

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—Mr. Philip Evans is building a fine new mill at Bond-head.

—McKinnon & Walsh, of Little Current, have cut 30,000 logs this winter.

—Mr. D. Campbell, of Sturgeon Bay, is shipping shingles to New Hampshire.

—Mr. Zimmerman is building a sash, door and blind factory at Windsor.

—Rankin River Lumber Company, Sauble Falls, are succeeded by Lowry & Lawrence.

—Christie & Co.'s shingle mill at Severn Bridge is running steady and the shingles find ready sale.

—The season's cut of lumber on the Quinze river has been excellent, and the drive will commence early.

—Leask Bros. planing mill and sash and door factory at Gore Bay is now completed and in good running order.

—Maitland & Rixon's new saw mill, which was wrecked in the high wind at Owen Sound, is being re-constructed.

—A large number of Canadians on their return from the Michigan woods, have arrived on foot in Stratford penniless.

—The Lumber Splitting Company's new factory at Trenton is now ready for operations, and will be started in a short time.

—Geo. Wilson, of Dalston, has purchased the hardwood timber belonging to Mr. Watson and started a camp of wood-choppers.

—Three men who came down from Pierce & Co.'s shanties, where there are 55 men, report all hands back with the exception of three.

—A large new gang saw and boiler and engine will be put into the saw mill at Thessalon, and it will be run to its full capacity all summer.

—Mr. A. McCormack, lumber merchant of Pembroke, is spoken of as the liberal candidate for the new constituency of Nipissing in the Local House.

—Cook Bros., of Serpent River, have completed their new tramway in place of the one destroyed by fire last fall. They are also erecting a large new dock.

—Lumbering operations are brisk at Sundridge this winter, and teams are in great demand. Large quantities of wood pulp are being shipped from that point.

—Silas Bundage, operating for the Chatham Manufacturing Co., has been getting out timber in the vicinity of Ruthven, and is now engaged in shipping it.

—George Cartwright, lumber merchant, Carlisle, has purchased 20 acres of timber from Mr. Henry Castle, but in the absence of snow he is compelled to let it stand.

—Plenty of snow in the Nipissing district and in consequence saw logs and timber are moving lively. Mr. R. Smith is putting some fine timber on Beatty creek.

—Three shantymen from the limits on the Coulonge have arrived recently in Ottawa, all suffering from la grippe. They report the disease very prevalent in the woods.

—Large quantities of lumber, shingles and pulp wood are constantly being shipped from Burk's Falls and the shipments would be much larger if a sufficiency of cars could be procured.

—Three hundred million feet of pine on one small river in Western Algoma is the report of the Ontario Government bush rangers, and the Rainy River railway is to run through that country.

—Robert Livingston, of the 16th concession, county Grey, has the contract for getting out logs for the Star mill. Mr. Querengesser's mill on the same line is running again sawing up a quantity of old stock.

—Gilmour & Co. are getting out a large quantity of logs and a quantity of square timber. 160,000 logs will come down the Moira, and already large quantities are coming into Trenton by rail to be cut at the Cedar mill.

—Down the Ottawa river, including its northern tributary streams, were floated during the year ending June 30th, 1889, 127,923 pieces of timber and 3,725,386 saw logs, producing a revenue to the Government of \$87,709.39.

—Large numbers of shantymen on Black river have been laid up with influenza, and several teams which went up late in the fall have been standing in the stables ever since owing to the inability of their drivers to work them.

—The Grass Valley steam saw and shingle mill of Mr. John Hobert, Burk's Falls, on the Magnettewan river, started up last month to cut custom logs that have been hauled to the mill on sleighs. As soon as these are cut into lumber

he proposes to run the shingle mill right along until the regular season opens for lumber cutting.

—T. Nester & Co.'s camp is situated twelve miles from Thessalon and sixty miles from the Sault. Work began on the first of September; cutting and skidding of logs were over before Christmas; hauling of logs began with the new year. They will put out about 70,000 logs this winter on the Mississauga river.

