

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—The Toronto wholesale lumber trade is reported good.

—On an average one hundred million feet of lumber is consumed in building operations in Toronto yearly.

—About 60,000 logs will be stuck in the Gatineau this winter, some of which belong to Mr. Jas. McLaren.

—A lad engaged in McClymont's saw mill at New Edinburgh, had his hand cut off recently while running a saw.

—News from the Gatineau lumber district states that the lumber drive has arrived at the mouth of the Gatineau river.

—Messrs. Jull & Stearns, not having succeeded in making money by their planing mill at Port Rowan, have assigned.

—William Latch, wholesale lumber merchant, Toronto, has assigned. The cause is principally attributed to business neglect.

—Considerable activity prevails around the docks at Parry Sound these days. Lumber is the staple article, and is being shipped freely.

—Mr. J. R. Booth has placed some new shingle machines in his Ottawa mill, which enables him to turn out pine as well as cedar shingles.

—Mr. Brennan of the Ontario Lumber Co., caught two young moose on the French River. He will keep them for a driving team.

—A large number of men are leaving Ottawa and vicinity for Michigan to work in the bush and mills for the lumbermen throughout that State.

—Mr. Hall, an Ottawa lumberman, thinks that no better class of logs can be got out anywhere than on the Whanapitac and around that district.

—Mr. John T. Brown the well known farmer and lumberman, formerly of the township of Ramsay, died at Burlington, Ont., during the past month.

—The shingle mill owned and run by Mr. George Cummins, on the 7th con. of Beverly township, was recently destroyed by fire, nothing being saved.

—The *Minden Echo* says that the last of Strickland's logs have already passed through that place, and that Mr. Irwin's drive will pass sometime in July.

—McArthur Brothers, of Cheloygan, Mich. and Toronto, will ship about 6,000,000 feet of lumber and board pine from the Georgian Bay district this season.

George Taylor aged 22, while fixing machinery in a mill near Port Elgin, was struck by a saw which cut off the top of his head and threw him into the river.

—McArthur Bros. have about 6,000,000 feet of lumber and board pine in the Georgian Bay district, which will be shipped on their own boats to lower lake points.

—A washout occurred on the mill-race at Whitevale lately, destroying the pipes leading to the water-wheel in the saw mill, and taking the embankment around it.

—Mr. W. F. Whitney, of Bay City, Mich., intends rafting about 10,000,000 feet of logs from the Georgian Bay district this season to be manufactured into lumber across the border.

—This year's drive of sawlogs on the Ottawa is now down and the lumbermen are sawing on last winter's cut. The quality of the new logs is pretty much the same as other years.

—A young man named John Hunt, of Mt. St. Patrick, had his hand crushed between a block of wood and a rapidly revolving saw in Carswell, Thistle & Mackay's mill at Calabogie.

—Messrs. Bronson & Weston, Ottawa, have put a new steamer, the *Transfer*, on duty to facilitate the passage of lumber from the mills to the piling ground on the canal banks.

—Messrs. Taylor & Mount, of Whitevale, propose to remove their saw mill to the site of the old grist mill, and to use the second storey as a brush factory, running both by water power.

—Mr. Thos. Jennings has purchased from Messrs. Falconer & Hamilton the new planing mill and furniture factory lately belonging to the estate of Messrs. Irwin Bros., at Shelburne.

—Mr. A. C. Dallas has leased the premises owned by the Pike & Richardson Cooperage Co., near Chatham, and will continue there the manufacture of patent coiled hoops, staves, heading and liner hoops.

—Messrs. Perley & Pattee, of Ottawa, have a large number of men engaged in putting down a trestle foundation for the new lath mill which is being erected in the place of the one recently destroyed by fire.

—The boiler of a portable saw mill engine which was at work near the old Crawford mill, about three miles north-west of Culloden, burst recently, killing the two men (father and son) who were operating it.

—The Canada Lumber Company, lately incorporated, will operate principally at Buckingham, Ontario. It is understood that the capital stock will be \$500,000, which will cover the lumber business, stock-raising and merchandizing.

