

## THE NEWS.

## ONTARIO.

—Jos. James, a dealer in lumber, at Bridgewater, has assigned.

—The Meaford planing mill, recently destroyed by fire, is to be re-built.

—F. E. Barker's cut of logs at Northfield Centre, is over 500,000 feet.

—A new saw mill will be erected at Kingsville, by a Mr. Bradt, of Detroit.

—Field & Co's mill, at Staples, has been undergoing a thorough overhauling.

—Mr. J. R. Booth's mill at the Chaudiere will not begin sawing as soon as expected.

—Lassaline & Co. are rebuilding their furniture factory recently burned at Sandwich.

—Mr. Andrew Gordon is building a new saw mill at Min-demoya, Manitoulin Island.

—The estimated outlay on Mr. J. R. Booth's improvements on his Chaudiere mill is \$100,000.

—At present there is barely enough snow on the Keppewa to haul logs from the shanties to the drive.

—Mr. Bromley, of Pembroke, is in the Muskoka district buying pulp wood for the New York market.

—The Rathbun Co., of Deseronto, have purchased all the logs offered this winter on the Salmon-River.

—The Toronto Hardwood Lumber Co. have removed from 83 Front st., west, to the Board of Trade buildings.

—At the Chaudiere and Hull large numbers of men are seeking employment on the drives and in the mills.

—Chalmers & Grant, of Kinlore, are about to dissolve partnership. Mr. Grant will run the saw and grist mill.

—The safe in the office of Lawrence & Son, lumber merchants, Sarnia, was broken open on Sunday 22nd ult.

—Navigation opened in the lumber trade on Georgian Bay by a schooner clearing for Windsor, loaded with deals.

—Mr. Blake Hill will run the old Fetterley saw mill at the Locks, Huntsville, for Rankin & Tennant of Toronto.

—Messrs. Wm. Fowlds & Son, of Hastings, will lose heavily by the breaking of their boom and escaped logs.

—Messrs. Perley & Pattee at the Chaudiere will have sufficient logs to run day and night shifts if occasion demands it.

—Duff & Stewart, of Bluevale, have cut a large quantity of logs and dumped them along the banks of the Maitland river.

—Geo. Lemerise, of Tilbury West, has invented a machine and applied for a patent for swaging, setting and filing saws.

—On 18th and 19th ult., snow fell so heavily in the Let-tewawa lumber camps that operations had to be suspended.

—A large quantity of cedar ties, paving and posts, have been cut around Providence Bay, Manitoulin Island, on speculation.

—Gall, Anderson & Co., J. Holbert and T. B. Tait, Burk's Falls, have secured sufficient timber to run their mills for the season.

—An unusual large quantity of poplar pulp wood has been cut this winter along the C. P. R. track at Chalk River and Cobden.

—The Vanstone property, Brussels, consisting of flour mill, saw mill, stores, land, etc., will be offered by public auction on April 2nd.

—E. Shaver, and Jos. Seeley, of Rowena, Dundas county, have the C. P. R. contract for ties for the eastern section in Ontario.

—McMillan's saw mill, at Blyth, has been undergoing repairs. A new boiler has been put in along with other improvements.

—The Cranbrook sawmill, under the management of Chas. Deames, will cut more lumber this coming season than in any year in the past.

—Mr. Wm. Niebergall, of Dunlop, who has operated the local saw mill for the past seven years, has gone to British Columbia to reside.

—Calder's mill, at East Wawanosh, has undergone a thorough repairing this winter. A new boiler has been added to the machinery.

—Mr. Hector McQuarrie, lumber merchant of Baysville, has been forced into assignment from heavy speculation in un-productive real estate.

—The Ridgetown saw mill, at one time owned by Moody & Sons, has been purchased by John A. Moody, who is fitting it up and will run it this spring.

—The South River Lumber Co. have finished operating on the South River, in Parry Sound, and are now engaged in hauling the cut to their mills.

