

MICHIGAN LETTER.

[Regular correspondence CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

CANADIAN logs are commencing to arrive on this side of the border. We may mention as already here a raft of 3,000,000 feet for the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Co., another for the Emery Lumber Co., and a third for Sibley & Bearinger. The two latter were billed for Tawas. John Welch, of Bay City, has contracted to cut 17,000,000 feet of Georgian Bay logs, brought over by the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Co. Hallenbeck & Gilbert have purchased an interest in these logs, and Mr. Gilbert will look after the sawing of them.

BITS OF LUMBER.

The manufacture of spools from birch is developing into quite an industry at Alpena, Mich.

Saginaw lumbermen are after the scalp of the U.S. Senate because of an effort to take \$30,000 from the recommendation of the House Committee to appropriate \$100,000 for the improvements of the Saginaw River.

Dewitt C. Spaulding, the well-known lumberman of Grand Rapids, Mich., has recently sold his tract of hardwood timber lands in Cherry Grove township, near Cadillac, to William Gerber and Edward T. Merrill, of Reed City.

In a recent list of millionaires of this country the New York Tribune included twenty names, nearly all lumbermen, from Saginaw. Our lumbermen, out of their extreme modesty, coupled with a characteristic regard for hard facts, say that not more than three in the list could rightly qualify as millionaires.

D. A. Blodgett's pine, which amounts to upwards of 300,000,000 feet, said to be the largest continuous tract of pine now standing in Michigan, is to be cut at the Cummer sawmills in Cadillac. It will require at least eight years to cut this timber, and the monthly pay roll of the men employed therein will be about \$17,000.

No complaint can be made in this section of want of rain. It rained twenty-one days in May, and we have had our full share of the watery element this month. Logs are coming forward in good shape. Both the Tittabawassee Boom Co. and the Muskegon Boom Co. have experienced trouble from the rapidity with which the logs have been reaching them, and high water causing several serious jams of logs.

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OTTAWA LETTER.

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THE lumber season is now fully opened, and not for some years has the outlook of the Ottawa valley been more cheering. The fears of a month ago that large numbers of logs would be hung up because of the dry weather have in a large measure been removed by recent heavy rains. A number of shantymen who came down from the vicinity of the Madawaska and Kippewa river limits ten days ago are authority for the statement that with the exception of a few "drives" which were placed on some small creeks early in the season, all the logs would be brought to the Chaudiere without any great difficulty.

Mr. J. R. Booth has, counting his logs of last and this year's cut, not less than 1,000,000 pieces now in the water. These are on the Ottawa, Black, Amable du Font, Nesbings, Kippewa, Temiscamingue and several lesser streams and lakes. Such of these as will not be driven out from the lesser streams into the Ottawa will be boomed up in deep lakes so that the worm cannot touch or injure the timber, for if the logs are left on the shore in the sun or weeds they will become worm eaten and much injured. Ten band saws are now in operation in Booth's big mill.

A VALUABLE RAFT.

One of the largest rafts that ever floated out of Ottawa is that owned by Mr. Robert Booth. This mass of timber contains 230 cribs; it was made on the Pettewawa river and is the cut of '89-'90 and '90-'91. The average size is 60 feet. This timber was hung up at the Pettewawa last year and the year before, because prices were so low that the owner thought it was a profitless undertaking to put it upon the congested lumber market at Quebec. Things look brighter this year and the whole mass of timber goes to the market having been sold at a good price before it left the boom. This immense raft is in charge of an Indian pilot and nearly all the crew are Indians from Caughnawaga. Mr. Booth met with some trouble on the way down having 80 of his cribs smashed on Lake Duchene by the heavy winds. The raft is being towed by two tugs and is expected to reach Quebec the end of this month. Four more rafts are now on the way down from the Upper Ottawa. One is owned by Barnet and Mackey, another by A. Barnet, of Renfrew, and the other two by Alex. Fraser, of Westmeath. This latter timber was got out on the Couleage river and like Mr. Booth's timber is of last year's cut. All this timber has been sold at good prices, and is on its way down to be delivered at Quebec, where a large part of it will be shipped for England.

AFTER A MILL-MAN.