—The tug "Gladiator" recently brought in a tow of logs for Mr. Miscampbell's mill at Midland, sufficient to make two and a half millions of lumber. Owing to this mill making a late start it will run day and night during the balance of the season.

—The lumbering firm of Francis Bros. & Co., Pembroke, have purchased from Messrs. Reopelle & McGuire a timber limit on White Fish Lake in the Indian Reserve, Algoma District. The price paid was somewhere in the neighborhood of \$55,000.

—Reports from the Parry Sound district go to show that the drives of the different lumber companies are going down the rivers in fairly good shape; most of them are now safe and but few logs will be "hung up" this year, notwithstanding low water.

—Ald. Bingham, who has charge of the log drive on the Gatineau river, states that he has 60,000 logs high and dry on the banks of the river at different points, as a result of the river subsiding. He will use horses to have them rolled into the stream.

—McLean Bros., of French River, propose manufacturing about 4,000,000 feet of lumber this year. Next fall they intend erecting a large gang and band mill at the same point. They are also doing a large amount of rafting and towing for the Oscoda Lumber Co., this year.

—A company with a capital of \$25,000 is being founded at Brantford for the manufacture of patent asphalt paving blocks, tiling, roofing, and materials of a like nature. The promoters are S. J. Aiken, D. J. Conger, R. Holmes, and Wm. Smith Burton, of Boston, Mass.

—The Rat Portage council has decided to sell the property of the insolvent Rainy Lake Lumber Co., located at that place, for taxes. The property consists of a saw mill, logs, etc. It is understood the liquidators have refused to pay the taxes, which now amount to a total of \$2,526.47, accrued during the past three years.

—Messrs. McKinnon & Walsh have purchased the limits and mill of Charles Anderson, at Little Current. The price paid was in the neighborhood of \$112,000. Mr. McKinnon is from Philadelphia, and Mr. Walsh is an old resident of Toronto. Both gentlemen are well up in the business and are well and favorably known throughout Canada.

—The quantity of material in the shape of lumber, iron, etc., consumed at the Canadian Pacific railway Perth carshops during the past six months has been very large, owing to the erection of box cars, of which three and four per day are being built. At present there are about fifty cars loaded with shop material, principally lumber, at the station.

—The *Bobcaygeon Independent* says:—The water in the lakes has kept up well, and the navigation is excellent. It has been an exceptionally good year for the drives of logs coming down. The dams put up by the Provincial Government in the back country work admirably, and the high level of the water will probably be maintained during the season.

—Lumbering operations have not had all their hindrances during the late severe winter. Rafts passing through minor streams find the supply of water extremely short. McLaren on Black Creek, has been compelled to abandon 8,000 of his logs, one-fourth of his entire raft. He brought the whole to within four miles of Lake Dore, but could only get 24,000 through.

—McLaren's drive of Black Creek, inlet of Lake Dore, has, in part entered Snake River. It was found necessary to leave a quarter of the drive, 8,000 logs, up the creek, four miles from its mouth. Low water is seriously interfering with the forwarding of timber on all the smaller streams. A small drive belonging to Johnston Bros., of Ottawa, is now passing through the slide at Caumet.

—In Montreal an active business is being done in lumber, owing to the extensive building operations which are now being conducted. There are no changes to note in prices although the mills have made an advance in some descriptions. The present briskness has every appearance of continuing. Shipments in bulk have so far been in very limited compass; but the trade of the season is not expected to manifest any diminution, if, indeed, it does not show an advance.

—A Detroit dealer gave his views on the future lumber business of his model city recently as follows: "Michigan pine is growing very scarce and in five years we will have to draw from Canada. Detroit is accessible to Georgian Bay and other large timber tracts. All the waste of a saw mill can be utilized in a city like this and the good lumber easily distributed. We will have big mills on the river in a few years." The same might be said of the Lake cities.

—The C. P. R. have got all Messrs. Timmins & Gorman's Whanapitac square timber conveyed to Pineauville where it is now being rafted up to be taken to the Quebec market. Mr. Thomas Hall, who has charge of taking the timber from Pineauville to Quebec, in speaking of the lumber business of the Nipissing district, said that nearly all the logs got out in that district will be got safely to the mills. Out of the whole season's cut only about 20,000 will be stuck in South River.

