

Trade Notes.

THE schooner *J. Norris* gets \$80 per 1,000 for timber from Amhurstburg to Kingston.

TRAFFIC on the Erie Canal is not expected to be fully open until about the 17th inst.

MR. ROBT. CAMBIE's new steam saw mill at Dwight commenced cutting logs on the 14th ult. The machinery worked well.

THE Moira river is falling rapidly, making owners of logs on that stream apprehensive about getting them to the mills this year.

AN individual named Hitchman was fined \$10 and costs, at Huntsville, for having stolen timber from the farm of the poet Churchill.

ALTHOUGH the rate on lumber from Toronto to Oswego is still quoted at \$1.25, a charter, however, has been made at \$1.15.

THE steamer *Conqueror*, of Quebec, has been chartered for towing timber on Lake Ontario. She has been guaranteed eleven rafts.

THOMSON & McARTHUR, Fenelon Falls, are preparing to erect a large steam saw mill on the north side of the village, on the shore of Cameron Lake.

WE understand that the drives on Gull and Burnt Rivers are making good progress, and will soon be out of danger, but on the smaller streams drivers have their hands full.

THERE is a good opening for a planing mill and sash factory at Lakeside, Ont., as there is none within nine miles of that place, and it is surrounded by a good country.

THE Muskoka Slide Dam and Boom Company have about 220 men employed, to whom they are paying an average of \$26 per month. Last year the average was \$24.

FROM the *St. Ignace Republican* we learn that the Mackinac Lumber Co., put in during the past winter 14,000,000 feet of logs, held over from last year 3,000,000 feet and have 1,500,000 feet of lumber on their docks and expect to manufacture 16,000,000 feet this season.

FROM two groves of maples in North Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York, the yield this year has been seven tons of maple sugar. The groves contain 4,200 trees. In 1875 the town of Harpersfield produced 200,000 pounds of sugar, an amount which this year's crop is thought to exceed.

MESSES. G. W. TAYLOR & Co., are putting in two gangs consisting of 64 saws in their saw mill, on Muskoka Bay, which will make its cutting capacity much greater than any mill in the Muskoka district. They are also building two additions to their mill, one for lumber and the other for lath.

ON the 30th ult., while superintending the breaking of a vast dump of logs on the Tequinn river, Mr. Joseph Calverliogot entangled among the falling logs, and as a result, a few broken ribs, an ugly contused wound on the right temple, and a general bruising all over, from which, however, nothing serious is apprehended.

DURING the past 12 years there has been 1,686,650,816 feet of logs cut from the Menominee and tributaries. The cut of the past winter will aggregate about 306,500,000 feet, which, added to 20,000,000 feet of old logs on hand, gives a total stock of 326,500,000 feet. The log cut of the past winter exceeds that of the last previous one nearly 66,000,000.

AN Ottawa dispatch says that the tug *Allan Gilmour*, with eight barges of lumber, got into the Long Sault on the night of May 8th, and it was found necessary to cut five barges loose, which were badly wrecked in going through the rapids. J. A. Kirby, of this city, is owner of the barges; the loss is estimated at \$1,000, on which there is an insurance of \$1,000.

LAKE freights on lumber are quoted at \$1.50 from Muskegon to Chicago; \$1.50 from Grand Haven; \$1.25 from Manistee. No rates have been named yet for ports that are not open. The vessel market is pretty firm, and under the impression that there will be plenty of stuff to carry this season, owners expect to command paying figures.

THE Somo River (Wis.) Improvement Company has had about sixty men engaged for some time in building dams and otherwise improving the stream, to facilitate the driving of logs. The dams have been thoroughly repaired and two ones built, making five in all. There are

about ten million feet of logs to come out of that stream, about four millions of which will be run to Stevens' Point.

THE *Toronto Globe* says that it is proper to have it understood by vessel-men that there will be nothing done in this port for a week in lumber charters. The canal at Oswego will not be open till the 17th, and the docks at Oswego are overcrowded. It is said by shippers that there will be a month's good sailing when the season commences. It is hoped that rates will be maintained as they are at present.

