

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—The saw mills at Edgar have shut down.

—A large saw mill is being built at Falkenberg.

—Thompson's shingle mill, at Orillia, turns out 60,000 per day.

—Thompson & Wright, lumbermen, Hamilton, have assigned.

—The Georgian Bay lumbermen are sending their men to the woods.

—No more rafts will be allowed to pass through the Grenville canal.

—Mr. John Rodd is erecting a new steam saw and shingle mill at Lindsay.

—The Emery Lumber Company's big mill at Midland cuts 100,000 feet a day.

—The Canada Lumber Company will not remove their mills from Carleton Place.

—There will be more lumber cut at Parry Sound this season than for many years past.

—The Ottawa mills are running out an unusually large amount of lumber this season.

—The *Forester* says 123 carloads of lumber and shingles were shipped from Huntsville in June.

—H. S. Mullen & Co., in the wholesale lumber trade in Toronto for the past year, have assigned.

—Lumbermen say that the Grand Trunk railway requires more sidings both at Midland and Orillia.

—The Georgian Bay Lumber Co. are shipping a large quantity of sawn square timber to Europe.

—Destructive bush fires in the Upper Ottawa region have consumed much valuable timber on the limits.

—The Rathbun Company are building a new wharf along their five lots north of Wharf street, Belleville.

—Wholesalers report trade in Western Ontario improving. In the eastern United States it is generally dull.

—E. U. Wiffen's mill, Fesserton, is running full time and he expects to turn out two million feet of lumber.

—The Waubashene and Magnettawan lost a tow of 24,000 logs near Hope Island on the way to Collingwood.

—Brisley & Skelton, of Fesserton, report trade good. They have a fine lot of logs and expect a good turn out.

—Messrs. Davidson & Hay, of Toronto, will build a large steam saw mill on their lands at Lake Nipissing, Ont.

—A defective foundation let a pile of lumber belonging to the Rathbun Company, at Deseronto, fall into the bay.

—Waubashene lumbermen report the sale of good pine very dull, also 16 inch shingles, 18 inch shingles sell readily.

—Work in the bush has been commenced by the lumber firms on the North Shore, says the *Manitoulin Exporter*.

—Canadian lumber exports to the United States for the first six months of the year showed a decrease of \$153,000.

—Mr. Wiley, late of Midland, has leased the water power saw mill of Messrs. Irwin & Bennett, South River, Ontario.

—Messrs. Hall & Booth's Amable du Fond raft of white pine timber is the finest taken out of the Ottawa for over twenty years.

—The Emery, Victoria Harbor and Georgian Bay Lumber companies each lost a tow of logs in August, aggregating about 25,000 pieces.

—The Georgian Bay lumbermen say this has been one of the poorest towing seasons they ever experienced owing to the prevailing high winds.

—The *Resolute*, employed by the Emery Lumber Co., sprang a leak and sank, but was afterwards raised, and is now in the Owen Sound dry dock.

—American lumbermen have taken up three townships in Algoma, Ont., from which they propose cutting 50,000,000 feet of logs next winter.

—Several lumbermen having finished the work of driving and delivering their logs, have already gone back to the woods to begin work for next season.

—A great many lumber firms south of Sudbury will go into camp early this year on account of portions of their limits being burned over during the drought.

—The Longford pail and tub factory at Orillia has recently commenced operations, 1500 pails and 500 tubs will be turned out per day when in full operation.

—It is said to be the intention of the Parry Sound Lumber Co. to have an iron barge built at Owen Sound after the new C.P.R. steamer has been completed.

—The John Owen with a tow of long timber from French River for Tonawanda is reported to have lost her tow in Lake Huron during a gale in the early part of August.

—Mr. Jas. Playfair, of Sturgeon Bay, is cutting some of the best pine that ever came into that place. He expects to cut from four and a half to five million feet this season.

—Destructive bush fires have raged in the timber limits in Petewawa and Chalk river districts, also in the vicinity of Brudenell and Golden Lake, and great damage is reported.

