

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

John Bingham, sr., builder, Toronto, has assigned. Another case of being loaded up with real estate.

Diphtheria, to a somewhat alarming extent, is prevalent among the mill hands of the Chaudiere, depleting the staffs, more or less, in all the mills.

The Rathbun Co., of Deseronto, have decided not to close down their sash and door factory at Lowville, N.Y., as had been intended, a new lease of the property being secured.

Owing to the low water and the difficulty in getting in logs, Messrs. Murray Bros. saw mill, at North Bay, has been closed for the season. The sash and door factory, however, will continue to run as usual.

Two cribs of timber belonging to Mr. Fraser, of Westmeath, broke loose at the head of the Ottawa slides a week ago, and swept towards the Chaudiere Falls. The cribs were completely smashed, but the timber was collected again below the falls.

It is estimated that so far this year 1,500,000 logs have come down to and past Ottawa and about 200,000 are yet expected. Most of the logs that come to Ottawa have been sawed. It is said that fully one-third more logs will be taken out this year than last.

The biggest raft ever towed through the lakes from Canada recently reached Tawas, Mich., in tow of the tugs Sea Gull and Schenck, belonging to James Reid and Sons. The logs were the property of Sibley and Bearinger, of Saginaw, there being over 8,000,000 feet.

The Blythe mills property, Peterboro, which includes a flour and woolen mill, besides a saw mill, part of the estate of the late George Hilliard, ex-M.P., has passed into the hands of a local syndicate composed of Messrs. James Stevenson, M.P., Mayor Kendry and H. A. Mulhern. The property generally will be improved.

A gang of drunken shantymen on a C.P.R. train on the way from Montreal to Ottawa made a brutal attack on a brakeman, kicking and pummeling him in a shameful manner. When the train reached Ottawa two of the most violent of the company were arrested. The C.P.R. authorities say they are determined to make an example of those men who attempt to terrorize over their employees.

Alexander Fraser, Ontario's big exporter, has completed many of the contracts for Canadian waney board and square pine, which he made in the spring through his brokers, Messrs. A. F. and D. Mackay, of Liverpool, and several cargoes have been discharged at various ports in England and Ireland. "Timber," of London, Eng., says: "We understand that the quality of his shipments have been so satisfactory that in some instances further orders have been placed for future delivery."

A dispatch from Ottawa says that in the Exchequer court Mossom, Boyd & Co., lumber merchants of Bokeaygeon, have entered action against E. S. Smith, collector of slide dues and tolls for the public works department, for \$10,000 damages for alleged illegal seizure of their lumber. They also seek an injunction to restrain the Government from selling the timber. In addition they bring suit against the Government for the same amount. The seizure in question was made upon an allegation that the firm had not paid slide dues of \$2,241 along Fenelon river slides. The petitioners assert that Smith seized lumber already disposed of by private contract and that he issued orders prohibiting the Grand Trunk railway from shipping any of their cut. The effect, they say, has been injurious, completely paralyzing their shipping business and preventing them from filling their contracts.

QUEBEC.

Bradshaw & Co., of Montreal, Que., have purchased a large part of the stock of the Casselman Lumber Co.

A correspondent writes to the Quebec Government stating that over 8,000 pieces of birch alone have been shipped to Great Britain this season without any clearances, or even a single stick measured through the supervisor's office, an institution established for that purpose.

Alexander Fraser and Co., fish merchants, lumber, etc., Quebec, who failed a few weeks ago, show a statement with liabilities of \$196,000, of which \$120,000 is secured. Assets nominally about \$150,000. The firm made an offer of twenty cents on the dollar, fifteen cents to be paid in August, 1893, and five cents in December, 1893, but no settlement was arrived at.

The extensive business heretofore carried on by James Robertson, at Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and St. John, N.B., as manufacturer of saws, lead products, barb wire, etc., is to be incorporated under the style of "The James Robertson Company," with a capital of \$750,000. An application for

charter has been made, to which the following names are appended: James and Alexander Robertson, of Montreal; James Robertson, Jr., of Winnipeg; John Robertson, of St. John, and Alex. A. McMichael, of Toronto.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

The shingle mill of O. F. Stacey & Co., is running over time. A large trade is being done with the United States.

