

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—J. S. Clemens, lumber dealer, Preston, has assigned.

—A McWilliams, saw mill owner, Dutton, has assigned.

—Isaac Cockburn, lumber dealer, Hamilton, has assigned.

—Lumbermen expect to do a big rafting business at Belleville this year.

—S. B. Crossfield's mill, at Sturgeon Bay, cut 120,000 shingles in a week.

—Walker's shingle mill at Coulson, is turning out a large amount of shingles.

—Messrs. Burton Bros., of Barrie, will start lumbering on the Spanish River next fall.

—The lumber camps up north are breaking up and the men are dispersing to their homes.

—C. M. Chadburn, owner of a saw mill at Kincardine, has assigned to J. McK. Stewart.

—The lumbermen of the Chaudiere are all growling over the scarcity of cars for shipping purposes.

—Lumber camps in North Hastings are breaking up on account of so much water in the swamps.

—Large shipments of pulp wood, square timber, shingles and ties, are being shipped from Emsdale.

—The Sundridge station yard is covered with pulp wood and timber and more is arriving every day.

—James Jarrett's large planing mill at Alliston, was burned March 9th. Loss heavy. Insurance \$1,000.

—A very large amount of square timber is being taken out of the large swamp between Uthoff and Foxmead.

—Wm. Spence, lumberman, Parry Sound, has failed and assigned to G. Copeland for the benefit of creditors.

—The Georgian Bay Lumber Co.'s mills, offices, etc., are to be illuminated by four hundred incandescent lights.

—W. P. Christie & Co.'s mill at Severn Bridge has had to shut down for lack of snow to get their stock from the woods.

—Lumbering operations at Rosse are drawing to a close, hauling being nearly finished and several camps have already broken up.

—During the winter Mr. J. D. Shier has shipped from his mill yard, Bracebridge, a very large quantity of lumber, lath and shingles.

—A. D. Vanbuskirk and George Vent have cut 265 cords of cedar bolts for Mr. Playfair, Sturgeon Bay, since the latter end of January.

—Captain Carter, manager of the Rathbun mills at Deseronto, had a narrow escape from being killed at the Fenelon Mills the other day.

—Messrs. Perley & Pattee, lumber merchants of the Chaudiere, intend using rope transmission in their saw mills during the coming summer.

—The saw and shingle mills belonging to Olds Bros. Greenbush, were totally destroyed by fire recently. Loss \$2000; no insurance.

—The firm of Greensides & Hurlbutt, of Mitchell, have dissolved partnership. The latter gentleman will continue the lumber and saw mill business.

—Mr. R. Simpson, of Collingwood, will take charge of the new mill which he completed lately for the Imperial Lumber Company, in Nipissing district.

—John Irvin & Sons, of Pontypool and Brampton, are building a shingle mill at Dundalk. A saw mill is also contemplated to run in connection.

—The creditors have decided to windup the estate of Messrs. McCraney & Wilson, lumber merchants, of Toronto, having refused to compromise at 30c. on the dollar.

—Thos. Mackey, the well-known lumberman, Pembroke, was one of the injured in the railway accident near that place. His head was forced through the roof of the car.

—Messrs. McLachlan Bros.' mills at Arnprior, are being thoroughly overhauled and being refitted with every modern improvement, previous to starting the season's cut.

—Returning shantymen from the Upper Ottawa lumber regions say that the drive will be a brisk one, and that there will be plenty of water in the creeks to facilitate operations.

—The forests surrounding Burk's Falls are full of fine maple, birch and beech, but there is such a demand for pulp wood that special attention is being paid to cutting the latter.

—Mackey & Co., Ottawa, have taken out some unusually large specimens of timber in Fitzroy township this winter, which is something unusual for a locality so near the great lumbering centre.

—Mr. James Johnston, of Clarence, has taken out a very large cut of timber during the shantying season, and will soon start his drive of lumber from the Upper Ottawa and tributaries to the Quebec market.

