

## Chips.

OLIVER LATOUE's raft of 90 cribs is on its way down the river from Lake Temiscamingue.

The water in the Upper Ottawa is beginning to fall, having attained its highest level.

PARRY SOUND is to have regular steam communication with Penetanguishene and Midland.

THE Ottawa Free Press of the 26th ult., says: Several sales of sawn lumber have recently been made at an advance in price.

A RAFT of timber belonging to Oliver Lattimer, taken out on the Mattawa, has passed Pembroke on its way down.

BELL & HICKY have finished the rafting of their timber on Lake Temiscamingue and started the same.

CART. YOUNG's saw log drive has been got out in good shape and has been started from Lake Temiscamingue.

BAIKET & MACKAY's logs, taken out on Muskrat River, are now being run into the Ottawa, at Pembroke.

THE British Canadian Lumbering Co. are preparing to light their mills and yards in Midland with electric light.

TRAINS on the Canada Central Railway are expected to be running to the Mattawa by the end of July next.

THE first drive of logs down the Napanee river is over the falls and been towed to Deseronto. The drive consisted of 90,000 logs.

MESSRS. SCOTT & WAGAN's planing mill and sash factory at Napanee, was destroyed by fire on the 8th of May. Loss, \$1,200; insurance, \$1,000.

THE log drive on the Upper Ottawa will soon be through. The logs have been got out in partly good form, not such a great quantity being still in the creeks.

THE barque *Vibilia*, which has just brought a cargo of sugar from the West Indies to Montreal, has been chartered to take a load of lumber to the River Plate.

THE *North Star* says: The total quantity of timber cut for the Stewart firm this season, in all parts of the Province of New Brunswick, is about 100,000,000 feet.

A COMPANY is about to be organized to utilize the sawdust produced by the different saw mills throughout the Province of Nova Scotia, by turning it into pulp, out of which paper is to be manufactured. The headquarters of the company will be at Bridgewater.

THE tides at Quebec have been very high of late, flowing some of the wharves in the city and the villages on the banks of the St. Charles. It is feared the logs on the Chaudiere, numbering some 40,000, are in danger. Should the tides give way great loss will result.

OF the 6,300,000 acres to be opened up by the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway Company, 3,000,000 acres are under license or permit to cut timber, and about 180,000 acres are cleared, leaving over 3,000,000 acres of land said to be well covered with spruce, tamarac, white pine, cypress, white and black birch and cedar at the disposal of either the Provincial Government or private parties. The Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands for Quebec in the letter from which the foregoing figures are taken, says that "that portion of these lands where settlements cannot be established, is judiciously managed they will prove an everlasting source of revenue as it is well established in Canada that the tracts of lands covered with spruce, fit for saw logs, can be cut over every thirty or forty years."

MR. ADAM HALL's wrought iron shanty stoves are rapidly winning their way into the public favour. Nearly every shanty and drive in this locality is now supplied with them and they always give the very best of satisfaction, as attested by the large number of flattering testimonials, voluntarily given, that have been received by the maker. It is not in this district alone that the stoves are known and appreciated, for on Wednesday last Mr. Hall shipped one to Winnipeg, Manitoba, and has about closed a contract for sixty more, all to be shipped to the same place, for use on the Canada Pacific Railway. He also shipped one on Friday to Penetanguishene, where several of them are already in use.

## VENERATION FOR TREES.

There is an old tradition that Abraham planted a cypress, a pine, and a cedar, and that these three were incorporated into one tree, which was cut down for the building of the Temple of Solomon. Isidorus, who lived in the reign of Constantius, assures us that he saw, even in his time, that famous oak in the plains of Mamro under which Abraham is reported to have dwelt, and adds that the people looked upon it with a great veneration, and preserved it as a sacred tree. The heathens went still further, and regarded it as the highest piece of sacrifice to injure certain trees which they took to be protected by some city. The story of Erisichon, the grove at Dondona, and that at Delphi, are all instances of this kind.

If we consider the invention in Virgil, so much blamed by several critics in this light, we shall hardly think it too violent. Aeneas, when he built his fleet in order to sail for Italy, was obliged to cut down the grove on Mount Ida, which, however, he durst not do until he had obtained leave from Cybele, to whom it was dedicated.

The goddess could not but think herself obliged to protect these ships, which were made of consecrated timber, after a very extraordinary manner, and therefore asked of Jupiter that they might not be obnoxious to the power of waves or winds.

Jupiter would not grant this, but promised that as many as came safe to Italy should be transformed into goddesses of the sea; which, the poet tells us, was accordingly accomplished. The common opinion concerning the nymphs, whom the ancients called Hamadryads, is more to the honour of trees than anything yet mentioned. It was thought the fate of these nymphs had so near a dependence on some trees, more especially oaks, that they lived and died together.

For this reason they were extremely grateful to persons who preserved those trees.

Apollonius tells up a very remarkable story to this purpose:—

"A certain man called Rhæcus, observing an old oak ready to fall, and being moved with a sort of compassion towards the tree, ordered his servants to pour in fresh earth at the roots of it, and set it upright. The Hamadryad, or nymph, who must necessarily have perished with the tree, appeared to him the next day, and after having returned him her thanks, told him she was ready to grant whatever he should ask.

"As she was extremely beautiful, Rhæcus asked that he might be entertained as her lover.

"The Hamadryad, not much displeased with the request, promised to give him a meeting, but commanded him for some days to abstain from the witcheries of other and mortal maidens, adding that she would send a bee to let him know when he was to be happy.

"Rhæcus was, it seems, too much addicted to gaming, and happened to be in a run of ill-luck, when the faithful bee came buzzing about him, so that instead of minding his kind invitation, he had liked to have killed him for his pains.

"The Hamadryad was so provoked at her own disappointment, and the ill-usage of her messenger, that she deprived Rhæcus of the use of his limbs. However, says the story, he was not so much a cripple as to be unable to cut down the tree, and consequently fell his mistress."

## TIMBER NEWS.

During the week ending 21st of May, the undermentioned timber passed through the Madawaska slides:—

	Cribs.	Pieces.
One raft belonging to Wm. Mackey...	35	2,336
One raft belonging to W. C. Croft.....	82	886
	120	3,222

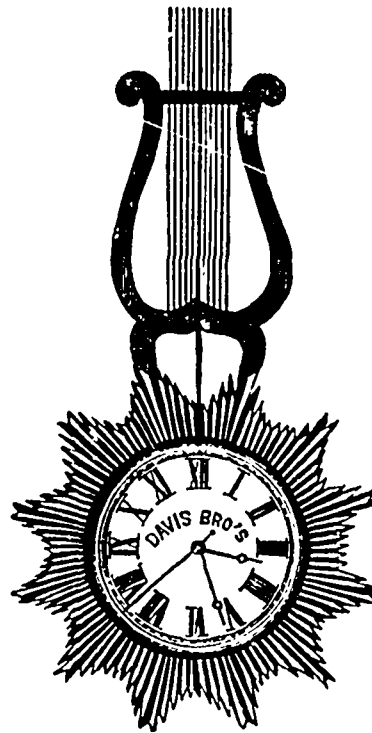
## THROUGH CHATS SLIDES.

	Cribs.
Two rafts belonging to A. & P. White.	206
One raft belonging to R. H. Klock....	74
One raft belonging to Wm. Mackie....	85
One raft belonging to John Fraser.....	112
One raft belonging to Thistle, Carswell, & Co.....	143
	620

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