

THE NEWS.

—Mr. Hepburn is extending his saw mill at Picton, Ont.

—H. B. Ward, lumber merchant Canning, N. S., has assigned.

—A. W. Brown & Bros., planing mill, Spring Hill, N. S., have assigned.

—Edy & Edy, saw mill and general store, Oil Springs, Ont. have sold out.

—Hulmer & Co., Rat Portage, are taking out six million feet of logs this winter.

—Cockburn's mill at Gravenhurst, Ont., recently destroyed by fire, will be rebuilt.

—Hill & Berry, lumbermen, of Fredrickton, N. B., have made an assignment.

—Walter Ross is erecting a saw mill near Keewatin, in the Lake of the Woods district.

—The shipment of lumber from Parry Sound, Ont., during the fall was smaller than usual.

—McLaughlin Bros. of Arnprior, propose erecting extensive saw mills near Papineauville, Quebec.

—H. Crowe & Co., lumber dealers, of Winnipeg and Carberry, are opening a branch at Glenboro.

—Wm. G. Empey, operator of a saw, shingle and lath mill, at Berwick, Ont., has made an assignment.

—P. McConnell, has been appointed local Crown timber inspector for the Turtle Mountain district of Manitoba.

—The Minnesota and Ontario Lumber Company, of Rat Portage, contemplate a cut of ten million feet next season.

—W. J. Mathers now continues the lumber business of Wade & Mathers, of Deloraine, Man., the firm having dissolved.

—Brown, Rutherford & Neilson, of Selkirk, Man., have sold out their entire stock of lumber to the Selkirk Lumber Co.

—Gauthier & David, saw mill, Valleyfield, Que., have dissolved. The business will be continued by Gauthier & Lalonde.

—The saw mill at Macleod, Alberta, which some time ago closed down for the winter, has resumed operations owing to the mild weather.

—The present winter's cut of timber in the Parry Sound district promises to be large. So far work in the camps has progressed favorably.

—A by-law will be voted on at Rat Portage, on January 9th next, to grant a bonus of \$15,000 to Ross, Hall & Brown, to establish a saw mill in the municipality.

—The Collins Bay Rafting Co., expect to handle 1,000,000 feet of lumber at Belleville, during the season of 1889. Last season they handled 300,000 feet.

—The saw mill in the New Sweden Colony, north of Minnedosa, Man., has been burned. This will be a heavy loss to Mr. Hemmingsen and the colony.

—Messrs. Bronson & Weston and Pierce & Co. have a large number of workmen engaged constructing an overflow dam at the mouth of the upper channel on the Ottawa river.

—Messrs. T. & W. Murray of Pembroke, Ont., are having a large supply house erected at North Bay. About three hundred tons of supplies will be stored as soon as the building is completed.

—Mr. David Eidt and Mr. Henry Eidt, of Phillipsburg, Ont., have purchased Mr. P. Knechtel's saw mill at Hanover, Ont. The business will be carried on under the name of Eidt Bros.

—Mr. Sam. Sloan, of Tilbury Centre, Ont., will enlarge his planing mill. He will put in a sixty-horse power boiler and engine, adding saw mill and other machinery for wood-working.

—Mr. R. E. Steeves, of Hillsboro, N.B., has purchased an engine and the appliances for a new rotary steam saw mill he is now building at that place. The mill will saw about two million a year.

—Two hundred car loads of lumber, about three million feet, have been shipped this season by the Royal City Planing Mills at Westminster, B. C., to Sir John Lister Kay's farms in the Territories.

—Tait and his men have already taken out 26,000 spruce logs in the Riding Mountain district of Manitoba, and expect to take out 80,000 during the winter. Some of the logs have to be drawn about three miles to the river.

—Messrs. Davidson & Hay, of Toronto, have purchased a lot north of Lake Nipissing, and are about erecting a mill at Colliender. Mr. C. S. Smythe, who had charge of their mill at Orr Lake, has accepted the management of the new mill.

