

of his escapades, however, got him into trouble. He undertook to 'boom' city lots in Stratford, and got some railway men in that locality to go into a land transaction and sign notes jointly with him. Then he got those notes discounted and the proceeds put to his own credit. The result was his arrest last Friday at Stratford for obtaining money under false pretences. He first pleaded not guilty and was bailed; next day pleaded guilty, returned the money, paid the costs of the persecution and was then freed, upon his own recognizances, a proceeding which the Stratford Times declares to be a wrong: 'The public are not satisfied at the manner in which the matter was settled; there is a decided feeling that a man who put up this job should not be allowed to go unwhipped of justice.' The fellow boasts of having passes from the Grand Trunk and other respectable roads, a statement we hesitate to believe true.

TIMBER NOTES.

It is expected that the cut of logs in the Upper Ottawa country next season will be unusually large, says the Perth *Expositor*. Messrs. Lord & Hurdman have twelve shanties in the bush, and other firms are proportionately well represented. The wages paid lumbermen are good. There are 20,000 logs in the Des Joachim boom which, when passed through this week will finish operations there for this season.

It is understood, says the Port Hope *Times*, that the C. P. R. Co. and the lumber firms in the valley of the Nipissing are likely to agree on the subject of rates for transporting manufactured and unmanufactured lumber, and that upon the consummation of this most desirable arrangement, two superior saw mills will be erected in McLeod's Bay, near Sturgeon Falls.

Soot, Scott & Co., the Medonte Lumber Mills, Elsie, has cut 3,000,000 feet of lumber this season, and has 1,000,000 feet more to cut before the mill shuts down.

Commenting on the sawdust nuisance, a Pembroke despatch tells how James Dempster, of Petewawa, was brought up before the police magistrate by fishery officer Grant, on the 1st instant, and was fined \$20 and costs, making in all \$24.45, for putting sawdust in Petewawa river. The Ottawa *Citizen* adds: "It is a pity that the law under which this fine was inflicted could not be put into operation in this city. Then some other way of disposing of the sawdust than throwing it in the river would be found."

The following is a comparative statement of timber, staves, &c., measured and culled to 9th September, at Quebec:

	1884.	1885.	1886.
Waney White Pine	1,726,409	2,036,713	2,365,398
White Pine ..	3,029,783	1,502,329	2,172,838
Red Pine	278,641	60,574	243,392
Oak	626,550	1,345,755	829,677
Elm	644,073	947,690	378,541
Ash	377,105	251,996	126,685
Basswood	4,415	47	218
Butternut	1,121	3,083	192
Tamarac	18,730	2,186	3,459
Birch & Maple	195,175	380,268	160,641
Std. Staves ..	38.1.2.25	45.8.2.10	49.7.3.26
W. I. Staves ..	78.0.0.2	81.8.0.20	67.9.2.6
Brl. Staves ..	0.6.2.13	195.9.3.25	

According to the Ottawa *Citizen*, the boom in lumber shipping has at present almost collapsed, but few orders being on hand at present. Unless some sales speedily take place, the prospects of a boom in the fall forwarding trade are exceedingly dull.

The Quebec *Chronicle* hears of no transactions in the lumber market which may be quoted as dull, while advices from the United Kingdom are not at all encouraging.

Some facts relating to the lumber trade of Montreal are furnished in a recent issue of the *Herald*: "The Montreal trade is almost altogether in deals and lumber. The deals are chiefly sent to Great Britain and the lumber to South America and the West Indies. The deals are pine, and the greater part of them come from the Ottawa district; a small proportion is brought from Michigan. The great bulk of the deals is conveyed by water in barges; very few, comparatively, are carried by rail. As many as 80,000,000 feet of deals were exported from the port last year, being one hundred per cent. more than the shipments of 1884. The exports of the current year will, before the navigation closes, be considerably in excess of those of last year. Some idea of the importance to Montreal of this young and growing timber trade may be gathered from the fact that about fifty thousand dollars was paid last year for the labor connected with loading the deals. A considerable portion of the deals exported from Montreal is required for the match factories of Great Britain, where they are converted into matches and match boxes. Deals of all qualities are used for this purpose."

Early last Saturday the mill property of Bliss Brothers, at Zilwaukee, near East Saginaw, Michigan, was destroyed by fire. The estimated damage at present is \$130,000, including about 8,000,000 feet of lumber.

Lumbermen get twenty cents a log at Wausaw, Wis., for raising "dead" or water-soaked logs from the bottom of the Wisconsin River. They have already raised about 600,000 feet, and logs that have been dead for twenty years are said to be as sound as the day on which they were cut.

—The Brandon *Mail* says that the C. P. R. has now given a special rate of 55 cents per cwt. on flour to the Pacific. This enables Brandon dealers to undersell Oregon dealers, and a few days since, Alexander, Kelley & Co. landed the first car of Manitoba flour in British Columbia.

—Samples of British Columbia fruit have been brought to Winnipeg by a Victoria fruiterer. They are described by the Winnipeg papers as "fine Bartlett pears, large and juicy," and are sold on the coast for from one to two cents per pound. It is said that tons of these pears rot every year because more are grown than there is any demand for.

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