

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—Wm. Black, owner of a planing mill at Toronto, has assigned.

—The sash and door factory at Leamington, formerly run by the late firm of J. E. Snider & Son, is again in full operation with J. E. Snider & Son as managers.

—Mr. John Bobier, of Ottawa, who recently purchased the Johnson saw mill property, has bought one of the finest limits on the Ottawa river. Mr. Bobier intends going into the lumber business extensively.

—The following lumber firms are employing men on their limits this winter: Messrs. J. R. Booth, Perley & Pattee, E. H. Bronson, Pierce & Co., MacLaren & Edwards, Canada Lumber Co., R. & J. Klock, Ross Bros., (Du Lievre,) Fraser, (Westmeath,) J. S. Bryson, Booth & Hale, Hawkesbury Lumber Company, David Moore Estate, Hurdman & Co. Of these, the last mentioned firm have the largest number of hands employed. There are also smaller gangs of men employed by Frank Murtagh, McLaughlin Bros., of Arnprior, and others. Among the limits worked are those situated on LeQuinze, Kippewa, Madawaska, Bonnechers, Petewawa, Coulange, Black river, Sturgeon river, Veuve river, the Georgian Bay and the Gattineau, up which river MacLaren & Edwards have their men exclusively at work. Among the principal men, are:—Capt. W. O. MacKay, 1,500 men; D. Ranger, lumbermen's forwarders, who sent 1,400; Q. D. Chevrier, 1,200; and E. E. Lauzon, 1,350. Others have sent up from 100 to 600 men each.

QUEBEC.

—Mr. Pierre Charrette, of Gattineau Point, is lumbering this season on the Rouge River.

—Mr. James Burlbank is building a Shingle mill at Massawippi. A saw mill is also in course of construction.

—Mr. A. Lumsden, who bought Eddy's limits on Gordon Creek is making some first class timber which will be rafted to Quebec as soon as navigation opens in the spring.

—Mr. E. B. Eddy's new pulp factory in Hull is about completed. It is estimated that when operations are in full blast ten tons of pulp will be turned out daily.

—About 40,000,000 feet of lumber will be taken out of the woods along the line of the Lake St. John railway this winter and brought to Quebec for export next spring.

—The steam saw mill at Gaspé was rented by Mr. Scott Lowndes during the first part of last year for the purpose of experimenting on sawing spool wood out of white birch. White birch is plentiful in the Gaspé district, but we have not heard of any proposed renewal of the experiment.

—Active preparations in the neighborhood of Sherbrooke, are being made for lumbering on a larger scale than usual, and a number of tie, birch, and pulp wood jobbers are establishing camps. The swamps are impassable, as yet there being very little frost in the woods. Hodge & Walley are purchasing large quantities of ties and lumber, which they are shipping South.

—The Gaspé Lumbering & Manufacturing Company, of Gaspé, turned out during the year a large quantity of shingles and boards, besides shipping cedar posts and railway ties. The mill shut down early in the season and was not able to supply all the lumber required by the petroleum works at Sandy Beach. The company have men in the woods and a bare wharf should be some encouragement for a heavier out-put of logs for next year's work.

—The Cookshire Mill Co.'s lumbering establishment at Sawyerville, has closed for a short period. They have handled this summer over 100,000 feet of lumber daily, or more than fifteen million feet during the summer season, employing over three hundred men. A large amount of money has been invested in the most modern machinery required. The engine is a 250-horse power, Waterous make, with a fly wheel weighing five tons. They also have a small double cylinder engine of 16-horse power, running the principal board saw at the rate of 900 revolutions.

—Louis Dagenais has a contract for getting out logs near Kirwan's on the Madawaska. One of his choppers had the good fortune to kill a bear the other day, whilst at work in the woods. The man had felled his tree, left his axe at the stump and walked to the tree top, and on turning around, saw the head of a bear protruding from a hole. He did not say to himself as Artemus Ward did when Ward saw a snake's head out of a hole: "That hole belongs to that snake," and passed by on the other side. This man strode quickly for his axe and was just in time to deliver a telling blow on brain's head when the animal was about half out of his winter's domicile. A second blow finished the brute, and the carcass was drawn to the shanty. It was very large and very fat.

