

## THE NEWS.

## QUEBEC.

—The rise in the Cherry River has started all the stranded logs down stream.

—Messrs MacLaren & Co's. saw log drive on St. Dennis Creek, is hung up for the season.

—The Sawyerville mill will work up a large amount of hardwood lumber the coming season.

—A larger number of rafts of square timber will go to Quebec by water this season than last.

—Nearly the whole of the Quebec spring timber fleet consists of vessels flying the Norwegian flag.

—The dropping of the anti-sawdust bill by the government has created a pretty strong feeling in Montreal.

—The first shipments of lumber from Quebec this season from American ports took place on May 24th, ex. barges.

—The Cookshire Mill Company and its new acquisition the Scotstown pulp and saw mills, under the name of the Scotstown Lumber Co., have on the stream and at the mills some 18,000,000 feet of lumber to saw and prepare for market.

—Bryant, Powis & Bryant Company, limited, sustained in its stock operation recently in the London market a drop of 25 per cent. on its quotations. The stock ruled at par, but on the receipt of the Davies defalcations it fell 25 per cent. on the dollar.

—The timber driven down the Moria will this year be one of the largest on record. It will consist of about 530,000 pieces, made up as follows: Gilmour & Co., 375,000 pieces; Rathbun Co., 130,000; Flint & Holton, 20,000; Lumber Cutting Machine Company, 3,000.

—The value of the shipments from the Vice-Consular, district of Cookshire to U. S. ports for the month of April was \$34,537.61, an average of over thirteen hundred dollars a day. The leading articles are pulp wood, R. R. ties, ship timber, clapboards, pulp, asbestos, lime, telegraph poles and spruce gum, of which last item 3,255 lbs. were exported.

—Mr. Justice Wurtelle has refused the petition of the Eddy Manufacturing Co. to wind up the affairs of the Henderson Lumber Co., Montreal, and has ordered them to give proof of their allegation that the latter company is insolvent. The Judge held that the mere fact that a firm did not meet its notes promptly was not sufficient proof of its insolvency.

—Mr. Francis Murtagh had a man drowned off his drive on May 8th. A gang of twelve men undertook to run two boats over Bear Chute on the Coulonge river. The first boat swamped in the cellar, but the six men in her hung on to the boat until they got ashore, but the last six men were not so fortunate, their boat filled with water and the men were obliged to turn her bottom side up and to get on top of her to save their lives. One French Canadian from Three Rivers missed his hold and sank to rise no more. Mr Murtagh forbid the men to run the rapids.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

—Rafting operations have commenced at the Douglas booms.

—All the lumber mills in the vicinity and at Marysville are again sawing.

—R. Swim & Son, general store and lumber, Doaktown, have dissolved.

—Mr. Gibson is shipping a large quantity of shingles cut in his Marysville mill to the American market.

—The late rains have swollen the streams in the province, and the logs are coming down in good shape.

—A million feet of logs have already entered the boom of K. F. Burns & Co. at their mills on the Nepisiquit River.

—The Miramichi River, N.B., is now open for navigation, and a number of boats are being rapidly loaded with lumber.

—The Madawaska Improvement Co., have prepared material for the construction of a large dam at the foot of Bear Lake.

—The Fredericton booms are estimated to have already received 100,000,000 feet of lumber and about 80,000,000 feet are on the way.

—The employees in the saw mills in St. John are discussing the propriety of taking steps toward reducing the day in their business to nine hours.

—Mr. Wm. Richards has leased the Muirhead mill at Chatham and will run it this season. The prospects are for a good season's sawing as Mr. Richards has a good supply of logs.

—The recent rains brought down all the Rusiagonish drives, and the logs are on the rafting ground. Some of the lumbermen have their lumber rafted and ready for market.

—Large quantities of railroad ties are being shipped to the

American market from Grand Falls. The price paid for them is \$13 per hundred—a much better figure than was obtained for them a few years ago.

—The boom across the southwest Miramichi broke away May 22nd, and a million of logs got adrift. The logs belonged chiefly to Richards & Lynch. All driving operations on the river have been stopped in consequence of the accident.

—The Madawaska Improvement Company are about to construct a large dam at the foot of Bark Lake. The dam is intended to keep a large reserve in the lake, which will be used for flooding when the drive is threatening to stick in some of the rapids further down the river.

—There is much activity among the lumbermen at Rogersville, N.B. The driving season has begun and promises to be a good one. Gill & Dalton, and Maloney have a large number of men employed on the waters getting the lumber down. As usual a very large quantity of railroad ties and posts have been got out during the past winter.

—The business prospects of the Lake St. John Railway during the ensuing season are said to be excellent. Nearly six thousand men have been employed along it making timber during the past winter, and it is calculated that it will bring to the Quebec market next summer over 60,000,000 feet of timber. Last year it carried 40,000,000.

—Notwithstanding the light fall of snow last winter in Kings and St. John counties, N. B., there has not been a better winter for the lumbermen in many years. Among the many operators on the main stream of the Salmon River, Robert Mills easily bears the palm. One day last week one team of horses hauled two loads containing 39 logs, which scaled 4,000 feet. Mr. Mills has been at work seven weeks, and has browed 7,000 pieces, and that on a three and one-half-mile track. Sussex can boast the champion axeman in the person of John McCaughey, who in one day chopped and made ready 60 logs, and his average was 50 a day.