—Mr. John Moran's limit, on the Coulange and Black Rivers, has been purchased by Messrs. W. Mackay, sr. and A. H. Hough, of Renfrew, Ont.

—The Canadian imports in wood and manufactures of, for the month of January, exclusive of British Columbia, were \$63,576.00, the duty on which was \$17,480.81.

—North of Deseronto, during the past winter logging has been very active. Along the banks of all the small streams enormous quantities of logs have been dumped.

—Logging is over in the Sudbury district. Up to the middle of last month it was feared the scanty supply of snow would interfere with driving, its depth not being half what it was last winter.

—The imports to Toronto for January, 1891, footed up to \$623,503, against \$628,560 for January, 1890. The exports for January, 1891, were \$229,799, for January, 1890, \$180,805.

—The last supply train of the season left Ottawa on the 24th for the Desert up the Gatineau road. The supplies were intended for various firms and were carried by fourteen teams.

—At the Toronto assizes on the 20th ult., the court held that there was no negligence on the part of Messrs. Firstbrook Bros. box makers, Toronto, who were sued by Alfred Reid for injuries received while working at a buzz saw.

—Messrs. Perley & Pattee, Mr. J. R. Booth, Messrs. Bronson & Weston, of the Chaudiere, and the Hawkesbury Lumber Co., running Hamiltons old mills at Hawkesbury, have sold their stocks of last year's deals.

—The increased duty on cedar has not affected the cut in the country around Brighton, Ont. As many ties, posts and poles have been taken out this season as in any previous. The weather could not have been better for operating.

—Mr. C. B. Powell, of Perley, Pattee & Powell, Ottawa, has returned from a ten days inspection trip to the firm's shanties, and reports work well advanced, most of the logs banked, and the roadways everywhere soft and bad.

—Mr. J. R. Booth has sold his timber limits surrounding North Bay, covering a territory of about twenty-two miles, to Mr. J. Bourke, Mayor of North Bay. A new saw mill and a sash and door factory are to be built as soon as possible.

—Messrs. McLaren & Co., of Ottawa, will rebuild on the site of their late fire. A portable mill will be used to cut the dimension timber for the new structure, and McClymont & Co's new Edinburgh mill will cut the logs manufactured this winter on the Gatineau limits.

—At a public meeting held at Emsdale, in the Parry Sound district, delegates were appointed to go to Toronto to interview the government for a money grant to build a slide over the portage to connect the waters of Trading and Peninsula lakes.

—Elma township, in the county of Perth, has a few trees standing yet even after an extra large season's cut of logs. The Monkton mill will cut this summer 1,000,000 feet of logs. Baechler's mill on the 16th concession has stocked over 4,000,000 besides a large quantity of lumber and posts. Lang's mill on the Stratford gravel road will saw 300,000 ft. of logs in addition to shingles. Wm. Atteg, of Donegal, has taken out over 800,000 feet of logs, the largest quantity since 1885.

—James A. Sharp, late of Inglewood, has removed his saw mill to Sudbury where he is doing a profitable local trade. The McCormack mill at the same place is turning out about 30,000 feet per day, the output being shipped to Ottawa principally. Ford & Co. are at present erecting a large planing mill and the prospects are that they will do a successful trade. Sudbury is growing rapidly and is likely to boom the present season on account of new and extensive mining enterprises.

## QUEBEC.

—In the lake St. John district the snow has gone and almost all the ice.

—Louis Laundry, Becancour, Que., engaged in the manufacturing of matches, has failed.

—Owing to the depressed state of the lumber market last year, many of the smaller operators were unable to pay their dues and the entire revenue collectable was very small compared with former seasons.

—Tenders for the new Board of Trade building in Montreal will be called for shortly. The estimated cost is between \$275,000 and \$300,000. The property known as the Cuvillier block, on St. Peter street, has been selected as a site.

