

Chips.

THERE are fourteen steamers on the Lake of the Woods, Man., mostly employed in towing logs for the saw mills.

FROM six to 12 car loads of square timber are daily shipped from the upper Michigan peninsula for Quebec. Each car load contains about 500 cubic feet of timber.

THE kindling wood interest of Williamsport, Pa., is of some importance. One factory runs night and day to keep up with its orders, employing 30 to 40 hands in packing.

It is estimated by a local authority that there is 1,649,140,000 feet of standing pine in Alcona county, Mich., 225,000,000 feet of maple, 140,000,000 feet of hemlock, and 74,000,000 feet of red oak.

A LUMBER section of the Toronto Board of Trade has been organized, with the following executive: J. Donogh (dep. chairman), S. O. Kanady (chairman), W. Kerr, A. K. McIntosh, W. Leak.

MR. FRANK BELL, lately manager of Messrs. Ulyott & Co.'s business at Minden, Ont., was tendered an oyster supper prior to his departure from that village to locate in Fenelon Falls.

THE Rathbun Company has purchased the entire stock of lumber of Boyd, Caldwell & Son, at Wilbur station, on the K. & P. The stock consists of half a million feet of pine, hemlock, ash and other woods.

THREE miles north of Corunna, Mich., A. B. Steadman cut an elm tree that made 12 1/2 cords of wood. In a branch, 50 feet from the root, a large bone was found embedded, which was supposed to have been that of an extinct species of animal.

WM. DUNLAP, a whisky seller and grocery keeper at Cloquet, Minn., in 1870, exchanged a \$14 grocery bill for the larger share of the island in St. Louis river, at that place. He afterward bought the remainder of the island. He has already sold enough real estate on the island to realize \$30,000.

It is reported that the extensive lumber lands in Nicolet county, belonging to the estate of Mr. W. G. Ross, consisting of 30,000 acres in fee simple, were disposed of by the Union Bank a few days ago to a syndicate, composed of Messrs Mitchell, Phee & Church for \$35,000 each.

The Langstaff-Orm Manufacturing Company Paducah, Ky., has in operation a circular saw which is claimed to be the largest in the world in regular use. It is 88 inches in diameter, is given a feed of 15 inches or more each revolution and is said to be able to cut 8,000 feet of lumber in an hour.

It is stated that the Michigan railroad managers have made arrangements with Secretary Manning by which loaded platform cars can be sent through Canada on the route to the East, which has been contrary to the customs regulations hitherto. The new rule is hailed with satisfaction by the eastern Michigan lumber shippers.

A LOAD of logs was lately drawn by a team of horses belonging to Messrs. Lord & Hurdman, at Wm. Sourley's shanty, on the Mississippi river, near Dour Riviere, containing 32 standards and 23 parts and is supposed to be the largest load of logs ever hauled by one team on the Upper Ottawa. The load was measured by John O'Connor, cutter.

THE Chicago Times says:—The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway Company recently sold to R. D. Pike, of Bayfield, Wis., for \$690,000. Several wealthy pine-owners have been figuring for the tract. It is said that the sale will insure the building of

another mill on the west side of Chequamegon Bay.

MR. MOSES ROBINSON, with an average of 18 men at Pickeral lake during the past five months, has got out and drawn upon the ice 2,250,000 feet of logs, and wants to know who can beat it.—Duck's Falls Arrow.

It is reported that Hall & Buell, of New York, have bought the Patton pine lands on Wakai river, Chippewa county, upper Michigan. This tract is said to comprise a large proportion of the pine lands that remain unstripped in the vicinity of Sault Ste. Marie.

Two English exchanges, the Timber Trade Journal and Timber, arrived at the office of the CANADA LUMBERMAN soaked in the briny water of the Atlantic. They had evidently been on the Oregon, which was mysteriously sunk in the ocean, but the papers were brought to the surface and forwarded to their destination, little the worse for their bath.

COMPARED with Ontario, says the Hamilton Spectator, Connecticut land is poor. But a few years ago Connecticut owners of land that were unfit for farming, planted trees upon their farms, and now these places are worth \$100 an acre for their timber. There are a good many places in Ontario where timber would be the most profitable crop that could be grown.

WONDERFUL activity is noticeable among the hardwood manufacturing establishments in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. The multiplicity of uses to which fine forests of oak, maple, white birch, beech and ash are adapted seems only recently recognized. Dealers in improved wood working machinery are finding some of their best customers among the New England lumber manufacturers.

WOOD intended for paper pulp is shaved so finely by an ingenious machine devised for the purpose that it takes 750 thicknesses to make an inch. The fineness of the cutting can be appreciated when it is understood that 200 thicknesses of ordinary paper make an inch. The cutting knives of the machine are kept sharpened while in operation by a unique arrangement of whetstones which are constantly at work upon them.

