

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor Canada Lumberman.

DEAR SIR,—The present winter in this part of Manitoba has been one of great activity with lumbermen, and operators look forward to a fair legitimate trade the coming season. Stocks on hand, as a rule, are light. Payments so far have been well met, and upon the whole the present season opens up with the best look-out since the time of the great collapse.

The snow has been late in coming, but we have now the best hauling weather I have seen for twelve years. Teams are able to take from 1,000 to 2,500 feet on fairly good roads.

The Whitemouth Mills have been re-built from the ground up, and are now second to none in this part of the province.

DAVID ROSS.

WHITEMOUTH, Man., Feb. 18th.

Editor Canada Lumberman.

DEAR SIR,—We are still hard at work in the woods in this district, and I thought that a few notes regarding our operations might be read with interest.

There are three firms taking in their supplies from Eau Claire, viz: Messrs. Hale & Booth, Rayside, McMaster & Co., and Mr. Wm. Mackay, all of whom are taking out lumber which will come down the Amable du Fond river. Hale & Booth will manufacture 350,000 feet of square and waney; Rayside, McMaster & Co., 125,000; and William Mackay, 165,000 feet. Mr. John Mackay is also making a raft of 165,000 feet in Sourier, but which he is taking by rail to Belleville. He will have 3,000,000 feet or more of logs coming to his mill at Eau Claire from the same townships. Messrs. Perley & Pattee, of Ottawa, intend putting in supplies for next year's operations on this stream.

The part of the winter has been anything but favorable, on account of the thaws raising the streams spring high. It looks now, however, as if we were going to have plenty of snow and hard weather, so that everything will likely be got out all right.

WOODSMAN.

EAU CLAIRE, Ont., Feb. 10th.

Editor Canada Lumberman.

DEAR SIR,—Logging operations in this vicinity are being pushed forward now that we have abundance of snow and frost for all it is worth. Although the fall and first of the winter was bad for logging, there will be an average cut in this vicinity, with good prospects for a market, especially for spruce, both in England, South America and the United States.

We shall get out this winter by sleds, and next summer by rail, about 5,000,000 feet of spruce, hemlock, ash and basswood; and about 300,000 feet of birch for clothes pins and lumber.

ELDRIDGE, PHELPS & CO.

EASTMAN, Que., Feb. 18th.

Editor Canada Lumberman.

DEAR SIR,—I presume that it is not often you get news from this section of the country. There are two feet of snow on the Quinze, but the ice on the Kippewa lake in bad though the weather is very cold now. Messrs. Bronson and Weston are making some of the finest logs that will go to market this season, sixty per cent of them are 16 feet long and will average 21 inches in diameter. This firm have over 45,000 logs made now, but will have 60,000. These logs are made on their limit number six in the second range of Block A. Gillies Brothers, of Carleton Place, will have 70,000 fine logs cut on the same river, and the Messrs. Klock have 15,000. Both these lots will average 19 inches. All the logs are cut in the neighborhood of the recent trespass on the Quinze, and it is reported that the forest rangers have discovered that other trespasses have been committed.

LUMBERMAN.

BAIE DE PARIS, Ont. Feb. 10th.

THE LUMBERMAN had a pleasant visit during the month from Mr. R. Nagle, one of Ottawa's lumber kings. He looks as hale and hearty as ever, and can talk lumber lore with all his old vim, aided by his extensive knowledge of the business.

THE NEWS.

—There is now abundance of snow in the Ottawa district.

—Mr. Paynter is about to erect a saw mill at Little Rapids, Ont.

—W. C. Wells, of Palliser, B. C. has 2,000,000 feet of logs on the skids.

—William McKee & Co., Port Alma, Ont., have assigned to H. H. Flagler.

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—There is plenty of snow throughout Manitoba, and lumbermen are happy accordingly.

—Mr. Geo. C. Miller, lumber dealer, of Trenton, Ont., has made an assignment.

—The receipts from the Crown lands department of Ontario for 1898, amount to \$1,436,454.58.

—John Stephen's saw mills at Fall River, Waverly, N. S., was burned a few days ago. Loss \$5,000.

—A steam saw mill is to be erected at Sturgeon Falls, which will give employment to sixty employees.

—The E. B. Eddy Manufacturing Co., Hull, Que., will erect a two story wood pulp mill 25x200 feet.

—D. Clarke & Son, proprietors of a sawmill at Carleton, N.B., have suspended with liabilities of \$20,000.

—The firm of Booth & Hale are said to be taking out two million rats of square timber on the Amable du Fond.

—Work is being pushed at McLaren & Co.'s shanties on the Gatineau, there being sufficient snow for all purposes.

—Mr. Eliot Thompson, of Meaford, Ont., has sold the Train Steam Saw Mills to Messrs. Chambers Bros.

—Operations in the Algoma district are reported to be very active, the weather being all that could be desired.

—Mr. A. G. Henderson, of Huntingdon, Que., is making extensions to his furniture and planing mill business.

—One of the uses for which spruce is imported into the United States from Canada is for manufacture into wood pulp.

—In northern New Brunswick, where the winter has been very favorable to lumbermen the snow is two feet deep in the woods.

—Mr. Gordon's new saw mill at Kingsford, Ont., is being rapidly pushed to completion and will soon be in running order.

—Mr. D. Brown's new saw mill at Forrester's Falls, Ont., to take the place of one burned last August, is almost completed.

—Mr. C. Young has finished his lumbering operations in the vicinity of Burleigh Falls. He has taken out over 6,000 pieces.

