

THE NEWS.

-Neiburgall & Co. are putting in a hoop mill in connection with their stave mill at McGregor, Ont.

-G. D. Campbell & Co., of Weymouth, N. S., have placed an electric plant in their saw mill.

-Craig & Austin, of Kinmount, Ont., have started their shingle mill and expect to keep it at work the year round.

-M. J. Nealon, of Woodville, Ont., intends putting in a portable saw and shingle mill in the vicinity of Bloomfield.

-The quantity of lumber which passed through the Canadian Sault Ste. Marie canal in 1896 is given as 26,346,000 feet.

-C. Meikle, Gravenhurst, Ont., is having a \$4,000 steam yacht built at Kingston, Ont., for service in the Muskoka Lakes.

-It has been rumored that the Dominion government will hand over to the local government all the remaining crown lands in the province of Manitoba.

-Berry & Watson have dissolved partnership in the stave and heading business at Kinmount, Ont. The business will be carried on under the name of Watson & Davis.

-Joseph Turenne is reported to have been dismissed from the position of forest ranger in Manitoba, and Mr. Martin Jerome, ex M.P., has been appointed in his place.

-Messrs. Seaman & Newman, of Wiarton, Ont., have dissolved partnership. Mr. J. P. Newman continues the old business, and Mr. A. G. Seaman has rented a mill at Barr Bay.

-A. G. Peuchen, of Toronto, has waited upon the council of Iroquois Falls, Ont., asking assistance towards starting a manufactory for wood, alcohol, charcoal and other products.

-Suit has been entered by Don. J. Leathers against John Caulfield, of Manistee, Mich., for \$40,000 commission alleged to be due for negotiating a sale of timber limits to the Thayer Lumber Co., of Muskegon.

-President Cleveland celebrated the 165th anniversary of the birth of the First President of the Republic by signing and promulgating thirteen proclamations, establishing thirteen additional forest reservations, containing an aggregate area of 21,379,840 acres.

-A dispatch from Bangor, Maine, states that a petition asking that logs cut on the American side, manufactured in the Canadian provinces and re-shipped to the American market, shall be exempted from the proposed duty on lumber in the new tariff bill, has received many signatures in northern and eastern Maine.

-The proposed headquarters of the Dominion Rifle Association at Bisley, England, is to be constructed entirely of Canadian woods. It has been suggested that the native wood of a province be used for a particular room or hall, and that a neatly engraved plate be placed at a conspicuous point in such room, indicating the province which supplied the wood.

-Mr. Alex. Hamilton writes the LUMBERMAN from Cache Bay as follows: "I propose commencing to saw at our new mill at Warren on the 1st of April, and have about 8,000,000 ft. laying at mill to cut. I also have some hopes of securing a stock for the Cache Bay mills later on. We propose to build about seven miles of railroad to bring logs to the Warren mill."

-In the case of Harnwell vs. Parry Sound Lumber Co., the courts have decided that where a book-keeper is engaged for the term of one year, and his employment is continued after the expiration of that time, there is no presumption that it is to continue for another year, says the Court of Appeal. The employer may dismiss him at any time upon reasonable notice, and in this case, there being no evidence of usage to the contrary, three months' notice was held to be reasonable.

The stevedore committee of the Buffalo Lumber Exchange have arranged to continue the same system for discharging cargoes of lumber in the port of Buffalo that has been in effect for the past four years. The following is the schedule of prices adopted for the season of 1897:

	Per M.
White pine log run including strips and mid culms	\$0.22
Shorts	.40
Four inch strips in lots, in hold	.32
Norway, 1 to 2 inch, and not over 18 feet	.22
Bil stuff, 3, 4 and 5-inch	.28
Lath	.07
Shingles, 18 inch	.04
" 17 inch	.03
Basswood and elm	.25
Ash, maple and oak	.25
Cedar posts, 1 cent each.	.05

On lath, shingles and posts a discount of 12½ per cent. is allowed. All barges and steamers over 12 feet in the hold must pay \$5 for every 6 inches depth or fraction thereof in excess of 12 feet. Boats with more than one cross beam amidships, or with overhead arches, pay 3 cents per thousand extra on the entire cargo.

-A broad gauge charter is sought from the Dominion government by the Canadian Douglas Saw Manufacturing Company, Limited, composed of United States and Toronto capitalists, with a capital stock of \$700,000. The head office will be in Toronto, and the company ask authority to manufacture all kinds of circular and band saws, saw-sharpener, saw tables, logs, lumber, staves, shingles, etc.

CASUALTIES.

-Mr. Dodds, of Mayo, was killed in the lumber woods at Whitney, Ont., by a log rolling on him.

-John Moore, of Otonabee township, was loading saw logs in the woods when he fell and had his leg broken below the knee.

-Word comes from Stanhope, Que., that a man named Lessard, from St. Joseph, was killed at Norton's camp by the fall of a tree.

-Oneisme Fortier, of St. Sauveur, Que., while working in a saw mill at Cedar Hall, fell upon the circular saw and had his left arm nearly severed from his body.

-A serious accident occurred recently at Klock's Mills, above Mattawa, by which a young man named Geo. Demerle, of L'Isle Verte, Que., was instantly killed by a log crushing his head.