NOVA SCOTIA.

—Mayor Jones, of Parrsboro, is promoting a big lumbering scheme.

—It is stated that in Cumberland county, there are 5,000 men and 1,000 horses hard at work in the woods.

—A correspondent from the Joggins, referring to the report that a large crowd of men were engaged in getting out piling for the new raft, says that Mr. Leary has no men in the woods yet, and that nothing is being done in connection with rafts. It is believed that no more rafts will be built.

—The lumbering manufacturing business in the county of Digby is being much revived, and as a result the crown lands are being eagerly sought after, and taken up by the millers of Weymouth and Bear River. The Meteghan River Lumber Company have a large crew of men in the woods at the lakes, building camps, and getting ready for logging. They contemplate putting in a large stock this winter.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—Four or five million logs are being wintered in the Douglas booms, on the St. John River.

—The manufacture of spool wood is soon to be started at Newcastle, Miramichi, Mr. J. Cleveland being one of the chief promoters. The machine for doing the work will contain nine circular saws, so arranged that the wood can be easily cut to the various sizes required for making spools $\frac{1}{2}$ inch to two inches in diameter.

—Dry and wet docks, estimated to cost \$1,000,000 are to be constructed at St. John if the necessary subsidies therefor can be secured. The common council has, by a large majority, voted a subsidy of \$10,000 a year for twenty years for the undertaking, and applications have been made to both the provincial and the Dominion Governments for similar subsidies.

—The lumber shipments of Miramichi to the United Kingdom Continent, and Australia for the past season, compared with those of 1888 are as follows:—

	1888.	1889.
Deals	65,521,255	95,032,953
Scantlings.	1,339,167	2,839,330
Ends.	3,645,806	5,061,005
Boards.	2,790,576	5,225,932
	73,296,804	108,159,220
Palings.	1,952,320	2,694,097
Birch timber, (res)	416	513
Pine timber, ("")	104	345
Shore handles		12,000

The shipping engaged in 1888 were 118 vessels of 79,781 tons and, in 1889, 161 vessels of 115,320 tons.

—Mr. George McLeod's steam saw mill at Richibucto, recently erected, is about ready to be put into operation. This mill is claimed to be the finest of the kind in the Maritime Provinces. The main building is 125 feet long, 40 feet wide, the posts being 26 feet long; and there is a detached boiler house 40x27 feet. The smoke stack is 95 high, the flue being 5 feet diameter. There are three steel boilers, each 14 feet long and 5 feet diameter. There are two improved balanced slide valve engines. The furnaces are automatically fed with sawdust, carried from the mill by an endless chain. Its lumber cutting capacity is about 60,000 feet per day, and the shingle mill, which has not yet been placed, will have capacity to cut about 30,000 per day.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—The C. P. R. will give contracts for cutting about 1,000,000 ties this winter.

—Over 1,000 men have been sent from Winnipeg into the woods this winter.

—Thompson & Armstrong, of Russel, are taking out 200,000 railway ties on Boggy Creek.

—E. J. Barclay, of Brandon, Man., has opened a branch lumber yard in the new Northern Pacific town of Wawanesa.

—A most destructive fire has passed over the Shell river, spruce limits burning immense quantities of valuable timber.

—McArthur & McRae have purchased the timber limits of the Birtle Lumber Company, and run the business there in future.

—Egan Bros., who have received a contract from the C. P. R. for cutting 20,000 railway ties, have sent fifty men to the bush. J. G. Dennison has a contract from the C. P. R. for cutting 10,000 ties.

—Messrs. Roberts & Crawford are about to build a saw and grist mill on Lake Dauphin. A McPherson & Co. are going to move their saw mill down into the same settlement the latter part of the winter, and will in the future drive their lumber down the Vermillion river from the mountain.

