

## QUEBEC.

Bedard Godfroi, lumber dealer, Montreal, has assigned.  
The mills at Buckingham have closed down for the season.

Mr. Morgan, of Coaticook, is building a mill up Mac's River, for sawing clapboards &c.

G. Bedard, lumber dealer, Montreal, has been served with a demand of assignment. He owes \$2,300.

Thistle & Carswell's raft of square timber, the last one brought down the Ottawa this season, reached Grenville early last month.

It is reported that Messrs. Hurdman & Co., of Hull, have disposed of their square timber at about 7 cents per foot under last year's prices.

The E. B. Eddy Manufacturing Company have sawn 35,000,000 feet this season, and they will probably run until the frost closes them down.

A large number of Hull men have engaged to go lumbering for the firm of McLaren & Edwards up to the Gatineau as also to Sudbury and Magnessippi Lake limits.

The new paper pulp factory of the E. B. Eddy Manufacturing Company, at Hull, is already inadequate to meet the demands. An addition to be built this winter, doubling the capacity of the establishment, is in contemplation.

Messrs. D. H. Henderson and N. Henderson, of Montreal, have taken a seizure on the lumber held by the Ontario Bank as security for advances made to the Henderson Lumber Company and located on premises for which the present plaintiffs claim \$9,627 rent.

In the arrival of ocean tonnage at Quebec this year there is a decline of 5,474 tons in sailing craft and an increase of 28,980 tons of steamship tonnage as compared with 1889. A comparative statement of timber passing through the culler's office shows an increase of 3,538,984 cubic feet to 4,630,791 cubic feet in waney white pine as compared with last year. White pine decreased from 4,068,364 to 3,451,017 feet; red pine from 632,513 to 301,642 feet; oak from 1,160,453 to 1,085,242 feet; elm from 744,902 to 611,452 feet; birch and maple from 365,980 to 186,810 feet.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

Mr. Samuel Dodge, Middleton, has started a sash and door factory, and will saw dimension stuff, staves, etc.

Mr. Claude Hartland has started a factory at Liverpool, for the manufacture of sash, doors, blinds, mouldings, etc.

The Barclay Clements Company, limited, is applying for letters patent for the carrying on throughout the Dominion and elsewhere of a general commission, shipping and brokerage business, chartering and employing steamers, and the purchasing, holding and selling timber lands, etc., etc. The chief place of business will be the town of Yarmouth. The amount of capital stock is \$50,000.

Extensive rains recently caused a serious flood in Cumberland county and did damage to a number of manufacturing establishments. At River Philip, C. A. Thompson & Bros' portable saw mills was carried into the river. John Bent's mill-dam, near Amherst, also burst and 2,000 logs were swept down the stream, breaking Curran Bros' dam, and letting loose 8,000 logs which were carried out to sea.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

C. E. Smith, lumber dealer, Fredericton, has failed.

A North Shore paper notes the fact that four shingle mills have been destroyed by fire on the Restigouche within six months. One above and one at Campbellton, one at River Charlo, and one at Nash's creek.

Extreme dullness still characterizes the lumber market at St. John. The mills are shipping, but not to any great extent, hoping for an improvement in demand and prices.

A Liverpool correspondent notes the fact that Mr. Alexander Gibson has piled on shipper's account on the Hornby storage ground five cargoes, amounting in all to about 4,000 standards, instead of placing them on the market. These deals (spuce) were all shipped from St. John.

The clause in the McKinley bill which imposes a duty on railway ties and telegraph poles will interfere to some extent with an important industry in one section of this province. Kent county, for example, has been shipping large lots of ties by schooner from the port of Moncton during several years.

Already the operators are getting their crews into the woods for the winter's work. The favorable conditions of last winter enabled the lumbermen to get out not only the whole of the season's cut but any that had been hung up in the previous year, thus making an unusually large amount available. Considering the condition of the foreign markets, it would be well if the lumbermen would avoid an overproduction.

