

—Brown's sash and planing mills at Lennoxville, Que., burned Feb'y. 8th. Loss \$3,000; insurance \$1,500.

—London *Timber* of January 18th says: Messrs. Smith, Wade & Co. have purchased the Edwards' pine deals wintering quantity about 10,000 Petersburg stds. These deals are well-known in this market. Messrs. Dohell & Co. have purchased the Baptist (Three Rivers and Calumet) cuttings of pine deals also the balance of the Ross, Buckingham. Prices have not transpired, but are understood to be about on the basis of previous sales in the Quebec market.

—A large amount of business has already been done in Great Britain in chartering from Quebec and other ports on the St. Lawrence for next spring. Current rates to range of U. K. ports are: Deals, 62s 6d, and timber 25s. From the spruce districts some business has also been done at from 60s to 65s for New Brunswick ports, and 55s for Nova Scotian ports. Shippers are particularly requested to insert in the charter party a clause that "any time lost by reason of strikes, lock-outs, or combinations of workmen—whether partial or general—shall not count as part of the loading or discharging time."

—The Scotstown Lumber Company, is applying for articles of incorporation under the "Joint Stock Companies Incorporation Act," for the purpose of lumbering, sawing and manufacturing sawn and dressed lumber, and doing a general milling and trading business. The chief place of business will be at Scotstown district of St. Francis. Capital stock fifty thousand dollars, in five hundred shares of one hundred dollars each. The names of the applicants are Frank Dudley, Portland, Maine, lumber dealer, Rufus Henry Pope, of Cookshire, mill-owner; William Ives, advocate; and Henry Braithwaite Brown, advocate, both of Sherbrooke. William Ward Bailey, of Cookshire, miller. The first directors are the said Frank Dudley, Rufus H. Pope and William B. Ives.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—The saw mills on Lake Winnipeg cut last season about fifteen million feet, all spruce and tamarac.

—The total amount of lumber sold in Manitoba last year was about one hundred and twelve million feet.

—Mr. J. A. Christie, of Brandon has a fine saw mill at that place and expects to cut ten million feet this season.

—R. B. Wisch, lumber dealer, McGregor, has bought out George Rogers' lumber yard at that place and combined the business with his own.

—Albert Carman, of Winnipeg, has been appointed to assume the management of Dick, Banning & Co.'s lumber yard at Portage la Prairie.

—A government inspector seized upwards of 500,000 shingles and some lumber in Minnedosa recently. They had been manufactured without the manufacturers first interviewing the Government.

—There are seven saw mills on the Lake of the Woods, which will saw this season 60,000,000 feet, providing no logs are "hung up" in driving, and some say that the cut will be near 80,000,000 feet.

—The Western Lumber Company are building a new tug at Fort Francis for Rainy Lake. About 40,000,000 feet of logs are to come down from Rainy Lake this season and about the same from the American rivers.

—Capt. J. Jonnasson, one of the most extensive lumber shippers on Lake Winnipeg, says the various companies are taking out a greater number of logs than they first calculated upon. The season has turned out more favorable than was expected.

—The Ontario & Minnesota Lumber Company have limits on the Big Forks, they had about ten million stuck last spring. Their contractors are putting in 15,000,000 this winter, but on account of sickness among the men they will probably only put in ten or twelve million feet.

—Considerable railroad building will be done the coming summer in Manitoba by all the railroads, including the Central Pacific, Northern Pacific and Manitoba, and other branch lines from these main roads, which will greatly increase the demand for bridge timber, &c., and as new towns will spring up, considerable lumber will be required for building purposes.

—The Dominion government is calling for tenders for a license to cut timber on a length of 50 miles square on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, beginning at the mouth of the Hollow Water river, a tributary of Lake Winnipeg on its eastern shore: thence northerly along the eastern shore of the said lake to miles in direct distance, and back easterly throughout from the shore of the lake, five miles measured at right angles to its general bearing within the said distance. Northern and southern boundaries to be due east and west lines, the rear boundary to be in not more than four courses.

