timber on the Quinze this winter, 60 per cent. of which will run 16 feet in length and 21 inches in diameter. They have about 45,000 logs already cut, which will run up to 60,000 before they shut down. Gillies Bros. are cutting 70,000; and Klock & Co., 15,000 logs on the same river. There is about two feet of snow in this district.

—Mr. Joseph E. Doak, of Doaktown, N. B. has fitted up and run, by himself, two small circular saws, a small jointing saw suspended on the principal of the trimmer in some of the large saw mills. He has adopted the plan of employing large heavy balance-wheels in the arrangement of his machinery, and as a result it runs with perfect ease and regularity of motion. He has recently purchased a new engine, which when ready for operation, will enable him the more readily to fill his orders.

—A Washington Territory paper says: We have the best authority for saying that an enormous lumber mill will be erected at the mouth of the Squalicum creek, this territory, within a short period. Among the persons interested are John Hendry, of the Royal City Planing Mills, New Westminster, B. C.

—The Eau Claire & Bow River Lumber Co. has already invested \$175,000 in the Bow River District, and it is said that if it secures the privileges asked for from the Government as regards water power it will employ 400 men within five years. The company has put in 3,000,000 logs this winter, and had a cut of 2,000,000 last year.

—The \$15,000 bonus passed by the municipality of Rat Portage to the Ross, Hall & Brown saw mill, has not yet been satisfactorily arranged, some trouble as to terms having arisen between the town and mill men. It is also claimed that the bonus conflicts with the laws of Ontario, governing municipalities.

—The Bishop of Three Rivers and others asking for a charter for building a railway from Three Rivers on a direct line through the interior of the Province of Quebec to the western limits of the Ontario boundary. The mineral and lumber resources on the line of the proposed railway are very rich and extensive.

—It is expected that the St. Catharines Milling and Lumber Company will present a claim to the Dominion Government for \$200,000, for the privileges of which they are deprived by the recent Privy Council decision giving the control of the timber and minerals in the disputed territory to the Ontario Government.

—Letters patent have been issued incorporating the M. Brennan & Sons' Manufacturing Company of Hamilton, capital \$100,000, in 1000 shares of \$100 each. This firm have large saw mills at Tioga, Ont., and do a wholesale and retail lumber trade at Hamilton, as well as operate an extensive planing mill at the same place.

—H. McCauley, who goes by the name of "the millionaire lumberman of Minnesota" on the Pacific coast, has let a contract for the erection of a \$20,000 residence at Victoria, B. C.

—Kaye's big farming company on the Canadian Pacific railway, west of Winnipeg, has used up about 3,000,000 feet of lumber, imported from Westminster, B.C., the past season.

—The following are the wages paid in British Columbia for working in the woods and saw mills: Mill hands \$35 to \$65 per month; axemen and swampers, \$35 to \$45; axemen and swampers, green hand, \$30 to \$40; teamsters at mills, \$2 to \$2.50 per day; teamsters in the woods, \$60 to \$65 per month; longshoremen, 20c. to 30c. per hour; board is from \$8 to \$10 per week.

—W. A. Adsit, of the Cypress Hill saw mill, says that the logs now boomed at the mill will probably be sawed this season, which will turn out about 2,000,000 of lumber. Louis Sands, proprietor of the mill, is now in Europe, and will return to his Michigan home about the middle of March. This mill is located in the Cypress Hills, south of Maple Creek, Assn.

—The Hawkesbury Lumber Co., Rockliffe, Ont., are taking out three large rafts of square timber on the Dumoine. The timber is said to be large, well made and of a superior quality. Last month one hundred teams were engaged for warding supplies from MacKay's station to Black river and to the Big Lake on the Dumoine for the E. B. Eddy Mfg. Co., and for the Hawkesbury Lumbering Co.

—The *Manitoba Colonist* says:—In the Thunder Bay district of Lake Superior there are about four hundred million feet of pine, white and red, tributary to the Pine, Arrow and Pigeon rivers, and it was estimated that one hundred millions were burned over last year. This lies in the square from the lake to Savanne, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and south from that line to the International boundary.

—In British Columbia, the Moodyville Saw Mill Co., have decided to overhaul their present large mill and greatly increase its capacity by the introduction of the latest improved machinery. This is the oldest mill in the province, having been established in 1865. The mill has done a large export trade for years and at present has a capacity of about 100,000 feet in eleven hours. It is located on Burrard Inlet, opposite the city of Vancouver.