The season has favored the getting out of logs in New Brunswick. Only about 8,000,000 feet are hung up at the upper St. John, and in the Anrostock the amount remaining would not exceed 5,000,000.

High water in the Madawaska and some of the small streams in New Brunswick, has been the cause of considerable damage. Burgess mill dam was swept out taking his logs over the Grand Vale. Byram's mill also sustained injuries. The river St. John is not so much affected.

The troubles of John L. Oliver, builder, Halifax, N.S., who recently assigned, are chiefly due to his accepting contracts at too low a figure, and also to insufficient capital to carry contracts. He started three years ago, and was formerly of St. John, N.B. The liabilities are stated to be \$5,000, and the assets \$4,000.

The estate of J. C. Northup, of Scotch Village, N.S., general storekeeper and lumber dealer in a small way, is reported to be in bad shape. The assets were covered by the sheriff before the recording of the assignment, and the other creditors will get nothing. Mr. Northup is judged to have lived beyond his means, and to have trusted too freely. A number of people in the place will lose more or less by the failure. He has preferred his brother for anything there may be left over and above the levy mentioned.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The schooner Alice Cook, 732 tons, will load lumber at Hastings mills, for Sydney.

The barque City of Quebec has gone to sea with a cargo of lumber, valued at \$9,000, for Adelaide.

Mr. S. M. Wharton, of Spokane, has completed the purchase of a saw mill plant which he means to erect on Slokan Lake without delay. It will be placed on the site originally located by Mr. Morrison, directly opposite New Denver. The capacity of the mill will be 15,000 feet per day. Mr. Wharton claims that his site possesses the only water power in the district.

The Davies-Sayward Mill and Land Co. (limited liability), has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$300,000 in shares of \$100 each. The company take over the business formerly carried on by Joshua Davies and William P. Sayward, at Pilot Bay, Kootenay Lake. The head office will be in Victoria, and the provisional directors are E. Crow Baker, G. A. McTavish, J. F. Fell and James Hutcheson.

Mr. John Hendry, president of the B.C.M., T. and T. Co., has returned from London, Eng., where he had been as representative of the Westminster and Vancouver Boards of Trade. Specially interested in lumber he gave considerable attention to this important industry when abroad. He has expressed the opinion that as a result of the congress the industries of this province will in future attract greater attention from the other parts of the empire.

The Norwegian ship, Morning Light, 1,316 tons, Captain Johansen, has been chartered by the Hastings Mill Co. to load another cargo of lumber, and is now on the way from Honolulu. The American ship, George Skolfield, 1,276 tons, Captain Dunning, which arrived at Vancouver from Yokohama with tea has been chartered by the Hastings Saw Mill Co. to load lumber for Valparaiso at 40s. The Chilean ship, Lake Lemna, 1,035 tons, is at Moodyville, loading lumber on owner's account.

FIRES AND CASUALTIES.

FIRES.

Robert Durham's sash and door factory, Durham, Ont., completely destroyed by fire.

A fire, netting a loss of about \$5,500, occurred at H. R. Morse & Co.'s saw mill, on False Creek, B.C., a fortnight ago.

Miller Bros. planing mill, St. John, N.B., and several dwelling houses adjoining were totally destroyed by fire two weeks ago. Miller Bros. loss is heavy, as they had no insurance.

The Michigan Lumber Co.'s planing mill and sash factory at Vancouver, B.C., burned to the ground. The net loss to the owners is \$10,000, and thirty men are thrown out of employment.

On the morning of September 11 a fire, supposed to have been caused by a tramp, broke out in Mr. C. P. Holton's mill yard, Belleville, Ont., destroying upwards of 2,000,000 feet of lumber and a brick house adjoining the mill yard, which was occupied by two of the mill hands, who saved their effects.

Mr. Holton's loss on lumber is \$25,000, insured for \$6,000; on buildings \$1,500, insured for \$1,000.