—Lumbering is brisk in the neighborhood of Coldwater. Messrs. Playfair & Co. are getting out seven thousand cords of wood intended for shipment to Toronto. They are also cutting near Sturgeon Bay. Jos. Brown is getting in a quantity of pine logs, and the Georgian Bay Lumber Co., although not going into the business as strong as in the past, are cutting a fair number of logs.

—Mr. Wm. Williams, of Houghton, has invented an appliance for skidding logs. The apparatus consists of skid and a derrick carrying a snatch block and a pulley. A chain is attached to the skid and passes over the snatch block and the power is supplied by means of a team of horses or a yoke of oxen and a logging chain to the pulley, and the log lying on the chain is thus lifted on to the skid.

A company of Canadians have purchased a large quantity of standing timber along the Sturgeon River and Otter Creek, in Michigan, and are now engaged in cutting and squaring it and hauling it on sleighs to a shipping point on the Sturgeon. It is claimed to be the best timber in the upper peninsular. It is to be shipped by water to Quebec and there re-shipped to Liverpool. Operations on a much larger scale will be commenced there next summer.

—Port Carling, in the Muskoka district, has two saw mills. Mr. R. McDermott has a saw mill which he runs fairly steady from May until November each year. He does almost exclusively a shipping trade. J. S. Wallis, also has a steam saw, shingle and planing mill, which he usually runs from April to December, and sometimes starts up as early as March and runs to the end of the year. He gives his time and attention almost exclusively to the local trade.

—Some 25,000,000 feet of lumber are booked to be shipped to the States, via Rideau canal, next summer. Nine years ago only 1,000,000 feet went by this route, showing a very large increase. According to the Washington treaty, Canadian barges can go no further with freight than Oswego, none being allowed in American inland waters. Bargemen complain that could they go further they could bring back coal instead of returning light.

—The favorable weather of this season has caused a large quantity of logs to be taken out at McKellar by the different lumber concerns. S. & J. Armstrong are getting out a quantity of basswood and pine to cut at their mill at Parry Sound. They are also now cutting some of the same at their McKellar mill. The surveyors of the Parry Sound Colonial Railway expect to pass through this village en route to Burk's Falls the other terminus of the road. The railway to Parry Sound is now an established fact, and this will help the lumbering interests at that already important lumber centre.

Mr. Robert M. Gibson of this city says the Ottawa Journal, has invented a machine which can be attached to any saw mill at a comparatively small cost, and without the necessity of making any alterations in the present machinery; having for its object the handling and conveying the saw dust from the mills to the furnace where it can be consumed, or otherwise to carry it any reasonable distance for utilization for fuel or other purposes. Mr. Gibson's invention has already been submitted to competent authorities who have expressed themselves as satisfied that it will accomplish all that the inventor claims for it. The machine also is intended to separate blocks, edgings, etc., from the saw dust after it has been caught and carried from the mill.

—Mr. Kennedy, of the Cameron & Kennedy lumber mills of Norman, Lake of the Woods, says it is the firm's intention to take out the same number of logs this winter as last. He does not anticipate any trouble from low water, such as some of the mill owners experienced last year and the year before. The heavy fall of snow during the past few weeks has tended to allay any fears which the lumbermen had that 1890 would be another year of exceptionally low water. It is said that with a rapid spring opening, lumbering and navigation on all the lakes and rivers in the country will be better than for many seasons past. Mr. Kennedy is a firm believer in the Hudson Bay railway, even if the bay is only navigable for three or four months. He spoke of the magnificent water power at Grand Rapids, to which Minneapolis would be no rival, the iron mine and fisheries which would be developed, and sees in the construction of the line a future for Manitoba and the Northwest which without this line will remain in the far future. Mr. Kennedy is sanguine over the prospects of Rat Portage and looks forward to stirring times next summer.

QUEBEC.

—G. H. Henshaw, lumber merchant, Montreal, has assigned.

—The "Three Lake Mills" at Spider Lake are not lumbering this season.

—Mills & Cook have their sash and door factory, at Brome Corner, in full operation.