—David and Reeve Milne, of Grey county, have purchased 200 acres of land in Garrick township, 100 of which is heavily timbered with pine, cedar, hemlock and hardwood. They intend building a saw mill this spring.

—Perley & Pattee's new logging engine has not yet got down to work in their limits at Big Lake and Mackey's station. When an attempt was made to start it the driving wheels broke, and a delay is now caused by waiting for new ones.

—T. H. DeCew, of Essex Centre, has purchased the timber on a block of land belonging to W. J. Johnston, in Colchester North, and situated near his mills. The land is covered with a heavy growth of timber that has never been touched and which is very valuable.

—Shield's camp has finished drawing logs from the shanty to the mills at Sturgeon Bay. At the beginning of the winter they had doubts of getting the logs all drawn this season, but they have got along as well if not much better than if there had been deep snow.

—The lumber output of Graham, Horne & Co., Port Arthur, during the past year approached very closely upon 5,000,000 feet. The firm has a large force of men in the woods around Vermilion Bay getting out logs for next season's operations up there, and they expect to do a still better business this year.

—Mr. G. McWilliams has purchased the factory of Mr. Wm. Forsyth, Peterborough, and will conduct the planing mills and carry on the manufacture of pumps, fanning mills, wind engines, washing machines, etc. Mr. Forsyth's reason for retiring from the business is his intention to remove to Manitoba.

—Mr. John Wilson, of Mr. J. R. Booth's firm, has just returned from a tour of inspection through Mr. Booth's limits. Mr. Wilson states that the work so far accomplished in the bush is equal to anticipations. The weather previous to January was somewhat unfavorable for work, but since that time everything has been going along well.

—Messrs. Murphy, Gates & Co., of Hepworth, are calling for tenders for the erection of a saw mill on the Bay Shore at Owen Sound, which, when finished, will be one of the best in that section of the province. The capacity will be about 30,000 a day. The mills of the company at Hepworth have recently been remodeled, new engines and boilers added, and the capacity doubled.

—A young man, aged 20 years, left his home in Otterville last fall to work in a lumber camp near Sault Ste. Marie. A couple of weeks ago, while in the woods at night, he was shot in the back by an unknown enemy. The shooting was done at an hour when everyone in the camp was asleep. It is supposed he was shot by a Chippewa Indian. His body was taken to his former home for burial.

—Mr. J. D. Shier, of Bracebridge, has his stock of logs pretty well out. The whole stock in the northern district will, he thinks, be got out. Mr. Shier is strongly averse to any concessions to Yankee lumbermen which will enable them to strip our forests for the benefit of their own mills while preserving what forest they have left till Canadians shall be out of the market from lack of material.

—The Lake of the Woods lumber companies are getting out an enormous quantity of logs this winter, and the mills will have to be kept running night and day during the summer in order to cut them. Mr. Chalmer, manager of one of the companies, says this will be the busiest season on record at Rat Portage and Keewatin in the lumbering business. The mills will be fitted up with electric lights for night work. The reduction of timber dues is the cause of a larger amount of timber than usual being taken out.

—The estate of Totten, Henderson & Co., lumber, etc., Little Current, is being wound up. The firm offered 75c. on the dollar. The settlement did not go through, however, and the stock, valued at \$6,333, has been sold to Bowlby & Campbell at 50c. on the dollar. The liabilities are \$22,000. The creditors are now suing John Totten to make him a partner, and as the defendant is worth about \$10,000 the creditors stand a show of getting something unless they lose the suit. In the event of failure to prove that John Totten was a partner, the creditors will receive about 10c. on the dollar.

—Mr. J. R. Booth, of Ottawa, has just received a consignment of Canadian white oak from Bradley, Morris & Reid, (limited) of Hamilton in which there were some pieces 18x26 inches, free from wane. Canadian lumbermen doubted that such pieces could be procured in Canada at the present day, but the firm in question supplied this on short notice to Mr. Booth. It is superior to Ohio and Michigan oak, and is to be

used by Mr. Booth in the remodeling of his mill at the Chaudiere. The firm intend opening a branch office in Ottawa for the convenience of contractors who require pine or hardwood timber.

