

NOTES BY THE WAY. LINDSAY.

Building operations, so far, have not been brisk in Lindsay this season. A few buildings are under contract, and the block of wooden buildings recently burned, covering an acre of ground, will have to be rebuilt, which will create some extra work.

One saw mill, known as "The Yankee Mill," (Bond, Downer & Co.) has been shut down for the past two seasons. The other two saw mills in Lindsay are running full time. Messrs. Needler & Sadler's mill, driven by water power, is running from six o'clock a.m. to eight p.m. The cut this season will amount to 100,000 feet custom work, and 700,000 feet from logs got out on their own account last winter. They had a new "burner" built last spring to consume sawdust and refuse. It is constructed after the pattern of a steam boiler furnace with ordinary smoke stack, and answers the purpose well.

Mr. Thurston's mill is working full time in the various branches of sawing, shingle-making, etc., carried on by this enterprising gentleman. The stock of logs got out by him last winter has been, proportionately, considerably more extensive than that of former years, which must reduce the ultimate profits. The same rule applies more or less to stocks, generally, cut last winter.

Shingle manufacture is an extensive industry in Lindsay. Mr. Fee is engaged in completing his stock of cedar shingles before commencing the pine stock, as when the weather becomes dry the manufacture of cedar shingles is disagreeable on account of the impalpable dust which comes from the seasoned blocks; whilst, on the other hand, before the wood gets too dry the work is pleasant, and the aroma of the cedar which pervades the mill is healthful and agreeable. His cut of cedar shingles this season will amount to four million—pine shingles, one million. Mr. Fee exports to Oswego, Albany, Troy and other United States markets, and also does a large trade in fence posts and telegraph poles. He intends next season to retire from the milling business to his farm, near Lindsay, where he has this spring erected a large brick dwelling, and where he will carry on butter and cheese making on an extensive scale. As the mill is fitted up with powerful steam engine, circular saw for cutting lumber, planing machine, as well as the most improved shingle making machinery, Mr. Fee's retirement will make a good opening for some enterprising party acquainted with the lumber business.

Mr. Burko has a good shingle mill, on the upper side of the locks, which is turning out a fair quantity of first-class shingles daily.

The other principal industries of Lindsay are, two tanneries, a woollen factory, brewery, stove factory, chair factory sash and door factory, a carriage factory, and a large flouring mill, working day and night, grinding 8,000 bushels of wheat, yet on hand of last winter's purchase. Over a dozen steamers of various sizes ply on the Seagow and Bobcaygeon waters, engaged in freight, lumber and passenger traffic between Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon, Lindsay, and Port Perry.

GALT.

The new saw mill recently erected by George Hespeler, Esq., (P. McGregor, manager,) has a stock of logs on hand to cut for the season of 800,000 feet of pine and 200,000 feet of hardwood. The machinery, 7 ft. circular saw, edger and butting saw,—all of the most improved pattern—are driven by a 35 horse power steam engine from Goldie & McCulloch's establishment. The mill works well and will have the sawing finished early this summer.

HAMILTON.

The "Ambitious City" is full of business energy at the present time. Workmen of all kinds are in good demand and wages high. Railway freight trains daily bring in car after car loaded with square timber and lumber of all sorts and sizes. The demand is greater than the supply. Near the Great Western the harbor looks like one of the Quebec coves. Men are busy rafting. Withes and traverses are piled in heaps along the wharves. The old immigrant sheds are taken possession of by the jolly shanty men, who find them roomy and commodious dwelling places.

Messrs. Platt & Bradley have made up and despatched two rafts of 100,000 feet each, which have arrived safe at Quebec. Another raft of 125,000 will be ready to leave on Monday (13th June.) The rafts are composed of oak, elm, ash, pine, whitewood, maple, cherry, walnut, and hickory, square and round. Messrs. Platt & Bradley have yet to arrive by train about 300,000 from all parts of the surrounding country. They have about 40 men employed in rafting.

Messrs. McArthur Bros., of Toronto, have despatched two rafts from Hamilton, averaging about 100,000 feet each—mixed timber. Another raft, nearly ready, will take the balance they expect to have at this port.

Messrs. McCrae & Murphy sent one raft out early in May, and are making up another which will clean up their stocks. Timber mixed, oak, &c.

Mr. John Durkin, of Quebec, has sent away one raft—has another ready, and a small raft yet to make up.

Mr. J. Lattimer, Toronto, has one raft nearly ready, which completes his stock on hand.

Messrs. D. & J. McCrae are loading a vessel with staves and plank for Collins' Bay.

Messrs. Platt & Bradley have shipped four cargoes this season of oak and hickory to Garden Island to be forwarded to Quebec.

Building operations are brisk. Mr. Robert Chisholm is making good progress with the large cotton factory now in course of erection. The main building is 302 ft. long by 50 wide, with a number of wings and additions. The engine-room is 45 ft. by 33. Picker house 52 by 40 ft. There are three floors in the main building, supported by 250 oak columns. The beams are 50 feet long, and 12 by 14 inches, formed of three pieces, beaded, 4 inches thick, and bolted with 7 inch bolts 18 inches apart. Floors double laid on the joist, or beams, forming a ceiling. Messrs. Bremmen & Son, lumber merchants and manufacturers, supply the lumber, doors, sash, etc. There are three hundred windows in the main building. Mr. Chisholm has just finished the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society's buildings a magnificent block with two fronts of Ohio freestone. Another large building is being erected on King street, with two fronts of brown freestone from the Caledon or Georgetown quarries, said to be superior to the Ohio freestone in durability and facility of working.

The Emery Wheel Manufacture or Hamilton Hart Wheel Company, have very complete premises, and seem to be doing a large business. Cornudum is used freely by this company, and is said to be superior to emery.

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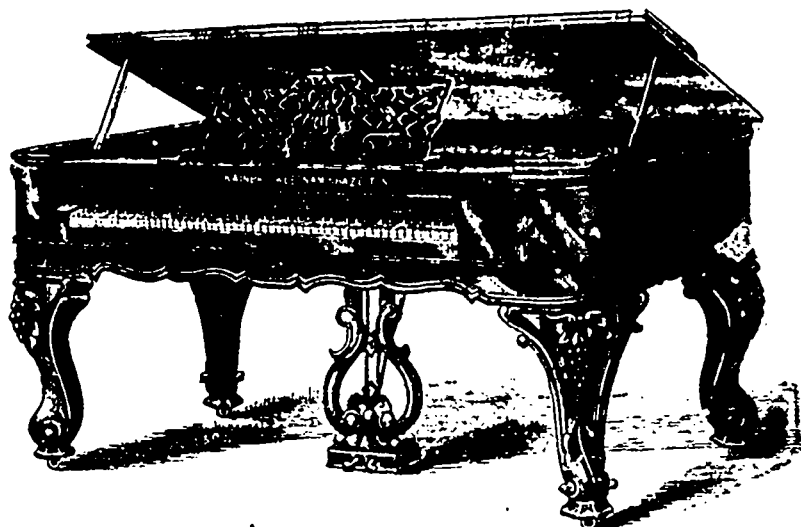
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