—The Barrie Lumber Co., Barrie, Ont., have purchased the Bradford saw mills, and also the township of Oakley and Hindon, upon which there is a large quantity of pine and other timber. The property cost \$150,000, and the timber is of easy access to the Black River. They are taking off this and their other limits 40 million feet of saw logs this winter, and to do this they have 1,000 men and 400 teams employed. Last season the Company ran eight saw mills, and with the addition of the Bradford mill, they will have nine running this season.

—*Victoria Colonist*: Returns from the mainland and island show that the timber output of British Columbia for the past year amounts to about 140,000,000 ft. This is an increase over last year of 40,000,000 feet. With the erection of several mills for which timber limits have been secured, the end of 1889 will see another large advance in the timber industry, which will bring the yearly output up to fully two and a quarter million feet.

—The amount involved in the transfer of the saw mill at Chemainus B. C., owned by Croft & Angus, is over \$600,000. A large timber limit on Vancouver Island goes with the mill. The purchasers of the mill are Humbird, Glover & Phipps, from Wisconsin and W. J. Macauley, who went to British Columbia last spring. The capacity of the mill will be increased to about 150,000 feet daily, which is over three times its present capacity.

—The prospects are that quite an addition will be made the coming spring and summer to the sawing capacity of Manitoba mills. The saw mill burned at Scandinavia will be replaced. A mill will also likely be established in the Lake Dauphin district, where there is a considerable area of good spruce timber. Christie's new mill at Brandon will be ready to commence sawing by the time the logs can be got down in the spring. Mills at Birtle, Emerson and Selkirk, which have not been operated for a few years, may also be put in motion next season. The most important new mill will be the one now in course of erection at Rat Portage by Ross, Hall & Brown. The machinery for this mill has arrived.

—The steam saw-mill belonging to the Gaspé Lumbering and Manufacturing Company, Gaspé Bay, Que., done very good work last season; the output of shingles, boards, &c., having far exceeded the output of former years. A large quantity of shingles, boards and telephone poles was shipped to Prince Edward Island, and large and increasing local demands were supplied. The owners have several camps in the woods preparing for next season's work. It is also reported that other parties intend to get out white birch for the manufacture of spools. White birch is one of the most abundant woods of this part of the country, and when the railway reaches that point it will doubtless be largely utilized.

—The Shepard & Morse Lumber Company has recently purchased a large tract of land along the Rideau river, which it will in future make its piling ground, abandoning its old yards in Hull. The Canada Atlantic will run a siding into the new yard. The company has made a contract whereby its entire Canadian lumber receipts will reach Boston over the New York and New England railroad, and the large freight piers utilized for loading vessels of large register, with lumber consigned to ports on the River Plate in South America, a move which brings into use a piece of Boston wharf property which is one of the best in the city and has been practically idle ever since its construction. The shipments of lumber to South America have been enormous, and the Boston & Maine railroad had its wharf facilities over-taxed. Before the season is over the Shepard & Morse Company will have shipped over 25,000,000 to the River Plate.

AMERICAN NOTES.

—It is estimated that New York city lumbermen handle one thousand million feet of lumber annually.

—The movement of American lumber during the past season, shows that shipments are being diverted from the waterways to the rail routes, and the prospects are that lumber will continue to be handled chiefly by rail.

—One of Michigan's lumber kings has undertaken to show the value of pine roots for fuel. He has these roots cut up into eighteen inch lengths to use in grates instead of soft coal. This suggests an important industry in the pine timber regions after trees are cut away.

—It is remarked that Maine is now a greater spruce than a pine tree state, with regard to the production and sale of lumber. Since 1853 the cut of pine timber on the Penobscot has declined from 123,000,000 to 29,000,000 feet annually, while that of spruce has increased from 78,000,000 to 120,000,000 feet. There is still plenty of big pine in the northern part of the state.

—So much timber has been destroyed in New York State by fires started by sparks from locomotives that the State forest commissioners are recommending that the construction of railways through State forest lands be not permitted, and stating that unless this step is taken all other measures designed to preserve the forests will be futile. In addition to the destruction of forests by fires started from locomotives, the construction of railways through a timber region affords such a ready market for ties and wood of all kinds that the forest is soon cut away.