Fredericton *Gleaner*. It is estimated that the number of logs to be wintered after the closing down of the mills on the St. John river this year will run up to 75,000,000 feet. The percentage of the cut wintered on the Miramichi and Restigouche will not be so large, but it is large enough to warrant, with the declining price in lumber, a great curtailment in the operations this winter. On the Restigouche, there will not be more than six millions got out. On the Miramichi the cut will probably not be more than half of last year, and on the St. John probably little more than one-third. Where thousands of men were at work in the woods of this province this time last year there are not two hundred at work to-day. Mr. David Richards starts for the Restigouche with twelve men to-morrow. Mr. Welch has gone to the Miramichi, and Messrs. McIntosh & Kilburn, David Kessick and Robt. Connors, of the St. John, have all small crews now at work.

## MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST

Mr. Vogel, a timber land explorer, reports that in north-western Manitoba he found a "limit" in which 150,000,000 feet of white spruce had been killed by fire last season. Most of the bark and branches, besides a foot of the moss and vegetable deposits upon the ground, were burned.

W. J. Mather has opened a lumber yard at Neepawa.

It is estimated that upwards of seven million feet of lumber have been shipped from Lake Winnipeg mills this season.

This season's cut at the Lake Winnipeg Transportation Company's mill, at the Bad Throat river, Lake Winnipeg, up to date, has been 1,400,000 feet.

Selkirk lumber dealers complain of the scarcity of cars for lumber purposes.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Genelle Bros. offer their saw mill near Sproat for sale.

John Valentine has secured a timber limit on Greeley creek, about six miles up the Illecillewaet, and will establish a shingle mill, for which the water of the creek will be utilized as the motive power.

Several large transfers of timber licenses in British Columbia are reported. The purchasers are the Branch Lumber Company, of New Westminster, and the Ross-McLaren Company. The bonuses paid range from \$750 to \$3,000 per square mile.

The Columbia River Company are operating two saw mills at Beaver, near Donald. There is considerable valuable timber in that region.

The Davies-Sayward saw mill at Pilot Bay, on the east side Kootenay Lake, is now near completion. The mill owners have called for tenders for delivering 500,000 feet of logs at the mill this year and 3,000,000 feet next year.

A new shingle mill is in course of erection at Westminster for Elmer Ward, a young man from Fredericton, New Brunswick. The capacity of the new mill will be about 30,000 shingles per day.

A refuse burner is being erected by the Royal City Planing Mills Co., at its mills on False Creek, Vancouver, for the purpose of burning up the refuse, instead of dumping it in the creek.

The new saw mill being erected on Burrard Inlet, near Port Moody, will be a very large establishment. The main building will be 300 feet and its height two stories. The capacity of the mill will be 100,000 feet per day, besides shingles and laths. A mammoth new burner to consume the refuse will also be erected, 22 feet in diameter and 120 feet high, with double iron casing and many new improvements. The mill will be driven by two large engines, 600 horse power, and six boilers. The company own some 120 acres of land at the mill, besides large timber limits in different parts of the province; and from the mill lumber can be shipped by rail and vessel to any part of the world. Next spring a large dock will be built, 100 feet wide and 3,000 feet long, the whole length of the mill on the north where the largest ship can load. It is expected that the mill will be completed and running early next summer. Mr. James B. McLaren, formerly of Ottawa, is the business manager and part owner.

## AMERICAN.

The St. Louis Lumber Exchange is considering the advisability of admitting consumers to membership.

The Morse Manufacturing Company, of Alpena, Mich., will bank 6,000,000 logs on Canada Creek and Thunder Bay river this winter.

J. C. Forsythe, secretary and treasurer of the Normandale Lumber Company, Normandale, Ga., was shot and killed at that place by an unknown assassin, Oct. 7th.

Lumber receipts at Tonawanda, N. Y., for September were considerably in excess of the same month last year, the total being 98,302,000 feet, and 7,100,000 shingles.