—A gang of shantymen returned to Ottawa on the 20th ult. from McLaren & Edward's shanties and say the snow is going very fast up the Gatineau. The drive will have to be rushed as early as possible this season.

—A veteran lumberman was buried at Gatineau Point on the 16th ult., in the person of Joe Berthiaume, who for over half a century in his lifetime acted as foreman for the concern of Hamilton Bros. He was ill for nearly two years previous to his death.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

The C.P.R. and the Furness line of steamers have arranged to carry to the U.K. Ottawa shipments of lumber via St. John, in place of the U.S. route via Portland, Me.

—The Maine Co., who own over 50,000 acres of land on the Keswick, are about to build a pulp mill on the C.P.R., about two miles from Zealand. It is also proposed to erect on the same railroad, at Cardigan, a saw mill and necessary buildings to manufacture fruit boxes, brushes, broom handles, lasts and small hardwood ware.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—A sample car of assorted lumber was shipped from the Royal City planing mills, of New Westminster, to Montreal on the 11th ult.

—All the mills in New Westminster are running.

—The Royal City planing mills, New Westminster, are building ten cars for the railroad at Mud Bay.

—The firm of McGarvey & Johnston, loggers, have a large force of men in the woods opposite Aliceville, taking out piles for the North Pacific Lumber Co.'s new dock.

—Clarence DeBeck, lately of the Brunette saw mills, New Westminster, is at the head of a company who will erect a mill with a capacity of 100,000 feet per day.

—The Provincial museum of British Columbia has been enriched by the gift of a book of samples of native woods from J. B. Kennedy, of the Brunette saw mills, New Westminster.

—At the Brunette saw mills in New Westminster, on the 10th ult., the circular saw crashed through a dynamite cartridge embedded in a log. Some time previous an axeman in trying to split it had carelessly left the charge unexploded. It did not take kindly to the saw's effort and the employees, it can be conjectured, are very well pleased.

## MANITOBA.

—G. A. Fisher, of Saltcoats, has opened a lumber yard at Yorkton, with Mr. W. S. Gordon as manager.

—Chevrier & Co. attribute their failure to a loss of \$17,000 invested in the St. Catherines Mill and Lumber Co., who sunk a large sum in the disputed territory of Algoma. When the transfer of the territory was made to the Ontario Government the patents of the Dominion Government became null and void. Chevrier & Co.'s patent was obtained from the Dominion.

## UNITED STATES.

—Austin Corkin's scheme of connecting Montank Point L. I. with Milford Haven, England, has been perfected and practically carried by the United States Congress granting a subsidy. Eight steamships are to be built of 12,000 tons each to carry passengers and light goods. The distance from point to point is 2781 nautical miles, and it is expected to be covered in less than five days.

—Over three thousand years ago a tiny shoot forced its way out of the ground, six thousand feet above the level of the Pacific in Tulare County, California. It gradually worked its way skyward until it reached the height of 312 ft. Its lowest limb was 172 ft. from the ground and its base resembled a huge water tank. After braving the storms and sunshine of thirty centuries, ten woodsmen hacked through it in three weeks, sawed off a section and hauled it thirty miles to the nearest station. Over four hundred ordinary sized trees had to be cut down and much blasting of rock before the brobdingnagian block reached civilization. When hollowed, furnished, lighted with electricity and shown as a novelty at the World's Fair in Chicago in '93 the various ejaculations, meditations, remarks and contemplations made by the visitors who gazed upon the shell would form interesting reading if published in book form.

—The inconvenience caused to the tenants by the erection of the annex to the Lumber Exchange of Minneapolis, was of small importance compared with the disadvantages that attended the destruction of it by fire. For years almost the entire lumber brotherhood of the city met within its walls not only for the transaction of general business but the centralization of dealers rendered it the headquarters for sales and purchases. They are now scattered over the city in temporary offices awaiting for a reunion in the new structure.