

THE NEWS.

—R. Ralston, Kallarnay, Manitoba, has failed.

—Lumber camps are breaking up in all directions.

—Parry Sound will have three new mills next summer.

—S. Edwards, saw miller, Fordwich, Ont., has assigned.

—Timber lands are being rapidly bought up in the Southern States.

—Lumbering operations are brisk in the Parry Sound district.

—Young's shingle mill, at Lakefield, Ont., has commenced operations.

—A large amount of cedar for paving is being shipped from Owen Sound.

—Large quantities of lumber is being shipped by vessel from Moodyville, B. C.

—D. B. McRae, of Meldrum Bay, Ont., has 30,000 saw logs on his dump already.

—Messrs. Brunette & Bros., Hereford, Que., will build a steam sawmill this spring.

—Holmes, Moore & Courtright, of Inwood, Ont., will build a saw mill near Glencoe.

—United States lumbermen say that lake freight rates which were so high last year must be reduced.

—The Rathbun Co's boats at Deseronto are being overhauled and prepared for the opening of navigation.

—The Rathbun Company have been making heavy shipments of lumber from their mill at Rossmore, Ont.

—The products of lumber in Eastern Michigan in 1887 shows an increase as compared with 1886 of 178,200,603 feet.

—Shingle machines in the Gibson shingle mill at Marysville, Mo., saw at the rate of 19,250 shingles each in nine and a half hours.

—A vessel has recently sailed from Moodyville, B. C., for Tientsin China, with a cargo consisting of 423,532 feet of lumber.

—Mr. George Butchart, of Port Moody, B. C. is making arrangements for the erection of a large steam lumber mill at or near that place.

—The Canada Lumber Cutting Machine Co., limited, has been incorporated with headquarters at Toronto. The capital stock is \$35,000.

—Messrs David Henderson and J. L. Ainslee, Tilbury East, near Port Alma, Ont., are about erecting a new stove and heading mill.

—According to the *N. W. Lumberman*, Chicago wholesale lumber dealers and commission men favor the free import of lumber from Canada.

—Messrs. W. H. Veysey & Son, of Waterboro', N. B., will build a mill this spring at the thoroughfare between Grand and North Lakes, in that province.

—Lumbering operations in some parts of Ontario are considerably obstructed by the deep snow in the woods which has reached the enormous depth of four feet.

—Leading Wisconsin lumbermen now estimate the shortage in the log crop for the season at only ten per cent. less than anticipated at the beginning of the season.

—The Owen Lumber Company, Sherbrooke, Que., have acquired a tract of 84,000 acres of land near that place, and will erect mills for the conversion of timber upon it into lumber.

—Messrs. Rhodes, Curry & Co., Amherst, N. S., are manufacturing a large lot of cherry and ash doors to fill an order for Newfoundland, and a lot of mahogany doors for London, Eng.

—Mr. Underwood's logging crew on Cain's river, (N. B.) recently cut a mammoth pine, which when cut made eight logs. The diameter of the stump was five feet. The contents are given as 3,238 sup. feet.

—Wells, of the saw mills at Palliser, B. C., in the mountains, has opened a branch yard at Calgary, Alberta, with J. Deacon in charge. Calgary is coming to the front as quite a distributing point for lumber.

—A French Canadian named La Roche, of The Brook village, while driving a heavy load of railroad ties from a shanty to Casselman station, C. A. R. was violently thrown from the load, run over and instantly killed.

—The approaching season promises to be a bright one for builders in Ottawa. Buildings are going up on every hand, and it is estimated that no less than \$500,000 in the aggregate will be expended. The demand for material is now very great, especially in building stone. A large number of expensive houses are going up, and no less than five churches are to be erected, as well as several public halls belonging to different associations.

—Robert Conners and other large operators have projected a canal around Grand Falls, (N.B.) for the passage of logs down the river. That it is needed is shown by the fact that 1,500,000 feet of last winter's cut is "hung up" there now.

—We are informed upon good authority says the *Pembroke Standard*, that Mr. E. B. Eddy, of Ottawa, has purchased the limits on the Dumoine river from Messrs. T. & W. Murray. The price paid for the limits is said to be \$50,000 and about \$16,000 extra for the plant and present output.