—Bailey & Saunders, of Duluth, who are cutting their own timber from deeded land, are cutting this winter on the Little Forks River; the Itasca Company, are cutting north of Duluth, 4,500,000 feet of logs, which they have contracted to furnish Dick, Banning & Co., delivered in the Rainy river next spring, and to whom they sold and delivered the only American logs brought into Canada last year from the State of Minnesota, the amount being between six and seven million. The other parties who had logs in the State of Minnesota to be delivered in Rainy river were all stuck and may come down this season.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—The saw mills on the coast have resumed operations and it is conceded that the busiest season on record is ahead of them.

—The Royal City Planing Mills Co. are well supplied with orders and will have to run to their fullest capacity to meet the heavy demands.

—The British barque, *Gloaming*, has been towed to sea from Hastings saw mill, Vancouver with 1,031,000, feet of lumber for Calao, Peru.

—A carload of machinery has arrived at New Westminster from Cowan & Co., Galt, Ont., for use in Mr. T. Ackerman's new sash and door factory.

—The Vancouver Lumber Company's saw mill has been purchased by Messrs. Edmond & Webster, of Westminster, who propose to run it on a large scale.

—A number of Ontario capitalists are negotiating for the erection of a saw mill above Mr. Laidlaw's cannery, at Sapperton. Arrangements have been completed for the purchase of land for the mill site and lumber yards.

—It is reported that a number of the piles at the new Ross-McLaren mill have been smashed by the ice jamming against them. Also, that the chimney of the saw dust consumer has been canted over by the force of the recent gale.

—The Victoria Lumbering & Trading Co. have commenced to manufacture at their mill at Chemainus the material for their new mill. The new mill will have a capacity of sixty million feet annually, all of which is intended for the export trade.

—Work in the logging camps is almost entirely suspended owing to the heavy snow in the woods. Not being prepared for lumbering operations on the eastern plan the loggers have been forced to suspend operations until such time as the snow disappears.

—The Port Moody saw mill, after being repaired, has again started running full time, with a large number of orders ahead. The North Pacific Lumber Company are pushing the work in connection with their mill, which is expected to be the largest on the inlet.

—The contract for framing the bridges for the Regina & Long Lake railway has been awarded the Royal City Planing Mill, Westminster. Work on them will be begun at once. When completed they will be put together, to see that everything fits, after which they will be taken apart and shipped east.

—The report of the minister of the crown lands recently issued, states that there are 25 saw mills in the province, with a daily capacity in the aggregate of 170,000 or about 275,000,000 per annum. The acreage of timber leases held from the provincial government amounts to 135,063 acres, and on crown lands, 10,930,400; timber leasehold, 9,420,565; private property, 3,342,352, total 31,878,384; royalty collected, \$12,575.59; rebate on timber exported \$3,051.48.

—The shipments of lumber from British Columbia during the past year approximates some 32,000,000 feet, valued at nearly half a million dollars, and about fifty ships having an aggregate tonnage of some 43,000 tons, were employed. This industry has been fairly active, although several of the leading mills shut down temporarily early in the season during the progress of extensive additions to buildings, plant and modern machinery (notably in the case of the Moodyville saw mill at Burrard Inlet,) and the capacity of these establishments has been so enlarged that they are now in a better position to fill orders than heretofore. —*Colonist*.

NOVA SCOTIA.

—The Milton Manufacturing Company, Yarmouth, recently organized with a capital of \$25,000 for the manufacture of lumber, building materials, woodenware, etc., has completed the erection of its factory, and is now at work. The main building is two stories and a half high, with a frontage of 100 feet, and an L in the rear 27x45. In addition the company has a two story and a-half building in the rear, the lower part of which is for store room, and the upper part a glazing room. The steel boiler is 5 feet in diameter and 17 feet long, and the engine is 100-horse power.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—The recent heavy snow storm rather interferes with lumbering in the northern countries but is a bonanza in the south, where there was a scarcity of snow.