IT is learned from the *News and Reporter* that the Ducey Lumber Company with a capital of \$50,000 has been organized at Muskegon for the transaction of a general lumber business. P. A. Ducey is president; John Lynch, vice-president, and E. C. Misner, secretary-treasurer. The company has purchased the new mill of the Torrent & Arms Lumber Company, for \$10,000. The new firm is a strong one and will do a successful and profitable business.

MR. JOHN OLIVER, of John Oliver & Co., Toronto, Ont., has been in Chicago for the past two weeks buying and selling hardwoods. Mr. Oliver has so much faith in the prospective value of certain kinds of wood, that even at present prices he would rather buy than sell. He has men in Indiana and adjoining states, buying extensively. The firm does an immense business, and is the only one in the Dominion in the hardwood trade exclusively.

THE small value of birch wood for fuel, and its lack of toughness and strength, except in the smaller twigs, have led to its general neglect in the arts. Our more enterprising builders of railway cars, however, have discovered that its light weight, close grain, and rich finish make it admirably suited for certain applications where fine finish and bright effects are desired. The contrasts presented when white birch and light colored ash are relieved by the red of the cherry birch, are said to be queer looking, but very pleasing to the eye.

THE Caughnawaga Indians consider their remuneration not high enough. They are engaged in piloting rafts of timber down the Lachine rapids during the open season, for which they are paid \$2 per day. They now demand \$2.50, and add the presumptuous condition that no white man be employed in this peculiar but dangerous calling. The redskins went the length of assaulting a lumberman's agent who had some French-Canadians engaged on the work. Of course they will have to pay for their obstreperousness.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., enjoys a very respectable lumber trade of some fifteen to twenty million feet, half of which is sawed there. In the report of the Board of Trade for 1880, the number of establishments in this branch of manufacturing is mentioned as three; capital employed \$300,000; number of hands, 132; wages, \$1.35 to \$2.50 per day; number of saws, 126; number of circular saws and lath mills, six; value of logs, \$124,000; value of material, \$126,375; lumber produced, 10,500,000 feet; number of lath and pickets, 3,312,500; value of products, \$212,500. The Ohio Falls Car Manufacturing Company, on the Indiana shore, at Jeffersonville, uses 50,000 feet per day, or as much as is sawed in Louisville, principally Michigan pine. The car receipts in the city amount to about 3,000 cars per year, while considerable more comes by river.

WE have received from Messrs. Toker & Co., publishers of the *Review*, Peterborough, the tenth number of THE CANADA LUMBERMAN, a paper devoted to the interests of the timber and lumber industries of the Dominion. The first nine numbers of this publication were issued in Toronto by Mr. Alexander Begg, but the copy before us shows that it has changed hands and come under the able management of Messrs. Toker & Co. The *Lumberman* will be purely a trade organ, non-political in its character—a paper for the dissemination of facts and figures concerning the trade; and in the interests of our woods and forests, it will sustain an able part. The contents of the *Lumberman* are of so much value that we believe every one interested in that upon which it professes to treat, should become a subscriber. It will be sent to any address for \$2.00 per year.—*Campbellford Herald*.

Lack of Air.

SOME workmen think themselves "tired" when they are only poisoned. They labor in factories, breathe air without oxygen, and live in an atmosphere of death. They are, too often, allowed to smoke, and thus add fuel to the flame which is consuming them. They knock off work "tired" and listless, when they are merely weakened by foul air and made dull and heavy by an atmosphere charged with disease. They keep the windows shut and close the door on health, while they lift the gratings of the tomb by breathing and re-breathing the poison from their own lungs, and the floating particles of matter about them. Open the windows—let in the sunshine and the breeze, stop smoking, and you will soon find that it is the poison of confinement, and not labor, that wearies and tires.—*Montreal Herald and Star*.

THE celebrated cypress tree that had stood near the city of Sparta, Greece, for over 2,800 years, and was described by Pausanias 400 years before the coming of Christ, has been destroyed by a band of strolling gypsies, who camped beneath it and left their fire burning. It was 75 feet high and 10 feet in diameter near the ground.

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