—Letters patent of incorporation have been applied for by the "Selaskong Lumber and Mining company," with a capital of \$22,000 and chief place of business at Rat Portage.

—The Jenkins Bros., have erected a new steam saw mill on Jenkin's island near Fenelon Falls. The machinery was taken from Port Perry on scows towed by the steamer Anglo Saxon.

—The Superior and Shawanaga lost a tow of 10,000 logs belonging to Victoria Harbor Lumber Co. above the Giant's Tomb on August 8th. They were gathered up again with few losses.

—The Rainy Lake Co's mill at Rat Portage continues to be hindered in its operations by high water on the lake. The fires could not be started in the furnace, as the water had entered the boiler house.

—The *Manitou Mercury* says that complaints are made at different points along the railway on account of the delays experienced in receiving shipments of lumber from dealers in Winnipeg and elsewhere.

—The storm of August 8 was a heavy blow to some of the lumber companies on the Georgian Bay. Three tows of logs, in all about 50,000, were tossed around the bay, the greater part of which may never be recovered.

—Wm. Poncefaut, foreman for John Mackay on the Amable du Fond, was charged before Judge Doran at Mattawa with having neglected to read the Fire Act to his men, as required by law. He was fined \$10 and cost, \$35.65.

—A party of American lumbermen are trying to buy a tract of pine on the Spanish River, the price being in the neighborhood of half million dollars. Several Minnesota operators are also said to be at the present time negotiating for a round block of pine on the Spanish River.

—The Ontario Government has issued orders to repair and rebuild the reformatory dock at Penetanguishene. It is supposed the long delay in proceeding with this necessary work arose on account of a question of jurisdiction between the Ontario and Dominion Governments.

—The Georgian Bay Consolidated Lumber Company have been incorporated. The partners are, Arthur M. Dodge and William E. Dodge and Cleveland H. Dodge, of New York city, Wm. H. F. Russell and James Scott, of Waubashene, and J. W. Hartman, of Port Severn.

—During August, Mr. Frank Brabant, foreman for Messrs. Strickland, of Lakefield, brought down his third drive for the season. His drives contained, respectively, 44,000, 52,000 54,000. On Monday, August 13, Mr. Brabant ran 32,000 logs over the Point dam in twelve hours.

—Mr. W. C. Edwards, M. P., is reported as having said that he will cut about 40,000,000 feet in his mill at Rockland, this summer. He had almost decided to remove his mills from Carleton Place after the season, but operations have been so satisfactory that he will leave the mill there for the present.

—The Rainy Lake mill has received a big raft of logs and could easily be kept running its full capacity for the balance of the season, but owing to the high water, which has entered the boiler house, fires cannot be lighted. Efforts have been made to dam the boiler house, but so far have proved futile.

—Mr. Thompson, lumber merchant of Peterborough, has been engaged for some time purchasing pine trees in the townships of Manvers and Cartwright. He offered a resident of Blackstock \$200 for ten, but the offer was not accepted. Mr. James Magill, of Yelverton, disposed of four at the very good figure of \$60.

—Perley & Pattie's raft from the Petewawa river arrived at Ottawa recently. It is red pine and consists of 130 cribs. While the raft was in transit from Coulange Lake, a Frenchman named Cadieux, from Sorel, was drowned, somewhere near Ryan's. It is supposed he fell down between the cribs and went under the timber.

—The large sawmill of the Dickson Company, Peterborough is in full blast, and while the logs are disappearing rapidly the piles of lumber are showing up in great shape. For the first time in years the mill started this season with a full staff of men. At present upwards of seventy find employment, and all of them are paid good wages.

—Trade statistics show that the railways have secured much

of the lumber carrying trade formerly done by the canals. The quantity of sawn lumber carried from Ottawa and Hull by the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Atlantic railways for 1887 was nearly 90,000,000. For the same period the quantity carried by the Ottawa canals was, in 1886, 357,132,000 feet of sawn lumber, and last year, 335,694,000 feet.