—The cut of spruce logs in the St. Maurice district will equal, but pine may be somewhat less than last season.

—Mr. Joly's Lotbiniere cut which will likely be about 100,000 feet has been sold to Messrs. John Burdall & Co.

—Messrs. J. Sharples & Sons, have purchased Atkinson's and Crawford's cuts for the season being about 200,000 feet.

—The cut of Mr. Murphy's mills at St. Joachim and St. Pierre have been sold to Messrs. Kennedy of Liverpool and will reach about 200,000 feet.

—Whole gangs of men suffering from La Grippe have been obliged to return from the manufacturing districts, and the winter output will of necessity be curtailed.

—Labor is quite scarce in the Lake St. John district this year. Lumbering operations are going on to such an extent that employment is offered to every available man.

—The British Government has awarded the contract for Canadian lumber and deals for the Imperial dock-yards in England to Messrs. Dobell, Beckett & Co., of Quebec.

—Messrs. W. & J. Sharples, of Quebec, have contracted for about 200,000 feet of Michigan waney, and have also bought Caldwell's manufacture of square and waney timber amounting to about 300,000 feet.

—Messrs. Smith, Wade & Co. have contracted for Messrs. Klock's manufacture of square and waney timber, amounting to about 1,250,000 feet; the same firm have bought the new Hawkesbury Lumber Company's output of about 400,000 feet.

—It is reported that Messrs. Dobell, Beckett & Co., of Quebec, have contracted with a Wisconsin firm for next season's delivery for 400,000 feet of waney, and also with the Georgian Bay Lumber Co. for 350,000 feet of Michigan waney.

—Messrs. Goodday, Benson & Co., of Quebec, have purchased about 100,000 spruce and 300,000 pine wintering over at Hall's mills, Beaucour; they have also contracted for the Saguenay mills of St. Fulgence, which will turn out about 200,000.

—A large parcel of square waney pine consisting of about 700,000 feet, recently changed hands at Quebec, at a slight advance on previous quotations. The only raft of square and waney pine, now wintering over at Quebec, is that of Mr. Edwards measuring about 52,000 feet.

—The total revenue of the Crown Lands Department for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1889, is shown by the report of the Commissioner, to have reached the enormous figure of \$1,065,199.65, and the expectation is expressed that for the current year the revenue will amount to \$1,200,000.

—Messrs. Dobell, Beckett & Co. have bought about 180,000 pine deals wintering over at the Buckingham Mills and a large quantity wintering over at Baptist's Three Rivers and Calumet Mills; they have also contracted for the Montmorency cut, for the coming season amounting to about 500,000.

—The improvements under way at James MacLaren & Co.'s and McClymont & Co.'s mills in New Edinburgh are almost completed and will much improve the capacity of both mills. Lumber shipping from the yards across the Rideau has now assumed a lively turn, large quantities being consigned daily to the United States markets, via the St. L. & O. railway.

—Most of the cuts of the Quebec mills, consisting principally of spruce, have been sold for the coming season. The prices may be quoted at \$41.50, \$28, \$25 and \$21 f.o.b. bateaux, at which figures most of the contracts have been made. The Breakey Chaudiere Mills cut, which will turn out about 400,000 is the only considerable cut now remaining unsold.

—C. G. Davies, timber merchant, of Quebec, who was agent for Bryant, Powis and Bryant, a well-known and extensive house of London, England, has absconded, being defaulter it is said, to a large amount. The exact amount of the absconder's shortage, is a mere matter of speculation, but it is placed all the way from \$150,000 to \$200,000. Dabbling in timber and stocks is said to have led to his difficulties.

—A number of Quebec mills have disposed of their cuts for the coming season. Messrs. Smith, Wade & Co. have purchased from Mr. Edwards the Rockland pine deals which wintered over and amounting to about 700,000. The price is said to be the same as paid Mr. Gilmour for his cut of last year, \$115, \$80, \$39, and \$29. The same firm have also contracted for the coming season's cut of Mr. Sewell's four mills which will run up to about 250,000 feet.