—The McDiarmid Manufacturing Co., Aylmer, Ont., late McDiarmid & Price, manufacturers of hubs, spokes, and bent goods for carriages, wagons and agricultural implements, are running their work to their fullest capacity, employing about thirty hands.

—On March 16th Hahn's planing and saw mill at New Hamburg, Ont., were totally destroyed by fire, having originated in the drying-room. The original value with machinery is estimated at \$15,000. Insurance \$5,000 as follows: Perth Mutual, \$2,500; Economical, \$2,000; Gore Mutual, \$500.

—Negotiations are nearly completed for the sale to the Northwestern Lumber Company, of Eau Claire, Wis. The lumber, mills, and pine land of the Sterling Lumber Company, of Sterling, Clark county, Wis., consideration, \$100,000. The Sterling Company is a branch of the Eau Claire Lumber Company.

—The new mills being erected by Messrs J. R. Booth & Co. at the Chaudiere are rapidly nearing completion. The framework of the addition to the large saw mill is all up and the building will be completed and the machinery in by the first of April. The work of constructing the band saw mill has also been commenced.

—Mr. J. Black, M. P. P., Sackville, N. B., will get out logs enough this season to make six million superficial feet of lumber. Black & Robertson will get out about 14,000 logs this year. S. M. Hicks will cut about 12,000; Harvey Copp, 6,000; Estabrooks & Cook, 6,000; G. W. Towse, about 2,000; A. & W. Ogden, about 20,000. David Wheaton and other Sackville lumbermen will get out about their usual cut this season.

—The Longford Lumber Company, Longford Mills, Ont., who have extensive mills at that place under the management of Mr. Wm. Thompson, will immediately erect a large establishment to be devoted to the manufacture of woodenware, such as tubs, pails, etc. The building and plant are estimated to cost \$40,000, and from the beginning about thirty-five or forty hands will be employed. At a special meeting of the town council the company was granted exemption from taxation on the land and buildings for a term of ten years.

—About the first of March last the Manistee Salt and Lumber Company made an assignment to E. G. Filer with liabilities of \$864,068.89 and assets footing up \$2,099,786.96. The cause of the suspension of business was the death of the Hon. M. Engelmann, the president of the company, and though the remaining members were gentlemen possessing abilities, still the sudden taking away of the president, left the business in rather a precarious condition. Bills payable were accruing in alarming numbers, and to honestly meet the demands of the creditors the assignment was made.

Michigan leads all other states in the lumber industry, giving employment to fully fifty thousand persons, who received \$15,000,000 in wages last year. The capital invested aggregates \$60,000,000 and the product last year was: Lumber 4,162,317,778 feet, valued at \$58,370,438; shingles, number, 2,677,855,750, valued at \$6,673,387, making a total value of \$65,043,825. Dec. 1 the stock of lumber on hand was 1,428,221,132 feet, and of shingles 195,218,000. A comparison with preceding years is as follows: 1887, 4,162,317,778 feet; 1885, 578,138,443 feet. These figures show an increase for 1887 over 1886 of 178,200,603 feet.

—It is learned, says the *Victoria (B.C.) Times*, that a powerful syndicate is being organized to purchase the property known as the Hastings Saw Mill concern at Vancouver. The property is a valuable one, as it embraces, in addition to the mill plant and buildings, a large extent of leased timber ground. The proposal is to replace the present machinery and buildings with new ones, erected specially for the purpose of carrying on an extensive shipping trade. Everything will be modern. There will be a double set of buildings and machinery, one of which will be devoted to the export trade and the other to the local and home market. It will be one of the largest concerns on the coast, giving employment to a considerable number of employees directly and indirectly, and be of great advantage to Vancouver.

—The amalgamation of the Grand Trunk and Northern and North-Western railways will result in Belleville becoming the point at which square timber will be rafted, which was formerly shipped by water from Hamilton, Toronto, Port Hope

and other lake ports. The large pier built out into the bay by the Grand Junction Railway Company is being refitted, filled with stone, floored with plank, 300,000 feet of lumber being required, and tracked. It is alleged that rafting can be done more cheaply here than at lake ports, as by avoiding lake navigation tight binding is not necessary.