—The lumber industry of the Ottawa district is undoubtedly by far the most extensive and remunerative in that line in Canada. The six principal firms, employ during the summer 5,620 men in their mills and about their yards, and in the winter about 3,800 in their shanties and on their limits. The Upper Ottawa Improvement Co., employ about 1,000 men during the summer months. The total number of men employed in the limits on the Ottawa River is about 15,000.

—Bush fires burned over a large area in the township of Clarendon and a settler near Card's Mills was deprived not only of his home but of all his effects. Near Levant Station, on the K. & P. Railway a great fire raged for days, cutting off communication between the front and rear by burning up the corduroy roads. The fires burned furiously north of Trout Lake. The loss would have been heavy, but for the exertions of Colonel Walsh and a force of workers acting under him. The recent drenching rains fortunately quenched the fires.

—A careful estimate places the number of hands employed during the summer by six leading lumber firms at the Chaudiere at nearly 6,000, and the same firms employ in the woods during the winter 3,800. The lumbermen say that only about 15 per cent. of the employes in the mills during the summer go to the shanties in the winter, the rest of their winter gangs are made up of outside men. Of the 3,800 men who work in the shanties during the winter about 2,000 live in Hull and about 1,000 in Ottawa, the remaining 800 are strangers.

—Not long since, at Ottawa, the tug Charlotte while towing a raft of square timber, grounded upon the big sawdust bank opposite the Parliament buildings, and with difficulty was got off. There must be at least thirty feet of sawdust, three hundred feet long and one hundred feet wide, between Pine Tree Island and the entrance to the locks upon which spring floods had no effect. A short time previously a raft was landed above Ratte's boat house, when a sawdust explosion took place at the lower end of it, which shook one of the ribs badly, and shoved the loading pieces about in all directions. A large boat tied to the raft was filled with sawdust and water.

—The *Resolute* with a tow of 15,000 logs for the Emery Lumber Co. Midland, sprang a leak near Hope Island during a heavy gale, and after battling with the elements for a while was obliged to cut the tow adrift and run for shelter. The water in her hold made such headway notwithstanding the steam pumps being constantly at work that the fires were put out, when the captain beached her and she sank in 14 ft. of water. The crew hung to the railing which was the only part out of water till daylight, the yawl boat having been lost, when a raft was improvised and crew reached Hope Island in safety, whence they were taken to the mainland. They had an exciting season.

—Lumbermen, in cutting logs on the Rainy Lake and tributary rivers to the Rainy river, place the logs in booms and leave them until they get the number out ready for towing to the mills. This season the water in the river has risen to an unusual height, and has raised the booms over the guards, letting all the logs in booms loose, to float promiscuously over the lake. As near as can be ascertained, the following is a correct amount of the logs which have got loose: Keewatin Lumbering and Manufacturing Company, 10,000,000; Dick & Banning, 2,000,000; H. F. Holmes, 300,000; Minnesota, and Ontario Lumber Company, 5,000,000; Rainy Lake Company, 4,500,000; Hughes & Kennedy, 100,000.

—The Chaudiere lumbermen who have limits on the Madawaska were lately informed that a quantity of timber bearing marks of Ottawa merchants had been claimed by Mr. H. Edey and his three sons who own a small saw mill on that river. The authorities were informed at the instigation of Messrs. H. F. McLaughlin & Bros., and Mr. Edey and his three sons were accordingly arrested and taken to Pembroke jail. They were arraigned before Magistrate Craig at Arnprior, and all four were committed for trial at the next assizes. Mr. Edey, the father of the family, secured bail for himself and one son, and two of the sons were obliged to go to Pembroke jail the next day to wait their trial. The Edey family are well known in Renfrew county and their arrest and imprisonment is the talk of the country. The Chaudiere lumbermen will be obliged to attend the trial to identify their private marks on the timber which has been found in the possession of the accused.

—Stewart Bros., who run a saw mill at Eastman's springs, near Ottawa left there some weeks ago and have not since returned. Several alleged creditors say the brothers left together