As five of Gilmour & Co.'s men were proceeding down the river below Ramney's Falls, near Trenton, a few days ago, their boat struck a swell and upset, and they were thrown into the water. Three of their number were carried down the river about half a mile, and reached the shore. The remaining two grabbed the boat when it went over and clung to it, and landed safely on Meyer Island, about one mile and a half distant.

—Whilst a youth named Edward Henry was removing some saw-dust from a place near the belt which drove the shingle machine of Messrs. Bernes's saw mill at Thompsonville, a short time ago, he was caught by the belt and his leg broken and torn from his body. His brother found him shortly after in a state of sensibility and able to speak to him. Doctors Armstrong and Cheffey removed the broken part of the thigh-bone from the socket, and shortly after death put an end to his sufferings.

—Thos. W. Hotchkiss, U.S. Consul, at Ottawa, Ont., reports that the supply of oak timber in Canada is practically exhausted and that for some time past special lots of oak lumber have been obtained from the United States for Canadian uses. Oak is scheduled in the Canadian tariff among "free goods" but a recent customs decision is to the effect that all oak sawn to a special size, or for any special use is—dutiable. Practically, there is a duty of 25 per cent. on oak lumber going into Canada.

—The old Toronto wholesale lumber firm of McCool, Boyle & Wilson has been dissolved, and in its stead a new firm under the name of McCraney & McCool will conduct the business in the future. Mr. McCraney hails from Oakville, and is a thoroughly experienced and well known lumberman. Mr. McCool has been engaged in the business since his boyhood, and evidently what he does not know about lumber is hardly worth finding out. THE LUMBERMAN bespeaks for the new firm a liberal support.

—The Canadian Pacific Railroad Company carried out of Ottawa last year 75,000,000 feet of lumber and the Canadian Atlantic Railroad Company about a similar amount, making the amount carried out of the Ottawa by rail last year about 150,000,000 feet out of a total cut of somewhat over 350,000,000 feet. Two-thirds of this amount shipped by rail went to the United States. The C.P.R. have secured several large contracts for carrying lumber from Ottawa to points in the United States this season.

—Various tales come back from the Georgian Bay country to the effect that Lawton Bros. are cutting some pretty slick pine from their Blind river holdings. The old concern of Lawton Bros., of Toledo, the senior member of which died last fall, has been reorganized under the same name and will be continued by J. R. and S. H. Lawton. The former is now over at the Canadian mill, arranging for forwarding the output to the Toledo yards. J. R. says: "You just wait, and I'll show you some cord pine that didn't grow on the Cass river." —*Chicago Timberman.*

—The following members called upon Sir John Macdonald recently to impress upon the Government the desirability of placing a duty upon Blm logs:—Messrs. Moncreiff, Brown, McKay, Roome, Sproule, Ferguson (Welland), Porter, Cockburn, Wright, Perley, Ward, White (Renfrew), Gordon, Bergin, Coughlin, Stevenson and Guillet. The case was presented by Mr. Adam Brown, and several members of the deputation spoke in support of the duty. The Premier promised to consider the matter.

—The late rains has proved of wonderful service in getting out the square timber and logs on the different streams. It was feared that Charette's drive of Perley & Pattee's on the Black River would be stuck, and the recent heavy rains have so raised the water that all fears have been dissipated. This drive is an extensive one of fully 10,000 logs. Alexander Fraser's 40,000 saw logs drive on the Schyan is coming down nicely, the recent rains swelling the stream to considerable dimensions. Fears were at one time entertained that these logs would be stuck owing to the water falling so fast. R. & J. White's two rafts of timber got out on Moose Creek near the head of Big Lake is coming down in good style in charge of Mr. Lalonde. This timber is of the make of 1885-6. Reports heard from all points say very little, if any, of the cut of this year will be left behind, which fact is attributed to the recent copious rains, which have boomed the creeks and swelled the rivers.