-Ward Reid, a young man employed in Jas. Sim's saw mill at Blackville, N. B., was caught in the shafting. His legs and arms were bruised, and it is feared he sustained fatal injuries.

-A boiler explosion in a saw mill in Bruce county, seven miles from Tiverton, Ont., killed the fireman, Kenneth McDiarmid, aged 18 years. The boiler jumped about 50 feet endwise.

-Samuel Fleming, jr., of Hockley, Ont., was recently struck in the head by a belt which flew from the drive wheel of an engine in his saw mill, and died from the effects a few hours later. The deceased was a very industrious man of 35 years of age.

TRADE NOTES.

When our correspondent was in Brantford lately he called on the Waterloo Engine Works Company, who had just started on their second year in their new premises. Although built during 1895-96, the dullest year to many, they have been kept more than busy. They are now running with 246 men and working till 10 o'clock every night. Their shipments extend from the mines of the Pacific to the lumber and pulp mills of the Atlantic. Their reputation, established during the last 50 years, is such as to keep them busy even during the dullest season.

The Magnolia Metal Co., of New York, state that they have just closed their fiscal year on the first of March, and find that sales of Magnolia metal in America have been 25% larger than they were the year before, and that the volume of business exceeded that of any previous year during the past ten years. Their European business was found to be larger than the American business. The prospects for the ensuing year are very good. On the first of May the offices of the company will be changed from 74 Courtland street to Nos. 266 and 267 West street, where they will occupy the entire buildings. This change is made to give increased facilities for storage, shipping, etc.

The Small & Fisher Company, of Woodstock, N. B., have just completed for Mr. Fred Moore, an extensive lumberman of that locality, a rotary saw mill, probably one of the best that has been built in the province. The carriage is 37 feet long, equipped with Green Mountain dogs, and driven by rope feed. The saw arbor is 3½" diameter hammered steel, with saw collar forged solid, that is, upset from the bar itself. The log is set by man riding on carriage. The same company recently shipped three shingle machines to British Columbia, making about a dozen machines sold in that province within a year or two. They have completed an addition to their machine shop, and put in a new 80 h. p. boiler of E. Leonard & Son's manufacture. This addition provides fully 50 per cent. additional space.

The Emerson Company, of Baltimore, Md., advise us that they have closed the following orders during the past two months: Warner Moore, Richmond, Va., one 52' kiln; Anderson Lumber Co., Charleston, S. C., one 100' kiln; A. J. Cottingham, Maxton, N. C., one 52' kiln; H. B. Short, Lake Waccamaw, N. C., one 100' kiln; E. L. Halsey, Charleston, S. C., one 66' kiln; Hines Bros. Lumber Co., Kinston, N. C., two 100' kilns; M. J. Clagett & Co., St. Louis, Mich., one 100' kiln; Elizabeth City Lumber Co., Elizabeth City, N. C., three 100' kilns; Watson Lumber Co., Mayburgh,

Penna., one 85' kiln; Dixie Mill Co., Mobile, Ala., two 100' kilns; Main & Co., Norfolk, Va., one 68' kiln; Charleston Lumber Co., Charleston, W. Va., one 68' kiln; Cummer Lumber Co., Jacksonville, Fla., four 100' kilns.

The Dodge Wood Split Pulley Company's works at Toronto Junction are running fifteen hours per day, with a full complement of men. The company tell us that never in the history of their eleven years' business in the Dominion have they been so crowded with work. The manufacture of their celebrated wood split pulley is constantly increasing. Recent large shipments have been made to Madras, India, and to agencies in Central America, while one order alone for over 1,000 pulleys is at present being prepared for shipment for the English market. In addition to the manufacture of wood split pulleys the Dodge Company are also general machinists and millwrights, and have now in work complete power transmission for several electric stations, including shafting, floor stands, friction clutch pulleys, bearings, heavy iron centre driving pulleys, etc. The Dodge Company are also doing a lot of special work for some of our largest mining plants. In the company's machine shop at present are sixteen friction clutches in work for contracts on hand.

We notice from the Official Gazette that an application has been made to incorporate The Montreal Lumber Company, Limited. The three principal promoters of this company are men well known in their different localities: John McKergow, recently elected president of the Montreal Board of Trade, a man highly esteemed for his business qualities; W. K. Graffey, who for 19 years was with G. A. Grier, the well known lumberman, afterwards becoming a partner for three years with E. J. Maxwell & Co., the hardwood dealers; and Geo. I. Dewar, the manager of the Export Lumber Co. at Ottawa, whose general knowledge of the trade could hardly be surpassed. The headquarters of the company will be at Montreal, but Mr. Dewar being always on the ground at Ottawa, will give valuable assistance to the business there. The intention is to do purely a wholesale trade, and as soon as business brightens they will no doubt receive their fair share. We wish them all success in the new venture. Until 1st May, when they commence operations, the temporary address of the company is, care of W. K. Graffey, 27 Tupper street, Montreal.

There are 4,350 firms engaged in the timber trade of Great Britain and Ireland, 773 in London, 2,668 in England and Wales, 634 in Scotland and 275 in Ireland.

A Parrsboro, N. S., paper says: Six masts and twelve spars, forming a load for four cars, arrived here last week from the Tacoma Mill Co., Tacoma, Wash. The masts and spars, which are for the new barges, are sawed on eight sides and are remarkably handsome sticks.