—Fourteen carloads of tamarac ties, imported by the Northern Pacific and Manitoba railway, and twelve carloads, owned by H. T. Drake, of St. Paul, have been seized at Winnipeg for undervaluation. The ties were entered at 16

cents each, while the evidence in the possession of the customs officials shows that 17 cents each was paid for them.

—A Manitoba lumberman who has explored the whole northern region states the government has lost three million dollars in timber dues alone since 1862 through fires set by Indians. He says one hundred million dollars would not cover the amount of timber destroyed by fire between Lake Dauphin and Lake Winnipeg. The Indians set the fires to drive game and signal friends.

—Application will be made to Parliament at its next session, for an act to incorporate the "Arden and Duck Mountain Railway Company." If the act is granted it will be a great boon to the settlers, as there are thousands of acres of the finest spruce, within sixty miles of a railroad. With railway facilities the best spruce lumber could be delivered in any part of the province at \$12 a thousand, instead of paying as at present, \$20 to \$30 a thousand for lumber shipped from Ontario and British Columbia.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—It is reported that J. Valentine & Co. have sold the Selkirk shingle mill, at Revelstoke, to J. C. Steen and Frank Robinson, of Donald.

—Knight Bros., owners of the Popcum saw mill, Chilliwack, have had a very good season. They are still cutting about 90,000 feet per week, and expect to average 25,000 feet a day next season.

—E. Linnaker, of Victoria, is considering a plan to erect a sawmill on Colquitz stream. A site has been selected and the water power is considered sufficient, even though the natural flow is somewhat retarded by the Beaver lake dam. As there is plenty of timber in the neighborhood the venture ought to prove a financial success.

—A United States firm owning a large timber limit on Seymour Arm, is seriously considering the erection of a large saw mill at some point in the interior of British Columbia, on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The choice will likely be between Sicamous and Kamloops, if it is decided to erect the mill.

—The following clearances of lumber from British Columbia ports are reported: The Chilean bark President Balmasida, cleared from Vancouver with 858,060 feet of lumber from the Moodyville mill for Valparaiso. The bark Harry Morse, cleared from Vancouver for Sydney, N. S. W., with 904,000 feet of lumber, 12,000 staves and 147,140 lath from Moodyville.

—The *Colonist*, of Victoria, says: Preparations are in progress for the erection of two saw mills on the south shore of Burrard Inlet, near the entrance to Port Moody harbor. Mr. Butcherd, who owns valuable timber limits on the north shore of the bay, has completed arrangements with a company of capitalists for the erection of a lumber manufacturing establishment on his place near there.

—The *New Westminster Truth* of recent date says: F. G. Strickland returned on Wednesday from a pleasure and business trip east. He visited Montreal, Toronto and Buffalo, and reports each of these cities doing a vast volume of business. Buffalo, he reports, is a go-ahead place and much like Toronto. While in Ontario he visited Peterborough, at which place is located the William Hamilton Manufacturing Company, builders of sawmill machinery. This is the company who will furnish all the machinery for the McLaren-Ross mill of this city, the order being placed by the firm of which Mr. Strickland is a member, and it is one of the largest for sawmill machinery ever placed in Canada. The machinery is now ready and will be shipped next week. It is to be delivered here in fourteen days from date of shipment. The big burner is already on the ground. The engines and boilers are expected along in February. The total weight of all this machinery is something over half a million pounds—sixteen carloads. F. G. Strickland & Co., have also placed a number of other large orders for machinery for new sawmills about to be erected at various points in the province.

FIRE RECORD.

Donald's saw mill, at Wilber, Ont., on the K. & P. R. was burned last month. Loss, \$4,000; insurance, \$400.

Fire at Wm. Patterson's saw mill, at Wallaceburg, Ont., on Nov. 25th, occasioned a loss of \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

A shingle mill belonging to Mr. Andrew Harten, of Huntley, was destroyed by fire recently.

The saw mill of D. McPherson, situated near Mersea, Ont., was burned lately. The lumber piles near the mill were saved.

A fire broke out Dec. 5th, in Church Bros.' planing mill at the corner of Lisgar and Kent streets, Ottawa. The flames were extinguished without much difficulty, but there was nearly being a serious conflagration.