—Messrs. F. E. Dixon & Co., leather belt manufacturers, of Toronto, are doing a thriving business in their line. They have lately completed a large driving belt for the Toronto Electric Light Co., thirty-six inches wide, double thickness, and 126 feet long. This is the third large belt of the same size which the firm have made for the same company, besides 100 feet of twenty-five inch double, and innumerable smaller belts, all of which are giving first-rate satisfaction. They have recently sent away a twenty-inch double belt, 67 feet long for the new electric light works at Picton, Ont., and two large driving belts for the electric light works at Winnipeg, Man. The belts made by this company seem to give general satisfaction.

—A tale of suffering, and a very narrow escape from death, is reported from the vicinity of the Pettewawa river recently. It appears that a man named Cleophas Potvin, a woodsman, started early one day to walk a distance of eighteen miles on snowshoes, carrying an axe with him, to another shanty. Potvin was subject to falling fits, and after travelling about half the distance along the "bush" road, was seized with one of these, falling helplessly prostrate on the snow. How long he laid there he does not know, but when he revived one of his hands and both feet were terribly frozen. The frame of a deserted shanty he perceived was close at hand and into this unfortunate man crawled as best he could. With the hand that had escaped the frost he gathered a few chips lying on the floor and lit them with a match. He laid beside the scanty fire and fell into a deep slumber, and that night and next day the man laid almost next door to death. On the morning of the second day he fortunately attracted the attention of a passing teamster by his shanty and he was rescued. Potvin lives in West Hull and has been brought down for proper treatment. He is a married man with a family and the severe frost bites he suffered may incapacitate him from working in the future.

QUEBEC.

—A wholesale timber firm of St. Peter street, Quebec, is reported to be in difficulties a demand of assignment having been made by English creditors.

—Baird Bros., Douglastown, have had quite a number of men in the woods this winter cutting timber to be sawed at their new steam shingle mill built last summer.

—R. N. Bishop, of Ottawa, and R. S. Dowd, of Quyon, have been operating in the pine woods around North Onslow during the winter. The timber taken out is clean and sound, but small average.

—Lumbering has been brisk this winter in the Lake Megantic district. The Nantais Mill Company got out ten million feet. Hall's company will have about ten million feet, and the Berlin Mills company about five million of pulp wood.

—Geo. A. Fraser's shanty camp on the Magnassipi river, has broken up for the season. They were jobbing for Hurdman's concern, and took out a big cut. The drive will soon start in earnest, as men are already being booked for the work.

—Messrs. Tourville & Co., who are owners of several saw mills in the province, with main office in Montreal, report as follows: "Our sales were fairly good last year. We manufactured about forty million feet, and our exports amounted to over thirty million feet. On account of European freight rates being so high, much of the contracted lumber had to be held over this winter. Our sales this winter are good, and we have ocean steamers chartered for the early spring shipments. We are putting out this winter for our Pierreville mill two hundred thousand logs, about as much for our two Louisville mills, sixty thousand for our Nicolet mill, and fifty thousand for the Wickham mill. This is greatly in excess of the output last year, and consists of pine, spruce, hemlock, tamarack, fir, etc."

NOVA SCOTIA.

—In Nova Scotia the winter's cut has been very satisfactory. J. P. Mitchell & Co., cutting on the waters of Lake Alma and its tributaries, will put in about 7,000,000 feet; E. Davidson & Sons will cut about 4,000,000 feet for their mills on the Nietaux; J. B. Leslie, John G. Morrison and the Round Hill Wooden Ware Co., will each put in about 1,000,000 feet.

—Our wharves, says the Bridgewater *Enterprise*, have a very bare appearance at present, and the piles of lumber usually seen on them at this time of year are now only conspicuous by their absence. If the present arbitrary measures for the stopping of our lumbering industry here are continued by the Dominion Government those in want of lumber will be obliged to order it from Ottawa, where they have exemption.