

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

G. Heimbacker, sawmill, Hanover, has sold out.
 - J. W. Agret, lumber dealer, Ottawa, has assigned.
 - W. S. Ramsay & Co., sawmill, Sutton, have assigned.
 - J. D. Hough, sawmill, Mount St. Louis, has assigned.
 - R. Kennedy's new shingle mill, Hobarth, Ont., is about ready for operation.

Log towing has commenced from the north shore of the Georgian Bay to Bay City and Saginaw, Mich.

- Harris & Campbell, cabinet makers, Ottawa, are seeking a compromise of fifty cents in the dollar upon liabilities of about \$25,000.

- The drive of J. & B. Green's dimension timber, on the Gordon River, has been abandoned because of low condition of the water.

- One of the Rathbun Co.'s drives is being transferred from the water to the railroad at Calabogie. There are from 800 to 1,000 carloads in it.

- Heavy rains in the vicinity of Wallaceburg have caused much anxiety to millowners and lumbermen. Large jams of logs on the Sydenham River have been brought down.

- Lumber failures to some extent continue in Toronto. Churchill & Hudson have been compelled to consult their creditors. Allan C. Thompson has assigned. Both estates are small.

- The Rathbun Co., of Deseronto, who have been operating a sash, door and blind factory at Lowville, N.Y., for some years, will close the same this month, and will withdraw from that town.

- A stock of logs, aggregating 500,000 feet, belonging to the Waggon Works Co., Chatham, were swept away by recent floods on the Thames. Lumber dealers generally along the river have been put to considerable trouble by the high water.

- Emile Leger, a well-known young Ottawa lumberman, who has been employed in the woods at Marinette, Wis., for some three years past, has returned home. He says there are quite a few Canadians there, and shanty wages range from \$35 to \$40 a month.

- The Rathbun Co., of Deseronto, are likely to lease the steam sawmill belonging to the estate of N. E. Cornier, of Aylmer, Que. As employment will be given to about 100 hands, Aylmer people are hoping that the negotiations may be successfully carried through.

- Last year the Gilmour Co. obtained possession of the waters below Buckhorn, Hall's Bridge, two hours before the Dickson Co. This year the Dickson Co. has the advantage. Already three of their drives have gone through and three more are close behind. According to custom the firm first getting possession of the waters have the right to use them. Consequently the Gilmour Co. have to wait till the Dickson Co.'s drive is through, and as this will take about four weeks, the Gilmour Co. have removed their forces for the present.

- A local correspondent from Spanish River says: "The drive of logs and square timber on the Spanish River is progressing favorably. About some 5,000,000 feet will be left on the Sable River unless we get more rain. Mr. Loughrin, of Mattawa, has the driving of some four or five concerns' logs on the upper part of the Spanish River. It is reported he is getting the different drives out very fast. About 140 or 150 million feet of logs and timber will be sorted out through the boom at the mouth of the river this season. The Sable and Spanish River Boom and Slide Co. raft out the different logs here and charge at the rate of two cents a-piece for logs and eight cents a-piece for square timber. The company employ about thirty-five men at this work, who raft out about 10,000 pieces a day."

- The lumbermen carrying on operations on the borders of Lake Simcoe, who are accustomed to take tows of sawlogs across the lake, have suffered much pecuniary damage by the breaking up of the pocket booms and the scattering of the logs along the lake shore. They appear to think that many of these logs are unlawfully appropriated by owners and others living near the shore. Mickle, Dymont and Co. have lately brought a number of actions in the courts against various parties, whom they conceive have wrongfully appropriated their logs. Eight or nine of these cases were heard before his honor Judge Darnell at the last division court in Beaverton. In most of the cases it was shown that the logs were merely pulled up and placed aside in order to get access to the water. The judge held that the parties had a perfect right to do so; that there was no conversion, and non-suited the plaintiffs. In another case judgment was given for fifty cents against a defendant who had sawn up a log into firewood. In another

