

cities. A charter has been obtained from the Ontario Legislature under the name of The Steele Brothers Company, limited, to carry on the business of buying, packing, selling field and garden seeds and bulbs. The members of the new company are Messrs. R. C. Steele, S. E. Briggs, W. H. Marcon, James W. Hogg, and D. L. Briggs. The four gentlemen first named are respectively the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the new company, whose business promises and indeed deserves to reach very large proportions.

LUMBER AND TIMBER NOTES.

A raft of white pine belonging to Hale & Booth, of Ottawa, said to be of exceptional quality and size, has been sold to arrive at 38 cents per foot. The purchasers were Messrs. Dobell & Co., of Quebec. *The Journal* learns that this is probably as big a price as ever paid for white pine on the Ottawa, and shows what quality and a clearing Quebec market will do for the enterprising lumbermen. The total amount paid for the pine was \$53,000. The excellent quality is accounted for by the fact that the timber is the first cut on the new limits on the Amable du Ford, sold by the Ontario Government last season.

Speaking of the timber market, the *Quebec Chronicle* of the 19th says: "We learn that there is very little doing. A choice lot of Waney, about 19½ inch girth, is reported to have been sold at about 39c. per cubic foot. The quantity of timber in market for sale is exceedingly limited, and holders are not inclined to give way in price."

Lindsay has a busy lumberman in the person of Mr. Robert Bryans. *The Post* says he is doing a large trade in shingles this season, as an adjunct to his lumber business. Before the snow flies he expects to have shipped to buyers in Massachusetts the large number of 10,000,000 shingles, 7,000,000 of which will

have been cut in his own mill at Kinmount. The price obtained this year by Mr. Bryans is 45c. per 1,000 higher than last year, amounting to about \$45 on a carload.

A comparative statement of timber, staves, &c., measured and culled to 18th inst., at Quebec, is as follows:—

	1886.	1887.	1888.
Waney white pine	1,007,646	604,648	586,948
White pine..	744,676	456,588	162,902
Red pine....	157,364	355,877	170,689
Oak	450,015	335,557	557,270
Elm	384,175	160,012	109,695
Ash	92,159	30,136	68,212
Bas-wood ..	218	64
Butternut ..	192	55	419
Tamarac....	3,285	3,047	1,257
Birch & maple	153,742	114,228	124,995
Std. staves..	36.1.3. 1	38.3.2.22	18.9.2.27
W. I. Staves.	8.1.2.16	65.9.1.26	168.8.2. 5
Brl. Staves..	13.5.3. 3	11.4.3. 5

From Joggins, N. S., comes the news of the successful launching of the big raft at Two Rivers on the 24th. It is 598 feet long, 52 feet wide, and 35 feet in diameter, tapering to 10 feet at the ends. It contains 22,000 pieces of timber, averaging 38 feet in length, making over three million feet superficial. Its weight

is estimated at about 1,100 tons. The raft will be insured for \$30,000. Its construction was commenced on 20th Feb. last.

The Port Blakely saw mills have been rebuilt, and are now the largest on the Pacific coast. Their daily cutting capacity within a short time will be 350,000 feet of lumber.

We read in the *Barrie Advance* that the big mill at Midland, cutting for the Emery Lumber Company, cuts 100,000 feet of good, first-class lumber per day, and that the McBurney & Laycock Lumber Co.'s mill at West Gravenhurst recently cut 250,000 feet of lumber, with one circular saw, in a week.

When the barge "Ullock" arrives at her destination, which is a port in Australia, the inhabitants of that place will probably be considerably astonished to find some pretty big sticks of timber on board. Eight of the pieces are 100 feet long and 12 x 14 inches in thickness. The *News Advertiser* says that British Columbia mills could easily furnish an entire cargo of such specimens.

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