

## THE NEWS.

John Higgins is erecting a new saw mill at Metcalfe,

A planing mill will be started in the spring at Aylmer, by John Smith.

A bill has been introduced in the Nova Scotia legislature to incorporate the Shelburne Lumber Co., of Shelburne, N. S.

The late Richard Nagle, of Peterboro', Ont., left an estate valued at \$74,253, of which \$15,000 is invested in real estate.

Mr. Geo. F. Webster, of Creemore, Ont., is building a portable saw mill of his own design. He reports business quiet, very few logs being taken out.

Fifty-five failures of lumber dealers were reported last year, with total liabilities of \$1,402,763. In the number was 43, and the liabilities \$413,992.

For the month of December exports from Ottawa to United States were as follows: Lumber, \$505,229.43; paper for export, \$65,604.87; sulphite pulp, \$3,763.12.

The Yokohama Gazette states that owing to a rise in the price of timber, Japanese lumber dealers propose to import timber from Victoria, B.C.

Lumbering operations are being actively carried on in this winter, and both colonization and building is to be prosecuted this year on a much larger scale than heretofore.

Messrs. Hanson Bros., of Nashua, N. B., made a find a few days ago. They were cutting lumber in woods and suddenly came across a bear and three cubs, enjoying their winter's sleep.

Mr. Thos. Southworth, Chief of the Ontario Bureau of Forestry, has received a letter from Mr. Edward Harris, asking how to raise a forest on 2,000 acres of land belonging to a preserve at Long Island.

Small saw mills are springing up rapidly in the city of Burck's Falls, Ont. Those of Thos. Spiers, on the little East river; M. Poirer, on the East river; Albert L. on Lake Vernon, and Wm. Gall in Brunel, on the little road, have lately been started.

W. R. Huntley, master shipbuilder, of Parrsboro, N. S., has obtained a contract from S. P. Benjamin, Port Arthur, to build five scows and a steamer, to be used in logging his lumber down the Avon river to a place of deposit. Mr. Huntley will build them at Port Greville.

At the annual meeting of the Tourville Lumber Mills Company, held in Montreal a fortnight ago, Mr. Edward Lette was appointed general manager. Mr. Rodolphe Lette was elected president, Mr. Napoleon Gill vice-president, Mr. Rodolphe Forget director, and Mr. Arthur Lette secretary.

Incorporation has been granted to the London Box Manufacturing and Lumber Co., with a capital of \$35,000, to manufacture from wood and deal in building materials. The promoters are: Messrs. Frederick George Ball, John Watson, Edward Grant, John Alexander and John Shannon.

The Winnipeg Free Press states that Mr. D. B. Macdonald, superintendent of the Lake Manitou Railway and Lumber Co., accompanied by some eastern capitalists, recently examined the timber resources of Lake Winnipegosis, with the object, it is said, of developing the timber interests of the country.

The manager of the Takush Harbor Lumber Co., of Vancouver Island, B. C., has an idea that there is big commercial value in oil extracted from yellow pine. He is now engaging an expert to experiment, but in the meantime the expert was badly injured by an explosion of highly inflammable oil, resulting in a broken arm.

The St. Anthony Lumber Co., of Whitney, Ont., recently cut a pine log which measured 72 inches, or six feet across the butt, and 66 inches at the smallest diameter at the top end. It will make, if sawn into boards, about a thousand and sixty feet of lumber. A picture of the log is to be kept as one of the records of the company.

The report of Mr. W. L. Haight, of Parry Sound, was appointed by the Ontario government to investigate the cause of the fires which last summer destroyed a large area of timber in the Biscotasing district, has been sent to the Commissioner of Crown Lands. The report states that Mr. Haight's inquiries have led him to conclude that the fires were deliberately started for the

purpose of destroying the timber, so that the lands could be secured for mining, as rich deposits of mineral had been found there.

—Authority has been given by order in Council to the Sauble & Spanish Boom & Slide Company of Algoma, Limited, to charge toll at the rate of 30 cents per thousand feet for the use of their works on the Spanish river, Ontario, instead of three cents per log of seventeen feet and under, and to authorize the charge of 30 cents per thousand feet as a basis upon which the rates for other timber be charged.

—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Rubber Co., of Montreal, was held early last month. When the annual report had been adopted, the following gentlemen were elected directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. Andrew Allen, President; Hugh McLennan, Vice-President; W. J. Withall, Frs. Scholes, J. B. Learmont, H. Montague Allan, W. H. Benyon, Andrew A. Allan, John Thos. Molson.

—Incorporation has been granted to a company to be known as "King Brothers," composed of Edmund A. King, merchant, of St. Pamel; Charles King, merchant, of Lyster, and James King, merchant, of Levis; William S. Thomas, of Quebec, manager; William McNaughton, of Pabos, agent, to own and operate saw mills and to deal in lumber and timber generally, in the province of Quebec. The capital stock is \$300,000.

Incorporation has been granted to the H. Herrmann Lumber Co., of New York, to conduct the business of the late H. Herrmann. The capital is \$300,000, and the officers of the company as follows: Mrs. Rosa Herrmann, President; Mr. George Herrmann, Treasurer; Mr. Geo. C. Von Stamwitz, Secretary; Mr. Chas. Bott, Assistant Treasurer; Mr. R. Mittelmann, Assistant Secretary; Mr. John Bissinger, Assistant Secretary.

—The Holland & Emery Lumber Co., of East Tawas, Mich., which is managed by Nelson Holland, of Buffalo, will commence to move their large mill from East Tawas to Byng Inlet, Ont., as soon as the ice leaves the bay. The mill will be moved on vessels as nearly intact as possible. As it will be impossible to begin pile-driving and dock-building at Byng Inlet until the frost is out of the ground, it will probably be August before any sawing is done there.