—The St. John Gazette says: The past winter has been a favorable one for lumbering, taken on the whole, and the cut throughout the Province is perhaps larger than for the last few years. On the St. John river and its tributaries the total amount of lumber cut expected to be got out is considerably larger than last year. This year's cut on the St. John and tributaries, including pine, spruce and cedar, will amount to over 150,000,000 feet. Of the total about fifty-five million is Province lumber, while the rest was cut on the American side of the line. The heavy rains the past few weeks are keeping all the streams so well up that the prospects now are that in addition to this year's cut all the lumber hung up last year will be driven out, amounting to some forty-five millions. Seventeen millions of this was hung up in the Province, and twenty-eight millions on the American side. Logs are coming into Spring Hill very fast, most of them being yet bank stocks. Upwards of a million came in there yesterday, making 250 joints. The boom company will begin rafting on Monday. The amount of pine and cedar lumber cut this year is about 10,000,000 feet, much more than last year's cut. About 13,000,000 of cedar will be got out.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

—It is reported that the Dominion Government will strictly enforce the sawdust law upon the LaHave River, N.S. and its tributaries.

—Some 700 men remained in the camps in the woods along the line of the Ship Railway the past winter awaiting the recommencement of work this spring. The season is at least two weeks late and cold at that.

## MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—James White is opening a lumber yard at Rapid City.

—J. L. Campbell, of Brandon, is about to embark in the lumber business at Melita.

—The Manitoba Lumber & Fuel Co., Winnipeg, has been sold out by the sheriff.

—J. A. Christie, of Brandon, has about 8,000,000 feet of logs waiting to be cut.

—R. S. Thompson, lumber, etc., Glenboro, has disposed of his branch business at Wawanesa.

—R. Heatherington, lumber dealer, Douglass, has purchased the business and stock of T. Greenwood, Brandon.

—The saw mill at Whitemouth, owned by D. Ross, was the first mill in that district to be put in operation this year.

—D. Sprague, of the Winnipeg saw mill, will cut 5,000,000 feet of lumber this year. His logs will be brought down the Red River from Minnesota.

—The Lake Dauphin district, says the Minnedosa Tribune, will soon have three saw mills in operation. This district of northern Manitoba is evidently going ahead, though it is but a short time since settlers started to go into that section.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—The McLaren-Ross Lumber Company's machinery is giving them perfect satisfaction, and those new machines designed especially for their mill by D. N. Kendall exceeds his most sanguine hopes.

—Mr. Nelson's mill on Cambria Island is well under way, and the machinery in the old Brunette mill, which is to do service in the new structure, is now being removed for the purpose.

—It is reported that a number of large lumber manufacturers from the vicinity of Barrie, Ont., will shortly visit the Coast with the object of investing in timber lands, and building a mill of large capacity.

—The Brunette saw mill is rapidly approaching completion. The engines are in their proper places, boilers are being bricked in, and the boiler house is well under way. Cutting operations will be commenced at an early date.

—Favorable progress is being made on the new mill to be erected at Hastings. The machinery will be of 150 horse power. The 50 horse power will be erected as a semi-portable, and with it will be cut the lumber for the larger structure.

—The American ship Pacholus has cleared from Moodyville, with 808,000 feet of lumber for Shanghai. The Willie Reed, of New York, is ready to clear from the same point with 1,029,000 feet for Valparaiso, and the Ninevah will be ready by the end of the week with 1,000,000 feet for Sydney, Australia.

—The greatest boom that British Columbia has ever seen in the way of lumbering has been going on the past year, and from present indications the same rapid progress in mill building will continue for an indefinite time. This is certainly the great lumber country of the future, and Eastern capitalists fully realize the fact.

Rapid progress is being made on the new mill of the North Pacific Lumber Co., on Burrard Inlet, and in a short time, what a few months ago was a British Columbia forest, will be a scene of activity in the lumber industry. The machinery in this mill is being imported principally from Ontario, the greater part of which has been especially designed for the purpose. The company have already some eight acres of their mill site cleared and stumped on the north of the C. P. R. track.

—New Westminster Columbian: The Mechanics' Mill Company, manufacturers of lumber, sash, doors, blinds, shop fixtures, etc., is now in full running order and prepared to furnish any material in the above-mentioned lines. The proprietors of the mill are Messrs. Ackerman Bros., who are well and favorably known throughout the city and district. The interest of Mr. J. E. Knight in the business has been bought out by Messrs. Ackerman Bros., and the whole establishment is now under their control.

—The new buildings of the Brunette Saw Mills Co. are very nearly completed. Their appearance is most imposing and their capacity immense. The buildings are so placed as to be convenient for vessels loading lumber at the wharves and thus work will be executed in the most expeditious and safe manner. Nearly all the machinery is in place, and is of the latest and most approved description, part being specially imported from the east. The company have enough orders on hand to keep the new mills running at their utmost limit for some time to come. As has been often stated the Brunette mills are very advantageously situated for the loading of vessels of deep draught. The water along the front of their docks has an average depth of thirty feet, so that the largest ship that enters the Fraser can approach the Brunette saw mill docks with perfect safety. A large force of men is at work on the new mill buildings and adjusting the machinery, and the extension will probably be in running order in about a month or six weeks.

## AMERICAN.

—The Penokee Lumbering company has closed a deal of 3,000,000 feet of lumber for shipment to England. It will go down the lakes to Quebec and thence to its destination.

—Clinton, Iowa, has a saw mill which cost \$200,000, and is capable of sawing 450,000 feet in eight hours. It has seven band and three gang saws and two batteries of ten boilers each.

—Messrs. Francis Bros., of Pakenham, Ont., have sold to Messrs. Saxe Bros., of Albany, N. Y., the White Fish Lake Indian Reserve. The price paid was about one hundred thousand dollars.

—Great forest fires have been raging in Northern Wisconsin. In the vicinity of Kings bridge, the lumber camps with all their contents and a large number of buildings have been destroyed. Thousands of acres of valuable timber have been burned over and nothing but heavy rains will save other timber tracts.