

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—Mickle & Dymont's new mill, Barrie is about finished.

—Gravenhurst mills are running ten and a-half hours a day.

—Messrs. Hilliard & Dickson have started up their mill at Pakenham.

—Hamilton lumber dealers complain of a very poor quality of lumber.

—The drives in the Pettawawa district are all coming down satisfactory.

—Phillips & McLeod, planing mill operators, Aurora, have dissolved.

—The various drives around Minden are reported as making good headway.

—Chew's saw mill at Midland narrowly escaped being burned some days ago.

—N. Dymont's drive on the Thessalon river recently broke, causing a loss of 3,000 logs.

—The retail lumber trade of Hamilton is reported to be in a fairly flourishing condition.

—The new boat built for the Georgian Bay Lumber Co. has been successfully launched.

—The Georgian Bay drives are all well forward, and so far it has been a remarkable good driving season.

—Brown & Mahood, shingle manufacturers of Utterson, have assigned for the benefit of their creditors.

—Basswood logs for the Lumber Cutting Machine Company, Belleville, have commenced to arrive at the boom.

—The big new mill belonging to the Canada Lumber Co., at Carleton Place, has commenced a satisfactory run.

—Messrs. J. R. Booth, E. B. Eddy, and R. Hurdman & Co., of Ottawa have put on night gangs in their mills.

—The Ontario Lumber Co., will cut in their three mills this year 20,000,000 feet of lumber and 5,000,000 shingles.

—Miller Brothers have built a new custom saw and shingle mill on the K. and P. railway, at McLaren's Mills station.

—Mr. J. D. Shier, of Bracebridge, has added about \$1,500 worth of new machinery to his sawmill during the past winter.

—All the mills in the Georgian Bay district, with the exception of the Emery Lumber Co's mill at Midland, are now running.

—It is expected that 10,000,000 feet of lumber will be cut this season at the mill of Messrs. Christie, Kerr & Co., Bradford.

—Messrs. Moore Bros. are reported to have sold their timber limit on Bye's Creek to Mr. Richard White, of Pembroke.

—Burton Bros. tug "Matamora" recently brought down 2,000,000 feet of logs from Beaver Stone river to Byng Inlet.

—Messrs. Walsh & McKinnon, of Little Current, are making extensive additions to the machinery in their saw mill this season.

—Bush fires have again been raging in the back country in the vicinity of Kingston. Much valuable timber has been destroyed.

—Mr. McCormack's mill east of Sudbury will shortly commence running. This is the same mill operated by Lee & Potter last summer.

—The Rathbun Company are having difficulty with the Knights of Labor, at Kingston, through refusing to discharge non-union employees.

—The Georgian Bay Consolidated Lumber Company are having a small tug built at Midland, to be used at Byng Inlet to run between upper and lower mills.

—Mr. Jacob A. Shaver, of Ancaster, has associated himself with one or two other gentlemen, who are about going into the lumber business in the city of Hamilton.

—Burglars recently entered the lumber office of A. Caldwell & Son, at Lanark, blew the safe door clear across the office, and secured a remuneration of \$23 for their work.

—The Blind River Lumber Co., of Blind River, and Buzzwell & Co., of the Spanish, supply a great quantity of lumber for the buildings in course of erection at the Sault.

—During the latter part of May Messrs. Cook Bros. had 10,000 logs adrift from the mouth of the Mississago river, a large portion of which have, however, been secured.

—There is an immense quantity of cedar lying around Lake Manitou ready to be towed by the tug to Vanzaat's landing to be put through the saw mill in course of construction there.

—Hamilton dealers complain that they are now compelled to pay \$1 per thousand feet more on bill stuff than heretofore, and find it impossible to raise the price in the local market.

—The Ottawa Lumber Co.'s mills at the Calumet have upwards of 150,000 logs in their booms at the Rouge, and will give employment to a very large number of men during the season.

—The lumbering firm of Perley & Pattee, Ottawa, have a gang of men employed making improvements in the tramways used to convey sawn lumber from the mills to the piling grounds.

—The general store trade of the Georgian Bay Consolidated Lumber Co., has been consolidated under the name of the Canada Trading and Supply Co., with headquarters at Waukegan.

—It was agreed at a recent meeting of the North West, Ontario and Manitoba Lumber Association to continue the present price list, with the exception of a slight advance in some sizes in dimensions.

—Messrs. Bronson & Weston, of Ottawa, have secured the services of the government dredge, St. Louis, to deepen the canal in front of their new piling grounds at the Deep Cut, so as to allow loaded barges to approach their wharves.

—Davidson & Hay, of Toronto, are locating a mill on the limit recently purchased by that firm close to Lake Nipissing. They have three townships, Hawley, Appelby, and No. 29, off which they expect to take 70,000,000 feet of lumber.

—Messrs. Vigar Bros, Port Arthur, are making considerable improvements in their sawmill. A Cunningham patent steam feeder, together with other additions to their machinery, will, it is expected, give the mill double the capacity it formerly had.

—During the early part of June the houses along the bank of the Ottawa river at Gatineau point were inundated, the water being so high that the occupants were obliged to use the upper portion of their houses and in some cases to abandon them.

—The Rathbun Company have been exceedingly fortunate with their stream driving operations this year. Although the water was low and they had other difficulties to contend with, all their logs will soon reach the booms at Trenton and Belleville.

—Mr. C. Young, of Young's Point, has completed the contract for supplying timber for the coffer dam, stop-logs, piers, etc. being constructed at that place. His saw mill is kept very busy, and it is said that he contemplates increasing its capacity shortly.

—Letters patent have been issued to the Ryan Manufacturing company of Canada with a capital of \$100,000. The business of the company will be to manufacture house furnishings, builders' supplies and hardwood specialties, with headquarters at Toronto.