MESSRS. Sewell & McElvaney have a hundred men and a proportionate number of horses at work near the Allagash waters, and they will continue to the middle of April. They have already cut about four millions of pine and two millions spruce. The pine is of the finest quality and largest size, some logs measuring six feet across the butt. The spruce is also very good, free from flaws and extremely large. A spruce tree three feet in diameter is now a rarity here, but up in that district not at all uncommon.—Fredericton Capital.

GEORGIAN BAY OPERATIONS.

A letter from Midland, Ont., to the Northwestern Lumberman says:—As our logging season is about closed I am able to give you an estimate of the result of our winter's operations which will be found very near to the facts. On the Georgian Bay we will manufacture about 203,000,000 feet of lumber, if the logs all come out; at Gravenhurst and vicinity about 74,000,000, with about 1,500,000 cubic feet of square and waney timber for the English market, and about 16,500,000 feet of logs for export to the United States. The cut of white pine will be as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Name of mill/operation and Quantity (Feet). Includes entries like N. Dymont, Theesalon, 3,000,000; Williams & Murray, Misissauga, 2,250,000; Various mills on Manitowlin Island, 15,000,000; Cook Bros., Serpent river, 16,000,000; Spanish River Lumber Co., Spanish river, 10,000,000; Collins Inlet Lumber Co., Collins Inlet, 6,000,000; Ontario Lumber Co., French river, 10,000,000; McLean Brothers, French river, 2,500,000; Emery Brothers, French river; for export in log, 15,000,000; McArthur Brothers, French river; long logs, 2,500,000; Burton Brothers, Byng inlet, 10,000,000; Georgian Bay Lumber Company, Byng inlet, 7,000,000; Ontario Lumber Co., Byng inlet; to be cut at, 10,000,000.

Table listing various lumber companies and their quantities. Includes Midland (1,000,000), Parry Sound Lumber Co., Parry sound (10,000,000), Conger Lumber Co., Parry sound (9,000,000), Midland & North Shore Lumber Co. (8,600,000), Muskoka Mill & Lumber Co., Muskoka (12,000,000), Georgian Bay Lumber Co.; Severn (14,000,000), Waubesaughene (20,000,000), E. Wilfien, Fesserton (2,000,000), J. Playfair, Sturgeon Bay (3,250,000), Tanner, Sturgeon Bay (750,000), E. Power & Co., Victoria Harbor (10,000,000), Cain & Peters, Midland (500,000), Chew Bros. Midland (750,000), G. Carswell, Midland (1,000,000), Ontario Lumber Co., Midland (1,600,000), C. Beck & Co., Penetanguishene (6,000,000), D. Davidson (1,750,000), C. McGibbon (1,250,000), Georgian Bay Lumber Co., Collingwood (5,000,000), Christie, Kerr & Co. (8,000,000), Other small mills, Georgian Bay (3,000,000), GRAVENHURST AND VICINITY, MUSKOKA WATERS, McBurney & Co. (4,000,000), Ontario Lumber Co. (5,500,000), Hull (2,250,000), Isaac Cockburn (5,000,000), O. Meikle (11,000,000), Thompson & Baker (5,750,000), Tait (1,000,000), Jas. Dollar (2,000,000), J. Collins (1,000,000), Small mills on Muskoka Lake, shipping from Gravenhurst (5,000,000), Brown & Shiros, Bracebridge (3,000,000), McArthur Bros., Sandridge (4,000,000), McLean (1,000,000), Lelshman & Perry, Bracebridge (2,000,000), Parker, Stephenson (1,000,000), Tait & Heath and others, Huntsville (4,500,000), W. Christie, Severn Bridge (5,000,000), Longford Lumber Co., Longford (14,000,000), R. & J. Strickland, Bradford (7,000,000).

All the above are on the Georgian Bay, Muskoka, Black river and Severn waters. All from Bracebridge to Sandridge are on the line of the Ontario and Pacific Junction railroad, just completed. In addition the square and waney timber product is as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Name of mill/operation and Quantity (Cubic Feet). Includes Cook & Bros., Misissauga, Serpent and Spanish rivers (250,000), Benton Bros., Grumbling point (200,000), Ontario Lumber Co., French and Muskoka rivers (200,000), McArthur Bros., French and Muskoka rivers (230,000), F. B. Maxwell, Muskoka (115,000), Isaac Cockburn (100,000), Strickland, Black river (190,000), Georgian Bay Lumber Co., Muskoka (210,000).

We have had a good winter; everything is hauled and most of the camps are broken up. Some few are cutting and hauling, but there is very little inclination to get more than they started in for last fall, and the whole cut is likely to come out of the creeks, as they are all easily driven. The Ontario & Pacific Junction railway has just been completed, and will open for traffic about June 1st. It runs from Gravenhurst to Lake Nipissing, and connects the Southern with the Canada Pacific road. You will see that some of this year's cut is being manufactured on that line. There are several mills in operation on it now. In addition to the above there will be a large quantity of shingles made. Things are looking better here, and there is very little dry lumber in stock at the mills—not more than half the quantity there was last year at this time—and the cut of new logs does not exceed that of last year very much, and there are very few old logs left over.

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