—The amount of lumber being cut on the west branch of the Penobscot during the present year is estimated to be 3,000,000 feet, giving employment to 500 horses, oxen and over 1,400 men.

AMERICAN.

—Hickory logs bring \$25 a thousand at Ada, O., where sucker rods for oil wells are manufactured.

—President Strickland of the Penobscot Log Driving Company, Me., estimates the winter's cut on the west branch at 56,300,000.

—The Chicago Lumber Co. has purchased 60,000,000 feet of lumber from the Branning Manufacturing Co., and leased the planing mill of that company at Edenton, N. C.

—While sinking a well at his new saw mill, near Seymour, Ind., Jesse Cox came across some large chestnut trees thirty-five feet below the surface in a perfect state of preservation.

—In the New England States most of the yards are buying from hand to mouth. In hard-wood there is very little doing either for spot or future delivery. Many of the dealers in hardwood predict that the demand will be light this season.

—The J. E. Potts Salt & Lumber Company, of Au Sable is hauling 500,000 feet of logs by rail daily. The company recently purchased a tract of timber of Alpena parties for \$130,000, and it is said has 800,000,000 feet of standing pine that will go to the mill at Au Sable.

—Estimates of the quantity of pine lumber remaining in Florida vary from 6,500,000,000 to 120,000,000,000. Although there are extensive bodies of virgin forest still untouched, it is very evident to lumbermen that at the present rate of destruction the supply cannot last more than fifteen or twenty years. Merchantable building lumber from Florida is now worth \$25.50 by the cargo at New York, which sold two or three years ago for \$19.50.

—J. E. Potts Salt & Lumber Company, Au Sable, Mich., will not extend its logging road to Hillman, as was reported. The company's output was 112,500,000 feet, instead of from 60,000,000 to 80,000,000 feet. Its own mill sawed over 87,000,000 feet. Outside parties sawed the rest. Mr. Potts writes as above, and confirms the report of the purchase of \$130,000 worth of pine from the Minor Lumber Company, of Alpena.

—A new fibre plant called mahoutine has been discovered on the Island of Trinidad, of which great things are expected. The bark is easily stripped from the stalks which are about 10 feet long. The product is reported worth from \$35 to \$100 a ton in London, Eng.

—The sale of the Spokane Mill company's property to an English syndicate, representing the Bank of London, is being negotiated in New York. The property is one of the most valuable in the city and controls one entire channel of the Spokane river, furnishing an immense water power. There are four mills and several acres of high priced real estate, fronting on the river, which go with the property. It is reported the price at which the mill will be sold is \$1,500,000. It is rumored that negotiations are pending for the Washington Water company's property by the same Englishmen. The company practically owns all the enormous water power of the city outside of that owned by the mill company.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

—Messrs. Murphy & Bates are getting out the timber for their new saw mill on the east shore of the Georgian Bay, near Owen Sound. The building will be ready for occupation by the 1st of June and will employ about fifty men.

—The Waterous Engine Works Co., of Brantford, have just completed for Duncan McCormack of Montreal, at Casselman, Ont., one of the most complete saw mills in Eastern Ontario. It consists of a 70-horse power engine, two boilers, circular saw irons, with improved carriage, consisting of five log seats with rope feed, heavy three saw double edger, double trimmers, swing saw, friction bull wheel, shingle machine, combined planer and matcher, saw dust carrier, live rolls, &c. Their men are now at work constructing a similar mill at Lachute, Que., for Messrs McGibbon & Co., which will be started in a few days. In both of these mills can be seen their new friction grip pulley which is sufficiently strong to stop and start with ease the heaviest circular or gang mill without stopping the power. This pulley will be a great acquisition to mill men, and from its strength and effectiveness it is sure to have a large sale. We would advise any one troubled with the old style of friction clutch pulley, or who is desirous of stopping heavy machinery without interfering with the power to write them for information. Their friction grip can be attached to old pulleys as well as to new