The case of Brennan and others against Thomas A. Hodgson, of the Elgin St. planing mill, having been decided against the mill, the defendant has given instructions to his solicitor to appeal against the decision of Judge McMahon. The plain tiffs asked for an injunction against the running of the mill on the ground of a nuisance caused by noise, smoke, vibrations, etc., and the decision is that as such charges have been sustained, the injunction is granted with costs against Hodgson. Mr. Hodgson not unnaturally feels somewhat raw over the decision. He has been in business in the one section of the city for seven years, and believes that his mill has been an important factor in building up that part of the city. Now because a certain number of persons allege that the hum of the machinery has become wearisome to them that it is very unfair to him, and a general injury to the locality, to ask that the mill be removed. He says that he will fight them to the bitter end.

INDIFFERENT LENGTHS.

A pulley wheel claimed to be the largest yet cast in Ottawa was shipped the early part of the month to Gillies Bros. saw-mill at Braeside. The face of the wheel is five feet wide and the diameter measurement is 12 feet. It weighs between 10 and 12 tons. The wheel, which is a rope pulley, fitted for 20 ropes, is said to be the largest rope pulley so far turned out in the Dominion.

The firm of White, Avery & Co., lumber exporters, has been dissolved by the retirement of F. W. Avery. The new firm will be known as W. G. White & Co.

Buell, Orr, Hurdman & Co., are meeting with compliments on all hands for the neat appearance of their mill and offices, which have recently been freshly painted and generally rejuvenated.

Thackeray's new planing mill is rapidly rising from the ashes of a month ago. It will be an attractive structure.

It is estimated that Bronsons and Weston have cut about 250,000 logs the past winter. The total cut for the four Chaudiere mills is said to be in the neighborhood of 1,260,000 logs.

OTTAWA, Can., June 23, 1892.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

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ANOTHER object lesson illustrating the immense timbers of this province has been provided in the shipment this month by the B. C. Mills Timber and Trading Company from the Hastings Mill of six cars of the finest and largest timber that has ever left here. As with the shipment the early part of the year these timbers have been destined for Montreal, Que. The shipment consisted of 28 pieces measuring 60,470 feet. On two cars were loaded four sticks 24x30 inches, and 58 feet long; two 8½x10 inches, and 50 feet long; one 24x30 inches, and 54 feet long; two 6x8 inches, and 50 feet long; one 12x21, and 55 feet long. The total measurement on these two cars was 20,289 feet. Two more cars were loaded with two sticks 24x30 inches, and 54 feet long; three 24x24 inches, and 30 feet long; five 12x24 inches, and 40 feet long. The total measurement on these two cars was 20,741 feet. Two other cars carried the three largest sticks, each of which was 36x36 inches, and 60 feet, the total measurement of these three pieces being 19,440 feet.

TORONTO CAPITAL ON THE COAST.

Plans for the incorporation of the Toronto Milling and Manufacturing Co., with headquarters at Victoria, are now well advanced. Main movers in the project are Mr. John White, ex-M.P., and T. J. Hammill, two gentlemen whose names will appear among the provisional directors. The capitalists interested, as the name of the company implies, are principally from Toronto and Barrie, and include H. H. Strathy, John Strathy, John Davidson, Mr. White and Mr. Hammill. The mills will be located, with the homes of the millmen, at the new city of Sidney, Saanich district. The mill grounds include 30 acres of the townsite land, and over 50,000 acres of magnificent timber will be made tributary to this mill. Within six months the first and smaller mill will be completed and ready for business. A second and more imposing mill building will follow with a capacity of 250,000 feet per day, and capable of giving employment to 250 or 300 loggers and millmen. In addition to the Sidney mills, it is understood to be the intention of the Toronto syndicate to erect and equip a sawmill at Alberni. This project is as yet in its incipient stages, however.

COAST CHIEFS.

The mill at Moodyville has been shut down for want of vessels to convey its lumber to market.

The Norwegian barque Ursus Minor is about to leave the Brunette sawmill with 500,000 feet of lumber for Sydney, N.S.W.

The MacLaren-Ross Lumber Company will not cut any

lumber at its mill near Westminster this year, on account of the dull state of trade.