During the past five years fifteen saw mills have been burned on the Saginaw river, having an aggregate annual cutting capacity of about 250,000,000 feet, and three new mills have been constructed in the same time having a capacity of about 60,000,000 feet.

A very large transfer of Pennsylvania timber lands was recently consummated at Olean, N. Y., it being the purchase of 18,000 acres of land in Elk County, Pa., by S. S. Bullis, of Olean, the price paid being \$360,000. The land is heavily timbered with hemlock and valuable hardwoods. It is said to be the largest and most valuable block of timber stumpage remaining untouched in the Pennsylvania hemlock belt.

The bridge being built across the Columbia river at Vancouver, Wash., by the Union Pacific, will consume for its false works about 5,000,000 feet of lumber. Of this amount 500,000 has been delivered. The bridge will cost over \$1,000,000 and will be built of steel. It will be the finest one on the Pacific coast.

The adjustment of the affairs of E. B. Holmes & Co., Buffalo, has not yet been accomplished. The creditors are considerably scattered, and their signatures are not easily obtained on that account. The business has meanwhile been resumed.

Since the Canadian Government removed the export duty on logs there has been a revival of trade at Oswego, lumbermen having forwarded orders for more lumber.

Nearly 300,000,000 feet of lumber have been cut in the Duluth, Minn., district this season which has now closed. The exact figures are not far from 289,500,000, which compare very favorably with the cut of 1889, which was 250,608,000 feet, or with that of 1888, which was 263,330,000 feet.

Large lots of timber are being cut in and about Triadelphia, Morgan county, O., and shipped via Wheeling, W. Va., for England. The timber is nearly all oak, to be used in the government ship yards at Liverpool. It is very carefully inspected and brings a good price at the mill.

R. G. Peters, of Manistee, Mich., one of the lumber barons of the state, and who was interested in many big enterprises, has made an assignment to Mr. A. M. Henry, of Detroit. The failure involves millions of dollars worth of property and will be far-reaching in its effects.

Minnesota lumbermen are figuring on the cut of the season preparatory to closing down. The cut this year will exceed that of last year by several million feet. The estimate places it at not less than 325,000,000 feet and not more than 350,000,000. The season as a whole has been prosperous, the demand for lumber being good and the price profitable. The lumbermen generally are not arranging to cut as many logs next winter as they did last, but do not mean that there will be any less lumber cut next year. On the contrary, some of the lumbermen think that next season will be the banner sawing year and that the product will reach 400,000,000 feet. There are now more logs in the Mississippi River than ever before.

The failure of the Empire Lumber Company, Chattanooga, Tenn., has caused a great deal of surprise. Failure to pay notes for lumber to the amount of \$200,000 precipitated the trouble. Lack of logs on account of low water, money stringency, two accidents to the engine at Empire and the failure of the Indianapolis Car Manufacturing Company to extend paper are the reasons assigned for the embarrassment. The company owns two plants. One is located at Empire, Ga., at the junction of the Empire & Dublin railroad and the Georgia division of the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia railroad. The other mill is at Seddon, Ala., on the Georgia Pacific railway, 38 miles east of Birmingham and 28 miles west of Atlanta, near where the road crosses the Coosa river. The two mills had a capacity of 165,000 feet; planing mill, 95,000; shingle mill, 75,000; dry kiln, 70,000. The two mills and timber land are estimated to have cost about \$600,000.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact mentioned in another column that Mr. E. W. Rathbun has gone to England to effect a sale of his extensive timber limits, mills, &c., one of the biggest deals in lumber mills and timber limits ever made in Canada will be shortly consummated between E. W. Rathbun & Co., of Deseronto, and David & Allan Gilmour, of Trenton, Rathbun & Co., have given the Gilmours a check for \$10,000 to hold open until the 1st of January, the bargain made for the option of the purchase of their mills at Trenton, and everything pertaining thereto, and all the timber limits on the Trent river, etc. The deal represents about a million and a quarter dollars. The capacity of the mills is seven thousand logs daily.