the defendant admitted he had sawn into lumber five logs and was willing to pay for them. His honor observed that while he sympathized with the plaintiffs in their losses, they were not altogether free from blame. They had let the contract for towage, and had neglected and refrained to insist upon the contractor fulfilling the terms of his contract by collecting the logs scattered around the lake. He intimated that in any clear case he would give heavy damages, but pointed out that the taking of sawlogs wrongfully was a crime punishable with seven years in the penitentiary, and that they might find difficulty in recovering in a civil action until they had first obtained a conviction against the offender, it being the policy of the law that the offender should be punished before his estate should be attacked in a civil action. Mickle and Co. are determined to proceed against all offenders, and no doubt the warning given will have a good effect in protecting their property.

QUEBEC.

- Low water in the Quyon Creek will keep logs and pulpwood over till next spring.

- Two hundred hands are employed in the mill of the Ottawa Lumber Co. at Calumet. The company has a contract for 12,000,000 feet of lumber besides their own logs.

- Since the opening of navigation this season 18,680,000 feet of sawn timber has passed through the Lachine Canal. Much of this lumber will be shipped to Europe by steamship. In the transportation to Montreal sixty-five barges were required, and had it been shipped by rail 1,868 cars would have been required.

- The Hon. Mr. Flynn's bill to amend the law respecting Crown lands has passed its final stages. The last opposition amendment made to it, which was one to strike out cedar from the list of merchantable woods to be taken by the lumberman, was rejected on a division of thirty-eight to eleven, and the third reading of the bill was unanimous. Two of the most important speeches in support of the ministerial policy respecting Crown lands were those made by Eastern Township members—Messrs. Chicoyne, of Wolfe, and King, of Megantic. The latter gentleman pointed out that no one suffered by the new bill, and that in reality it was not a question at all of differences between the merchants and the settlers, as some would have us believe, but one of how far the treasury was prepared to go. In Ontario the land was freely given to the settlers, while the pine timber on it remained the property of the Government. A similar law here would greatly simplify matters.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

- Prescott & Gillespie, of Rivert Hebert, N.S., have put 4,000,000 feet of lumber in the river this season, and their men are still at work.

- William McKay, of St. John, N.B., has purchased from Messrs. Burrell, of Truro, 10,000,000 feet of deals, at a cost of about \$80,000. The shipments will be made from Halifax.

- The lumbermen on the Restigouche River, N.B., are striking it happy with their drives. Perhaps without an exception all are now free. George Moffat will have between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000. David Richards estimates that with his cut and what he has bought from others, he will have about 4,000,000, nearly half of which will be cedar. Shives will have about 2,000,000; Alexander will have 2,000,000, most of which, if not all, will be cedar; Mowat about 1,000,000. Unlike the work on the St. John and the Miramichi, the driving on the Restigouche this year was not any more expensive than last season. The jam in the Aroostook is still solid. Men are at work endeavoring to make a break, but there is not much hope of succeeding. C. W. King estimates that ten days ago there were fully 12,000,000 in the jam itself, and there were fully half as much again behind it. Much of the cut in Queen's county is hung up. Mr. Hetherington is having a hard time, and the prospects are that he will have to leave the greater part of the drive behind. Mr. King has got out some of his hemlock, but his cedar is holding back hard. The other operators are experiencing the same trouble.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

- A new boiler and engine has been placed in position in the shingle mill of Frank Lickman, Chilliwack.

- The Burnaby Lake Lumbering Co. have been doing some big work, having put into the lake 37,000 feet of lumber in five hours.

- Victoria has a lumberman's association with W. Chambers, president; D. F. Adams, vice-president; Ewen Morrison, secretary. A provincial organization is contemplated.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

- The Moore & Macdowell Lumber Co., of Prince Albert, will ship 50,000 feet of lumber to Battleford per steamer Northwest on her first trip there.

- Murray & McDiarmid, builders, Winnipeg, have dissolved. G. W. Murray will continue the planing mill and James McDiarmid will continue in the building and contracting.



