

## MATTERS IN MAINE.

The *Mining and Industrial Journal*, of Bangor, Me., dated September 19, had the following in regard to the log and lumber trade on the Penobscot: "Spruce logs have been and are now held at such a high price here that sawing them into lumber is not very profitable in an instance, and in some cases is a losing business; and for this reason nearly all the mills on the Penobscot are running on one-half capacity, while several, Hodgkins, Hall & Co.'s and D. Sargent's Sons' (upper mill) among others, are shut down entirely. Probably one-third of the operatives have been discharged, and those now employed have suffered a reduction of 10 to 25 per cent. in wages. The price of random spruce is nominally \$11 per thousand, although a cargo in the dock has been sold at \$10 and an order to saw taken at \$10.50. Frames are worth \$11 to \$13 per thousand. Nearly all the tidewater mills have good stocks of logs for fall and winter, and most of the up river mills have good fall stocks. There is perhaps 10,000,000 feet of spruce in the market, for which good prices have been offered and refused. There is a general impression that these logs will not bring as much this fall as they would have last summer; in fact many of the manufacturers have curtailed their production to save the logs they have in stock for next spring, rather than go on and pay the prices at present asked in order to obtain stock to winter over. The entire stock, old and new logs, in 1883, was about 200,000,000 feet, of which 161,000,000 was manufactured. This year the total stock will be about 170,000,000 feet, of which probably 140,000,000 will be sawed, a decrease of over 20,000,000 feet from last year. There are more orders here now than a month ago, but, while only one-half as much spruce is being sawed now as there was six weeks ago, the price does not improve."

## A WELL-KNOWN FIRM.

The *Timber Trades Journal* has the following in reference to a well known firm of London and Quebec:

"Messrs. Bryant, Powis, & Bryant appear to have appropriated the lion's share of the pine trade in London. We observe by their advertisement which appears in this paper that they hold stock at fifteen different yards distributed around the metropolis, this too in addition to their Surrey Commercial Dock stocks, the large proportions of which any visitor to that great wood depot soon becomes aware of.

Albion and Canada yards, in the docks mentioned, are mostly occupied with the pine stocks belonging to the said firm, and the majority of the vessels from Quebec discharging in the various London docks throughout the season are for their account, as shown by our import list for several seasons past.

In the system of doing business which this enterprising firm have adopted they have acted on somewhat original lines with a considerable amount of success. The present steadiness of pine in the London market is in a great measure due to the fact of the fluctuations in the demand being carefully studied, and holders, while quoting sufficiently moderate prices to be in keeping with the times, showing no inclination to press sales, which their position does not render necessary. The Messrs. Bryant, of the firm alluded to, are the same gentlemen who have achieved such a splendid success as Bryant & May. This gigantic undertaking has within the past three months been floated as a limited company, and we notice in the daily press the 55 shares are already at 8½ to 8¾, and the five per cent. debentures are quoted at a premium of 25."

## Fast Logging.

The *Minden Echo* tells of a logging-bee at Mr. A. J. Archer's, lot 8, con. 4, Minden, on Tuesday, at which there were three teams of horses employed, two of them working eight hours and one only five hours. They were assisted by twelve men. The men and horses logged in ten hours no less than six acres and six rods of heavy pine fallow. Evidently the men were brawny and the horses well used to the work of drawing.

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## Chips.

GILGOUR'S Big Mill at Trenton has closed down.

THE steam barge Nevada threw overboard 200,000 feet of lumber in a recent gale on Lake Erie.

A FIRE on the night of Sept. 30th in the yard of J. G. Frazer, Williamsport, destroyed \$200,000 worth of lumber belonging to different parties.

A SAW and grist mill at McDonald Station, Pa., belonging to John and George McDonald, was burned September 10. Loss, \$15,000 to \$18,000 with no insurance.

FOREST fires raged in the woods between Montauk and Amagansett, L. I., N. Y. Several hundred acres were burned over and destroyed, with a loss exceeding \$50,000.

ON Sept. 20th an employee of the Consolidated Lumber Company, named Brown, was struck on the head and killed, by a limb of a tree he was felling, in the vicinity of Sparrow Lake.

A RAFT of walnut logs, valued at \$40,000, has recently reached New Orleans, where it will be sawed into boards and then shipped north, to be converted into sewing machines.