—Nearly as much lumber will be cut this season by St. Croix operatives as during last winter. Messrs. T. H. Todd & Sons will cut about two-thirds as much as last year, they having a large stock of logs remaining over. The operations of Messrs. J. Murchie & Sons will include about 14,000,000 feet; those of Gates & Wentworth, about 10,000,000 feet. Messrs. C. F. Todd & Sons' cut will be about the same as last year; Messrs. H. F. Eaton & Sons will cut about 18,000,000 feet. The total cut will be about 55,000,000 feet as against 60,000,000 last year. The winter, thus far, has been a fairly good one for logging operations.

—The Bronson & Weston Lumber Co's petition for incorporation has been presented to Parliament by Mr. W. G. Perley, M. P. The company desire to carry on in Canada, the United States and elsewhere, the business of lumberers, timber merchants and manufacturers of timber and lumber in all its branches, also of pulp, wood pulp, and other products from wood; and also the business of wharfingers, vessel owners, general merchants and dealers; and with power to acquire the business and property of the firm of Bronson & Weston. The persons asking the incorporation are L. H. Bronson, M. P. P., Ottawa, lumber merchant, Abijah Weston, Pointed Post, Steuben County, New York, lumber merchant, F. P. Bronson and W. G. Bronson, of Ottawa, lumber merchants.

—Mr. William Hurdman, jr., is reported as saying that the new mill at the Chaudiere are getting on well. By the 20th of April they will have the new mill, which is taking the place of the one burnt down and which is to be larger but of the same cutting capacity, ready to open. They will then put the full force on to complete the second mill, the foundation of which will be commenced in a few days. All the timber for this mill is ready and the machinery well forward. They expect to be ready to cut in this mill by the first week in May, and when their season's work come in they will be humming as merrily as any of their neighbors. Mr. Hurdman says that the season's cut has been good but that there will be trouble getting out the logs. A short time ago they had one fall of snow, at Kippewa, of thirteen inches, and at Mattawa there was no fall at all. After each fall this winter there has also been a heavy wind, which has caused heavy drifts, giving a good deal of trouble. In the new mill the firm have excavated an extra ten feet into the solid rock.

—An idea of the exports of lumber from the Pacific coast of British Columbia will be learned from the report for the month of January. Six ships arrived at Burrard inlet during the month, to load lumber for foreign ports. Five of these ships were at the Moodyville mill, and one at Hastings mill. Two ships were for Australia, one for Valparaiso, South America, and the three remaining for China. The clearances with lumber during the month numbered five ships. Three were from the Hastings mill, two bound for Australia, and one for South America; one from the Moodyville mill for Cornel, and one from the Chemainus mill. Hereafter the exports of lumber promises to be much larger. Through improvements to navigation at the mouth of the Fraser river, the Royal City and Brunette mills, situated some distance up the river, will now be reached, though heretofore inaccessible to large ocean crafts. Six vessels have just been chartered at San Francisco to load lumber at the Royal City mill, two for Australia and four for South America.

—The new Madawaska Improvement Company recently formed by the lumbermen of the Ottawa district has been incorporated. The officers are: President, J. R. Booth; secretary-treasurer, G. B. Green; directors, E. B. Eddy, W. G. Perley, M. P., E. H. Bronson, M. P. P., C. McLaughlin, W. B. Dickson, G. B. Pattee and R. H. Klock. The object of the new company is to get possession of all the works and improvements made by private parties and the Government on the Madawaska river, improve them and then continue the works by erecting a series of dams, slides, booms, etc., all along the course of the river as far up as timber is taken out, thus enabling the lumbering firms by paying a fee or toll to the company for allowing the logs to pass through their works, to get out their entire drive with very few men and without danger of having the logs hung up as they are some years in thousands. Negotiations are now going on between the company, the Government and private parties owning works on the river, to enable the Improvement Company to secure all improvements already made. As soon as spring opens the company will begin the work of executing their works by building a series of dams, slides, booms and piers. The work will probably last all this summer and a portion of next.