—Mr. G. B. Green, manager of the Upper Ottawa Improvement company, says that the drive of logs on the upper Ottawa is very successful this season. Very few logs have been stuck in the small streams and the smaller drives are coming out into the main stream in good time.

—Manager Lake, of the Rathbun Company's business at Picton, says that the company's sales from January to April, inclusive, for the present year have very largely exceeded the sales made in any previous year since the advent of the Company to Picton, and that in the months named the sales were double what they were in the same period last year.

—Word has been received by the insurance agents of Ottawa, that at a meeting of representatives of insurance companies held in Montreal it was decided to advance the rates of insurance on the yards adjoining Barnes' mills, recently destroyed by fire, but just rebuilt. This means several thousand dollars a year more to pay by the lumbermen. The lumbermen will protest.

—A representative of THE LUMBERMAN recently inspected a main driving belt in a large manufacturing concern in Toronto, manufactured by the Canadian Rubber Co., which has been in continuous service for the past fourteen years. It is still in good condition and doing its duty nobly. This is merely a sample of the quality of the above firms' manufacture.

—The government and the lumbermen have about come to an agreement for settlement of the arrears owed by the lumbermen for water leases at the Chaudiere. The lumbermen agree to pay the balance due by them under the old leases, and take new ones at reduced rates, with conditions providing for the preservation of the water power at the falls. They also want the flow of water on the falls regulated by artificial works.

—Messrs. Flatt & Bradley, the well-known lumbermen of Hamilton and Casselman Ont., and East Saginaw, Mich., have just secured an order from England for five million feet

of lumber, to be shipped during the present season. We understand that the consignment will foot up to upwards of \$75,000. Messrs. Flatt & Bradley are to be congratulated on their success in securing such an important order from across the sea.

—The E. B. Eddy Manufacturing Company is the first Ottawa lumber firm this season to saw new logs cut during the past winter. A small portion of the firm's drive of new logs from the Colonge River arrived at the Chaudiere on the 19th of May, and are now being cut into lumber. This is the earliest that logs have ever reached Ottawa from the lumber districts. The main drive cannot reach the Chaudiere until late in June.

—Messrs. Perley & Pattee have been advised that a serious fire is raging on their limits on the Pettawawa river. The information is brought by one of the employes of the firm, and the particulars are very scanty. The destruction is supposed to have been started from fires made by settlers for the purpose of clearing their lands. No estimate can be formed of the probable loss, as the full extent of the fire is not known, but the limits are of the best in the lumbering districts of the Upper Ottawa.

—The Chaudiere lumbermen, says the *Journal*, are anxiously looking for their drive logs. The reserves held in the booms at Thompson's Bay and Deschenes were very small this season owing to the short cut last season. The cutting this spring promises to have a short rest as most of the firms will have completed cutting their reserves before this season's drive is in the booms at the Chaudiere. This spring has despite the high water been a very favorable one for the lumbermen and a large quantity of timber has been turned into the yards.

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—Lake Megantic lumbermen have been very successful in drive operations so far.

—The Cookshire Mill Company, Cookshire, who have an extensive saw mill plant at Cookshire, are building another large mill at Sawyerville.

—Stevadores report ship labor getting scarce at Quebec. Some difficulty is experienced in producing enough men to load the vessels now ready to take in cargo.

—A combination, calculated to injure the business of the legitimate lumbermen, has been formed by the Quebec Timber Farmers, who have fixed a uniform scale of rates.

—The Mantais Mills, Lake Megantic, has been considerably improved this season by the addition of new machinery. The capacity will hereafter be about fifty thousand feet per day.

—A new regulation respecting the removal of timber on Indian lands has been passed. It provides that purchasers of these lands be required to clear five instead of fifteen acres, and after the necessary buildings have been provided the agent may grant a settler's license.

—The demand for lumber in Montreal during the month just closed was fairly good, but despite this a rather gloomy feeling prevails regarding the future. Dealers have experienced some uneasiness owing to the imminent danger to which stocks at the Chaudiere were exposed. That material is now, however, practically out of the millowners hands, having already been disposed of and being in process of delivery. There has been a fair amount of orders from the country and prices are steady and without change.

—One of the largest lumber failures which has occurred in the province of Quebec for some time, took place the early part of June when Mr. W. Little the lumber merchant of Montreal, assigned with liabilities upwards of \$200,000. The principal creditors are Ross & Co., of Quebec, \$79,354; Bank of Montreal, \$24,953; La Banque de Peuple, Three Rivers, \$17,394; E. H. Lemay, Montreal, \$10,885; Dame Anne Tovell, \$9,234; E. B. Eddy & Co., Hull, \$7,077. The assets consists of timber limits in St. Maurice district, valued at \$40,000; timber limits in Compton, \$60,000; land in Florida, \$10,000; lots in Rat Portage, \$600. The Hon J. G. Ross, of Quebec, has been appointed provincial guardian, and has substituted Mr. Samuel C. Fatt in his place. A supplementary list of assets and liabilities has been filed in Court. The list, besides the large creditors already given, shows the names of persons largely interested but secured. Dundee Mortgage and Trust Company, \$37,470; Andrew Allan, \$20,247; H. G. Burleigh & Bro., Whitehall, N. Y., \$9,540; Leonard G. Little, \$2,500. The Banque du Peuple at Three Rivers is indirectly interested for \$18,199. The total liabilities, as stated at the time are about \$200,000, and the assets are fixed at about \$116,000. Among the principal assets are:—Lumber at the Ross Mills, Three Rivers, \$13,500; logs and timber on the St. Maurice River, \$40,000; laths in Canada and the United States \$23,000.