ABOUT \$5,000 worth of chestnut and maple lumber, lying on the canal bank, two miles from Dunnville, Ont., was burned September 16th. G. P. Moore, of Welland, owned the lumber.

ON Sept. 27th, Hector Chateauvel, aged 66, of Hull, was killed in Mr. E. B. Eddy's South Shore mill, by falling on a circular saw in motion. He was frightfully lacerated and died almost instantly.

O. G. KING & Co., of Cleveland, by circular letter announces their retirement from the lumber business, and the sale of their yard, docks, and the good of the business to Woods, Perry & Co.

ALBANY, N. Y., one of the largest distributing centres in the country has sold 14,000,000 feet more lumber to September 1st than was sold up to the same date last year. At least this is the claim put forth.

LUMBER arrivals at Port Arthur are almost in the same condition. Two or three cargoes will probably represent the bulk of the imports for the balance of the fall. Lumber merchants are rejoicing that they are not caught to pay last fall's high freights.—*Sentinel*.

SAMUEL J. TOMLINSON, who lately purchased the *Detroit Evening Journal*, made his money, which is said to be a snug pile, as a speculator in Ogemaw county, Mich., pine lands. He began his newspaper career as owner of the *Clarion*, in Lapoeer county, on a capital of \$300.

LATELY Duluth elevators have been receiving wheat at the rate of from 200 to 250 car loads a day. Evidently many of the farmers along the Northern Pacific and Manitoba roads have resolved to sell their wheat this fall. The lumber trade in north Minnesota and Dakota is deriving some benefit from the wheat movement.

## QUEBEC CULLERS' OFFICE.

The following is a comparative statement of Timber, Masts, Bowsprits, Spars, Staves, &c, measured and culled to date:—

	1882.	1883.	1884.
Waney White Pine	2,201,705	2,505,502	1,929,146
White Pine	7,101,507	6,333,637	3,493,102
Red Pine	1,329,262	380,708	290,761
Oak	1,052,977	1,428,630	706,100
Elm	635,205	302,626	644,073
Ash	243,301	223,471	380,017
Basswood	1,273	1,214	3,992
Butternut	2,455	1,023	1,121
Tamarac	12,445	5,159	18,963
Birch & Maple	268,282	133,706	105,175
Masts & Bowsprits	53 pcs	— pcs	— pcs
Spars	51 pcs	— pcs	41 pcs
Std. Staves	\$20.2,3.29	\$41.1.2.18	\$5.0.3.20
W. I. Staves	1000.0.0.23	\$43.4.0.26	\$7.2.2.10
Brl. Staves	71.9.1.9	\$7.2.0.3	\$6.2.1.3

Quebec, Sept. 20.  
JAMES PATTON,  
Superior of Cullers

THE redwood forests in California are said to be yearly diminishing, as this wood is increasingly used in building on the Pacific Coast. The superstructure of most dwellings in San Francisco is of redwood, and the Friscans cherish the belief that it does not burn as readily as other light material.

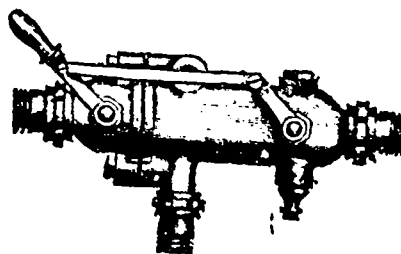
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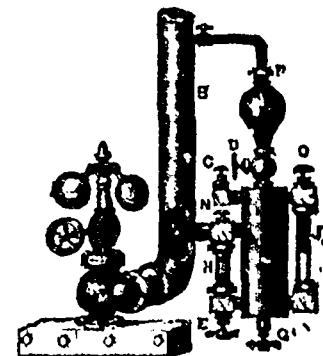
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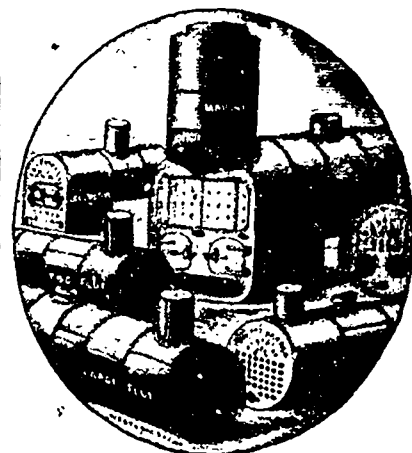
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