—The Subaskong Mining and Lumber Company has received its charter from the Dominion Government. The company has among its stockholders several Rat Portage men. Its object is to develop the mining and lumbering industries of the district.

—The old saw mill at Moodyville, B. C., opposite Vancouver, which was established about 25 years ago, will be fitted up with modern machinery, and will soon be closed down for that purpose. The mill has done a large export business in past years.

—Christie's new mill building at Brandon, Man., has been completed, and is ready for the machinery. Christie is preparing to bring down a lot of spruce logs from the Riding Mountain in the spring, via the Bird Tail Creek and Assiniboine river.

—During the first eight months of 1888 there was a decrease of 20 per cent. on the price and 24 per cent. on the quantity of boards, deals, plank etc., imported into Canada from the United States during that period, as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

—Lumbering operations on the North Shore of Nova Scotia are being so extensively carried on that men who have not gone into the woods for years are now wielding the axe, tempted by the increased pay. One operator recently brought a number of men from Newfoundland.

—Eastern capitalists, it is said, are about taking hold of the steam saw mill at Emerson, Man. An immense quantity of lumber is sold in Emerson annually, and as a supply of pine and oak logs can be had up Red River, there is no reason the lumber should not be manufactured there.

—The Rathbun Co's big mill at Deseronto, Ont., closed down on the 12th Dec. the latest date during that month that it has ever run. The *Tribune* says that the Big Mill did splendid work this season and Supt. Dexter and his army of associates may well feel proud of the record made by their great establishment.

—The report is current that Messrs. Gilmour & Co., the big lumbermen of Trenton, Ont., are talking of carrying out an important scheme for conveying their logs over the lakes in the northern townships. Mr. Gilmour states that he intends building a railway down to the waters edge and hoist a tug on a car and take it back north.

—Ottawa lumbermen are said to believe in the possibility of building up an interprovincial trade in lumber, which will render them independent of the United States markets. The local consumption in Montreal in 1886 was 45,000,000 feet, which in 1886 ran up to 120,000,000, or about 20 per cent. of the cut of all the mills in Ottawa and vicinity.

—Their supply of logs having run out, says the *Port Arthur Sentinel*, Graham, Horne & Co's shingle mill has been closed down for the season. The total cut is slightly in excess of 3,000,000 shingles, and represents just that much money's worth of a staple article manufactured at home, instead of, at formerly, being imported from the Northwestern States.

—Mr. Robertson, builder of the Joggins raft, has been paying a visit to Moose river in New Brunswick, and is reported as being very much impressed with the facilities which that place affords for the storage and shipment of lumber. He is said to have offered M. L. Tucker \$10,000 in cash for his mill property there, and if this offer is accepted he will build two rafts a year at that point.

—The new Government dry dock at Kingston, Ont., will have a bottom area 280x40 feet, and the coping 300x72 feet. It will be thoroughly equipped with pumping machinery, so that the 350,000 cubic feet of water it will contain can be emptied in three and one half hours. It will take two years to build the dock, and the probable cost will be \$300,000 or \$400,000.

—Mr. G. W. Stokes, of Windsor, has been in the lumber trade nearly all his life, and has now large tracts of timber in different parts of Canada and the United States. Speaking about the Dominion Government's export duty on logs, he says:—"It is only a square deal, but instead of \$3 it ought to be \$10. If the Americans want Canadian logs let them bring along their mills, cut the logs up and spend a little money in the country from which they derive their revenue."

—The Madawaska Improvement Company have a gang of over one hundred men engaged on the Madawaska river putting in the remainder of the improvements which will enable lumber firms to bring timber and logs from limits which before were inaccessible owing to the Madawaska not being navigable. The works will be completed by next spring. Last winter one hundred and fifty men put up works costing \$200,000. This year the works will be completed at a cost of \$150,000. The works consist of a series of dams, piers and slides. A line of steamers has been placed on the lake near the head waters of the Madawaska.

—As far as can be learned the Lake of the Woods mills are preparing for a big cut next season. There will be a considerable increase in the sawing capacity on the lake.