—Mr. Robert Simpson, of Collingwood, has completed a new saw mill at Thessalon, Algoma District, for Mr. Dymont, of Barrie.

—Malcolm Thompson has sixty men in the Riding Mountains, Manitoba, cutting ties for the Northwestern Central Railway.

—The Shepard-Morse Lumber Co. is shipping large quantities of sawed lumber to Boston from Ottawa for export to South America.

—McLaren & Co. will have a big cut of both square timber and logs on their Maniwaki limits. Reports from that district are encouraging.

—If the present weather continues for a short time longer the whole season's cut in the Ottawa district will be got out successfully.

The Georgian Bay Consolidated Lumber Company paid out at Gravenhurst, in February, ten thousand dollars to jobbers and contractors.

Pierce & Co. are making extensive improvements in their saw mills at the Chaudiere. They are putting in twin circulars to edge their logs.

—Albert Allen, the lumberman, was killed last month at Spencer's Island, Pardsboro, N. B., while cutting away the support of a bow of logs.

—The Eau Claire Lumber Co. of Calgary, Alberta, has contracted with the Galt Railway for at least half a million feet of lumber for this season.

—At Hurdman's shanties, on the Kippewa, the output will not be so large this winter as last, owing to scarcity of snow in the vicinity of the limits.

—It is reported from the Pacific coast, that it is very difficult to charter ships for lumber, owing to the advance in grain rates from California points.

—A fire in Kutherford's saw mill at Cote St. Attoine, Montreal, Feb. 1st, did damage to lumber and machinery to the extent of \$5,000.

—Bronsons, Weston & Co., of Ottawa, have sold between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 feet of the present winter's cut. The price has not yet been made known.

—Steps are being taken to supply the extra dock room and tramway, at Spanish River, Ont., rendered necessary by the introduction of the new gang saws.

—The Ontario Sawmillers' Association, at a meeting held recently at Palmerston, took steps to obtain equitable freight rates from the two railways.

—The Gaspé Board of Trade is petitioning the Quebec Government to give it the right of cutting all timber required for public purposes on government lands.

—A small mill is being established on the northern slope of the Riding mountains, Manitoba, and will be the first in the region. The cut will be for local use only.

—The recent cold snap and fall of snow in the Upper Ottawa has made everything boom in the woods, and teams are hauling logs to the streams in great shape.

—Latest advices from Quebec state that the expected output of square timber will be fully up to the estimate, while the shortage in the log crop will not be very great.

—The Alberta Lumber Company have about completed their mill in the Red Deer district, north of Calgary, and logs are being taken out for next season's cutting.

Bennett's steam saw mills at Mountain Chute, Riviere Rouge, Harrington, P. Q., were destroyed by fire in February. The loss is estimated at \$15,000 insured for \$5,000.

—Mr. Samuel Smith, foreman for the Canada Lumber Co., supervised the cutting of 20,000 logs in the Mississippi district during the first three months of the present season.

—The estate of W. H. Carpenter, insolvent lumberman of Fort William, Ont., will come under the hammer on the 2nd inst. There are some fine timber lands in the property.

—Mr. Saml. Sloan, Tilbury Centre, Ont., will increase the size of his planing mill; put in a sixty-horse power steam engine and considerable new wood-working machinery.

—At Spence's camp Parry Sound, a few days ago, one small team handled thirty-five logs at one load and the smallest log measured fourteen inches on the slant. Hard to beat.

—Work in the north and east of Severn Bridge, Ont., has been greatly interfered with, owing to an epidemic of distemper in horses. Several teams have been compelled to return home.

—The river banks and lake shores near Cooper's Falls, Ont., are said to be fringed with timber, ready to come down as soon as the ice leaves. The season's product is unusually large.

—It is estimated that 100,000,000 feet of pine timber was destroyed by fire in the Thunder Bay district, Lake Superior, between the Canadian Pacific railway and the Minnesota boundary.

—The improvements to the mills of McLaren & Co., and McClymouth on the Rideau river near New Edinburgh, Ont., are about completed. They are putting in some new machinery and repairing the old.

—Messrs. Bronson & Weston, lumbermen, have sold to the Shepherd & Morse Lumber Company, of Burlington, Vt., between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 feet of the present winter's cut of lumber for about \$250,000.

—It is estimated that 395,000 ties will be taken out between Winnipeg and Lake Superior, along the C. P. R. line, this winter. In the Rocky Mountains on the C. P. R., about 200,000 ties are being taken out.

—The largest load of logs, says the *Pidon Times*, that was ever drawn in Canada on one pair of sleighs, was drawn by Mr. Harrows Colden, from Roslin, being 127 logs of a 13 inch average, being 8,382 feet, board measure.

—H. Shaver, of Hamilton, the proprietor of a saw mill and a coal and wood yard, has assigned to Townsend & Stephens, of that city, for the benefit of his creditors. His liabilities are estimated at \$20,000, and assets at \$23,000.

—It is said that hard wood is being shipped from the vicinity of Ottawa to the Quebec market. The demand for such stock is very limited in Quebec and it is doubtful if shippers will be able to protect themselves from loss.

—A party of eastern capitalists, consisting of Messrs. W. A. Humbird, John E. Glover, E. J. Palmer, and W. H. Phipps, of Wisconsin; W. F. McKay, Mount Vernon, W. T.; W. J. Macauley, Victoria, B. C.; and Mr. Peabody, are reported as looking into the lumber resources of B. Columbia with a view of investing. They represent several millions of capital and are all experienced lumbermen.