The newly established shingle and sawmill of the Pacific Coast Lumber Co., at New Westminster, is one of the best equipped mills in this province and gives promise of becoming one of its most important and successful lumber concerns. The machinery is from your well-known mill furnisher the Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing Co., of Peterboro. Mr. J. G. Scott, who a few years ago was engaged in the lumber business in Toronto is the manager.

The syndicate which purchased the Sayward mill property contemplate the erection of an extensive mill on their timber limits near Seymour Narrows, where they can have every facility for the cheap and speedy handling of lumber. The limits of the syndicate include some of the most heavily timbered land on the island. There is deep water close alongside the proposed mill site, capable of floating ships of the largest size. The locality is in almost every way favorable for the plans of the syndicate, and it is not improbable that a mammoth lumbering establishment may soon be in full operation.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., June 20, 1892.

PERSONAL.

S. S. Cook, lumber, Morrisburg, Ont., is dead.

Matthew Cochrane, planing mill, Dutton, Ont., is dead.

Mr. T. J. Hannum has retired from the position of superintendent of Buell, Orr, Hurdman & Co.'s mills. It is understood he has been succeeded by Mr. T. Kennedy, formerly in charge of the old Skead mills.

Richard Fraser, Sr., one of the first lumbermen to carry on business on the Upper Ottawa, died the early part of June, aged 67, at his residence in the township of Pembroke. He was born in the county of Carleton in 1825.

The death is announced of James Stewart, Jr., nephew of Robert Stewart, lumber merchant, of Guelph, and son of the late Robert Stewart, lumber merchant, Limehouse, Ont. The deceased had lived in Chicago for the past sixteen years.

One of the pioneers of Lethbridge, Alta., is dead, aged seventy-two years. In 1884 he assumed charge of the lumbering interests of the Northwestern Coal and Navigation Co. He was a highly respected citizen and at one time a member of the local legislature.

Mr. Alexander MacLaren, Buckingham, Que., has been elected president, and Mr. David MacLaren, Ottawa, Ont., a director, of the Coe Hill Mining Co., of Belleville. This is one of the largest and wealthiest mining companies in America. The Messrs. MacLaren are the well-known eastern lumbermen, sons of the late James MacLaren.

Mr. E. S. Sheppard, of Minneapolis, Man., has taken up his residence at Hannaford, on the American side of the Rainy River at the mouth of the Big American River in Minnesota. He is at present busily engaged estimating pine timber that he intends to cut into logs and bring to Rat Portage for market unless the new railroads that are heading for Hannaford get through in time to build mills to cut them on the Minnesota side.

Mr. George Cochrane, of Peterboro, Ont., has received offers from two large lumbering firms—the Victoria Harbor Lumber Co. and Mr. John Walsh, Collin's Inlet, wishing to secure his services for measuring logs on Georgian Bay; one for a three month's engagement, and the other to measure 3,500,000 feet of lumber. Owing to other engagements Mr. Cochrane is compelled to decline these lucrative offers. Evidently Mr. Cochrane's abilities are known.

A sad surprise to the trade was the announcement the early part of June of the death of William G. Thomas, at Norwalk, Conn. Mr. Thomas was one of the pioneers in the Albany lumber district, having founded the house of Hill, Thomas & Co., continuing afterward as Thomas & Hyatt, and W. G. Thomas & Co. He was at one time vice-president of the Albany Exchange Bank, and had served as president of the board of lumber dealers. About fifteen years ago he retired from business, and removed to his native place, Norwalk.

A number of prominent Torontonians, on invitation of the Mayor and corporation of the town of Penetanguishene and the Summer Hotel Co., of the town, spent a pleasant three days' outing during the past month among the isles of the Georgian Bay. The mayor is Mr. C. Beck, the well-known lumberman, who did not spare himself either in his official or private capacity to make things enjoyable for his visitors. They were shown through the two large mills owned by Mr. Beck, and which are fitted up with every equipment for the carrying on of a large trade. One hundred and fifty men are employed in the mills besides a large number in the camps, tugs and docks of the company. A visit was also made to the beautiful residence of Mr. Beck, where the party were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Beck and daughters.