—Pensacola's annual report shows that the exports of yellow Pine during 1887-88 exceeded those of the past two years. The total exports amounts to 253,699,152 superficial feet, an increase of 39,063,200 feet over the exports of the year previous. The greatest ratio of increase has been to the continent of Europe and has been almost exclusively in sawed to South American ports, and the increase timber.

—A statement of the receipts of the Crown Lands department of Quebec, for the current year to date shows they have increased to \$786,771 against \$450,926 in 1887, or against an average of \$472,719 per annum for the last five years. The government estimate that crown land collections will reach one million dollars when the accounts for the current fiscal year are closed.

—The supreme court at Ottawa has delivered judgment in the suit of Cameron et al. v. Tate et al. It was a case where the defendants failed to execute an agreement to supply machinery for a lumber mill at Rat Portage to cut logs lying on the shores of the Lake of the Woods, and the plaintiffs obtained a verdict for \$25,000 in the lower court, which was reversed by the court of appeal, and the plaintiffs appealed to the Supreme court. The appeal was dismissed with costs.

—Denny, Mott & Dickson, in their London Wood Circular of Dec. 4th, in their reference to Canadian woods say: Some shipments of Square and Waney Pine, Oak and Elm came to hand last month, but are mostly already disposed of, so greatly does the demand for Yellow Pine and Oak exceed the supply. Consumers cannot just now err in promptly securing any freshly landed Quebec goods, as every thing points to still further increased prices; so moderate is the supply both here and at the shipping ports.

—The *British Columbian* says: Twenty tons of saw mill machinery, arrived from the Hamilton Manufacturing Company, of Peterborough, Ont., imported by Messrs. F. G. Strickland & Co., of this city, for A. J. Bovill, who is building a new saw mill at Langley. This consignment is the complete machinery for a saw mill—not a bolt, nut or screw being absent, and it is the first complete mill ever brought into the province. Mr. Bovill's mill will have a capacity of about 30,000 feet per day.

—At a recent meeting of the Upper Ottawa Improvement company, the following gentlemen were elected to office for the ensuing year:—Mr. Hiram Robinson, president; G. B. Greene, secretary; J. W. Wardrope, treasurer; Board of Directors—E. H. Bronson, Hiram Robinson, E. B. Eddy, G. Powell and J. R. Booth. The Secretary's annual report was adopted and showed the organization to be in a flourishing condition. The object of the company is to bring all logs cut on the Ottawa and its tributaries down to the Long Sault rapids, for which they have the privilege of charging so much per log.

—Seven vessels cleared from Burrard Inlet, B. C., with lumber, during November, six of these being from the Moodyville mill and one from the Hastings mill. The lumber went to Australia, four loads; South America, two loads; and China, one vessel. During the month, four vessels arrived to load at the mills, three for the Hastings and one for the Moodyville mill. Robert Ward & Co., of Victoria, in their last shipping report quote the following rates on lumber from British Columbia to the ports named. To Hobson's Bay, 57s. per M; Melbourne Wharf, 55s. to 57s. 6d. per M; Sidney, 45s. per M; Shanghai, 50s. per m.; West Coast South America, 45s. to 50s. per m.

CASUALTIES.

A man named Watson, employed in one of Rathbun's shanties, was curious to know what was in the medicine chest of the shanty, and took a dose from one of the bottles that caused his death.

One of McLaughlin Bros. shanties at Bark Lake, Ont., was recently the scene of an accident by which a young man named Maxwell Thompson lost his life. He was struck by a falling tree and died two hours afterwards.

An accident occurred in the woods in one of Gilmour & Co.'s shanties, near Madoc, Ont. Peter Carl and Joseph Sofa were felling a large tree; the tree lodged in another tree; when they freed it they found the tree was coming the wrong way and tried to get out of the way. In running away Sofa fell, and his axe struck Carl in the calf of the leg severing an artery. Before a doctor arrived Carl bled to death. The same axe after cutting Carl was struck by the falling tree and flew back and struck Sofa, cutting a big gash in his leg above the knee. Sofa is likely to recover.