Lindsay, Ont., was visited with a disastrous fire a fortnight ago, the mills of the Parkin Lumber Co., dry kilns, storage sheds and electric light plant being burned to the ground. About 2,000,000 shingles were burned. Total loss, \$27,500; insured in British American, \$2,000; Phoenix, \$4,000; London, Liverpool and Globe, \$4,000, and Electric plant, \$3,000. The fire is supposed to have originated from a hot box on the shafting.

CASUALTIES.

Wm. Drinkwater, an employee of Seaman & Newman's saw mill, Warton, Ont., sustained a broken leg by a fall of lumber.

Wm. Cook, son of the foreman at Eddy's match factory, Hull, Que., lost a middle finger in feeding matches to the header.

A man named Ash, employed at the Brunette saw mill, B.C., had his hip bone broken through a fall from a pile of lumber.

Wm. Cartwright, clerk in the store of the Muskoka Mills Co., Muskoka Mills, Ont., ran his foot against a butt saw nearly cutting it in two.

While engaged in loading lumber on a waggon at the foot of Bay Street, Toronto, William Foster was injured in the leg by a kick from his horse.

An employee, named S. Mosseau, at Conroy's mills, Deschambes, Que., was terribly bruised through his clothes becoming entangled in a belt.

James Wetmore, manager of Alex. Gibson's lumber mill at Blackville, N.B., received severe injuries by having his hands jammed between two deals.

Robert Matchett, employed in Ramsay's saw mill Redbank, N.B., had the tops of his thumbs and three fingers taken off while turning a shingle bolt.

A young man named Robert Park, while assisting in bringing down a drive of logs in the upper Ottawa, fell into the water and went to the bottom.

Two men, names unknown, who were at work on a log jam on Lumsden's sweep, Deux Rivières, Ont., lost their lives by being hurled into the rapids and drowned.

Harry Blair cut four toes off his left foot at McDougall's camp, in Johnson Straits, B.C. He was taken to Nanaimo, and will most likely go to New Westminster hospital.

M. Brennan, formerly a culler for Pearce & Co., Ottawa, Ont., sustained severe injuries on the head in an attempt to jump on to a stick of lumber projecting from a passing cart.

John Ostrander, of Courtland, Ont., who has been working for some time in a saw mill, at Saginaw, Mich., was killed a few weeks ago through being caught in the belt of the fly wheel.

C. S. Row, while driving out of Naylor's lumber yard, Noyan, Que., fell off his load, both wheels of the waggon passing over him. Fortunately he was not seriously injured, though bruised.

Francis H. Brown, an employee of Lennox, Macbeth & Co.'s saw mill, Queen Street, W., Toronto, was struck with a flying belt, receiving a severe scalp wound from which he died shortly afterwards.

James Cunningham, sawyer in C. E. Naylor's saw mill, Essex, Ont., narrowly escaped a serious injury a week ago. His hand came in contact with the side of the long circular saw, the electrical friction drawing him nearly on the saw's edge and burning the hand badly. With presence of mind, however, he drew his hand free, thus saving himself.

A very distressing accident occurred at Jeanne Lorette, Que. A man named Martel has a small saw mill, in which he was working up some logs for market. His children were playing near the machinery, when his little daughter was caught in a revolving wheel and her head literally wrenched from her body. The child was a bright little girl of seven years of age.

In a gale on Lake Huron the schooner Nettie Woodward foundered while trying to make Southampton harbor for shelter. Two of her crew were drowned. The rest were with some difficulty rescued by the lighthouse keeper. The names of the two men are N. Matson and Joseph Greathead. The vessel was old, and for a number of years had been in the lumber-carrying trade.

A serious runaway occurred a week ago near the Chaudiere. Three ladies and a gentleman were driving in a buggy when their horse took fright at Booth's mill, upset them out of the vehicle and ran away. It ran against Mr. Plaunt, knocking him down, breaking his shoulder blade and inflicting a frightful gash on his face. The infuriated animal then dashed up the Aylmer road and knocked down another man who attempted to catch it and was not captured until it had ran about four or five miles.