## CASUALTIES.

—A young man named Angus McKenzie was killed in Van's lumber camps, Springhill, Que., while felling a tree.

Melville Goodwin, head sawyer for Mr. Barnhill, of Shulee, N. B., was killed by a deal striking him in the forehead.

Thos. J. Pyburn, of Gravenhurst, Ont., was rolling logs from a sleigh to the dump down the river bank, when he was jammed by a log against a tree trunk, and died in three hours.

—Jos. Beranger, employed in Mr. Chalfour's saw mill at Quebec, met his death while placing a strap on a pulley wheel recently. He was caught by the revolving shaft, and whirled around it like a flash.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. Thomas Kelly, lumber merchant, of Somerset, Que., has been elected mayor of that town for the ninth term.

Mr. E. C. Geoffrey, B. A., delivered a lecture in the University Biological Building, Toronto, on "Oaks and Their Ancestors."

Mr. W. H. Winnett, lumber merchant, of London, Ont., was elected alderman for that city at the municipal elections last January.

Mr. P. G. Mahoney, the well-known lumber merchant of Westmoreland, N. B., sailed recently from Halifax for Liverpool, Eng. Mr. Mahoney will visit the leading centres of Europe before his return.

D. H. MacDowell, an old resident and leading business man of Prince Albert, N. W. T., engaged in the lumber trade, has removed to Toronto. He was tendered a banquet by the citizens before his departure.

The death took place at Indiantown, St. John, N. B., last month, of Mr. Moses E. Cowan, one of the most respected residents of the city. Deceased was born in 1830, and for many years was a lumber surveyor and later conducted a saw mill under the firm name of Cowan & McGinty.

## PUBLICATIONS.

An interesting publication for lumbermen is the list of shipping marks on sawn and planed wood, published by Wm. Rider & Sons, London, E. C.

We have to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the proceedings of the American Forestry Association, at the Thirteenth and Fourteenth annual meetings at Washington, and at the summer meetings at Brooklyn, N. Y., and Springfield, Mass. An article by Sir H. G. Joly de Lotbiniere, the first vice-president of the association, is one of the interesting features.

"Bearings and Lubrication," a book of upwards of 200 pages published by Wm. Rider & Sons, Limited, 14 Bartholomew Close, London, E. C., contains much useful information for every user of machinery. The aim of the writer has been to give such practical information as will enable purchasers of machinery to make a choice of the proper bearings for different duties, and of the kinds of lubricants required. The book is freely illustrated, and sells at 3s. 6d.

The regular annual special number of our esteemed contemporary, Timber, of London, Eng., to hand a few days ago, is a voluminous publication of much merit. An interesting article on "The Timber Trade of Ireland" is followed by lengthy descriptions of various classes of woods, including pitch pine, mahogany and cedar, jarrah and karri, all of which are accompanied by illustrations of more than ordinary interest. Not the least important is an extensive write-up of the slate trade of Great Britain, and the liberal advertising patronage shows that the efforts of the publisher to produce a first-class journal are fully appreciated.

## ENTERPRISING AMHERST CITIZENS.

A CORRESPONDENT of the St. John Sun, referring to the extensive timber limits held by citizens of Amherst, N. S., says:

Amherst is not a lumber shipping centre, nor beyond a small mill or two in its vicinity is it a lumber manufacturing centre. It is therefore the more singular to learn that citizens of the town have been reaching out and investing very extensively in timber lands. But such is the fact, and in future a notable portion of the lumber trade of Nova Scotia will be directed from Amherst. This is the result of some important deals recently consummated.

Take, for instance, the Sheet Harbor property on the Atlantic coast. A company to be known as the Sheet Harbor Lumber Co., whose members are Hon. A. R. Dickey, D. W. Douglas, N. A. Rhodes and N. Curry (of Rhodes, Curry & Co.) of Amherst, and Samuel Baird, of Leicester, owns 40,000 acres of selected spruce lands, with combined saw and pulp mill. Right adjoining this, on the East river, Hon. A. R. Dickey owns 44,000 acres, with a saw mill and sulphite pulp mill, the latter costing \$110,000. This property will be operated by a company to be called the East River Lumber Co. Again to the east of the last named property, which it adjoins, Hon. Mr. Dickey owns a mill and 18,000 acres of hardwood, bearing among other timber 50,000,000 feet of birch. Still farther east, near Liscomb, he owns 4,000 acres of spruce land and a mill site. Sum these all up and you have 106,000 acres of timber land.

Then take St. Mary's river, Guysboro, near Liscomb, already referred to. Here a company to be known as the Nova Scotia Lumber Co., the members of which are Dr. C. W. Hewson, W. T. Pipes, Clarence Purdy and Samuel Freeman, of Amherst; John W. and Job Seaman, of Barronsfield, and John Gillespie and Golden K. Prescott, of Shulee, owns about 70,000 acres of splendid timber land, with saw mill and a mill for making box shooks. This same company owns 31,000 acres recently purchased at Economy, below Parrsboro. The operations of the Shulee Lumber Co. are also directed from Amherst. They have 10,000 acres. Sum these up and you have 111,000 acres more.

There is still the Newville Lumber Co., at Newville, near the Parrsboro shore. It has 15,000 acres, and its members are Rhodes and Curry, W. W. Black (son of I. R. Black, M. P. P.), G. A. Fowler and C. A. Lusby. Rhodes, Curry & Co. own another 15,000 acres on the line of the I. C. R. Here is a total of 30,000 acres.

Add all the totals and you have a grand total of 247,000 acres, or over 386 square miles, and comprising some of the finest timber lands in Nova Scotia. On all the properties except that at Economy, operations are being carried on this winter.