FIRES.

J. & A. Carson, lumber dealers, Pictou, N.S., are burned out.

W. J. Fowlds & Son, lumber, Hastings, Ont., burned out—insured.

George Graham's sawmill at Kimberly, Ont., was burned out the 8th ult.

The car works at Deseronto, Ont., were damaged by fire to the extent of \$20,000 on the 14th ult. Largely insured.

F. Richardson, lumber, etc., Ingersoll, Ont., was damaged by fire; insured.

The sawmill of A. Tait, Orillia, Ont., was burned two weeks ago. It will be rebuilt at once.

The Dickson Co., of Peterboro, Ont., lost about 30,000 feet of lumber by fire at Lakefield a fortnight ago; fully insured.

Hale & Murchel's lumber mill at Fredricton, N.B., burned; loss \$45,000, insurance \$15,000. It is doubtful if the mill will be rebuilt.

Duncan's new sawmill at New Methlakahla, B.C., together with cuts and prepared material for 20,000 salmon cases, and a stock of lumber is a total loss from fire. Aggregated loss over \$30,000.

CASUALTIES.

Robert Scratch lost a part of two fingers on the buzz planer in McCaffrey's planing mill, Huntsville, Ont.

David Galbraith, who owns and operates a sawmill at Stoke, Que., is missing. It is feared he is drowned.

John Haystead had his index finger broken in three places while at work in Beatty's mills, Parry Sound, Ont.

James McCormack, an employee of Gilmour & Highson, near Chelsea, Ont., was drowned while booming logs.

William Mitchell, aged twenty, while working on a drive of sawlogs at Uphill, Ont., fell into the river and was drowned.

A thumb and two fingers were taken off the hand of David Mahood, of Dick's mills, Fordwich, Ont., by a circular saw.

Neil Bell, of Collingwood, Ont., while driving a load of lumber, fell forward and was badly kicked by one of his mules.

A youth named Bendall, an employee of the Brunette Sawmills Co., B.C., was drowned while fishing on the saw logs below the mill.

Norman McDougall, foreman of Haslam logging camp, on Johnston Street, B.C., is a sufferer from injuries received whilst engaged at his work.

James Watt, an employee in the sawmill at Monkton, Ont., died a week ago from the effect of a severe cut at the knee-joint from an edging saw.

Oliver Belanger, a log driver for Thompson & Cleary, an American lumber firm, was drowned while getting out logs on the Sturgeon River, Ont.

The body of an unknown man was found in the water near Cook's mill, Spanish River, Ont., a few weeks ago. He is thought to have been murdered.

Mr. Richard Marshall, employed in Toronto Lime Co.'s sawmill at Limehouse, Ont., recently had his right leg badly fractured below the knee by being caught in a belt.

A farmer named William Morris, of Mulgrave, Ont., was crushed under a load of lumber, which he had been driving up the Gatineau. He died a few days later from his injuries.

While working in Pare's sawmill, Essex Co., Ont., Joseph Anderson, about twenty years old, caught his foot and was thrown on a circular saw. Death was instantaneous, as the body was cut in two.

While Mr. Louis Lamarche, of Hull, Ont., was at work removing a load of plank from a truck, a couple of heavy deals fell, striking him on the body and legs. His limbs were terribly bruised and he has lost the entire use of them.

Mr. Richard C. Williams, manager of the Ideal factory, St. Thomas, Ont., was passing a planer in the factory when a small square piece of wood, which caught in the circular saw, flew up, the corner striking him in the right eye, fracturing or crushing the eyeball. Dr. Ryerson, of Toronto, removed the injured optic.

Minard A. Keith, foreman in Dunn's mill, at Grand Bay, N.B., was picking up a poker just as a flash of lightning came. The poker was struck by the current and the man was rendered senseless. Both his arms are paralyzed. A number of telegraph poles were slivered by the lightning in that vicinity at the same time.