

Chips.

It is estimated that the output of saw logs in the Ottawa valley this year will amount to considerably over 500,000,000.

THERE are 250,000 trees in full foliage along the 160 miles of avenues and streets in Washington.

S. C. BRYANT, of Tawas City, lately sold eastern parties 1,000,000 feet of lumber and from Au Sable 600,000 feet. The terms of both sales were private.

LUMBERING on the Saginaw Bay and Northwestern railway will be continued all summer three or four parties. The amount of logs handled over the road this year will reach nearly 100,000,000 feet.

THE saw mill and shingle factory of Joseph Leech, at Blarvale, Canada, was entirely destroyed by fire on the morning of June 21. Loss \$2,500; no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

ALEXANDER GIBSON, the New Brunswick "Lumber King," cut 34,000,000 feet of logs on the river Nashua in addition to 90,000,000 being got out on the St. John River and its branches by other operators.

THE Winnipeg Lumber Company have now 13,000,000 feet of logs at Crookston, Minn., which they propose to float down the Red Lake River and Red River to Winnipeg. They are mostly white pine logs of the best quality.

A VERY large quantity of fine black ash timber was recently loaded on pine rafts and shipped from Quebec to England. This timber is fast rising in favor in that country for furniture and upholstery on account of its strong and beautiful grain.

THE Scottish Canadian Lumber Company's logs which were offered for sale by the receiver of the company a short time ago were purchased by E. B. Eddy. The total number of pieces was 140,000. They will be cut up at Skead mills, New Ottawa, this season, for the New York market.

BUILDINGS to involve a total cost of \$652,000 are under way, at Winnipeg, Man. Among them is a post-office to cost \$100,000; a city hall, \$100,000; the Manitoba Loan Company's buildings, \$75,000, and a tenement flat building, erected by the Manitoba Investment Company, to cost \$80,000.

J. CUMMER & SONS are building a logging railroad from their mill at Cadillac, Mich., to Muskrat lake. They recently purchased a Shay locomotive for use on this road. It is of a new design, the boiler being upright, the flues lying horizontally. It is thought to possess great advantage over the horizontal boiler for heavy grade work.

It is stated by a railway journal that a company three years ago bought 6,000,000 feet of black walnut on the stump, near Waynesville, N. C., for \$3 a tree. The extension of the Western North Carolina railway will enable the purchasers to market the walnut during the present season at the rate of \$150 a tree. That deal was better than one on the stock board.

THE Chippewa Lumber Company keeps an armed force of men at the dam they have built across the Chippewa river. They are having trouble about their dam, and the fish other than government planted in the lake are dying on account of this dam. They also kept a force of men on Friday night watching their lumber yards and mills for fear some one would set fire to them. They receive no sympathy.

THE finest floors are said to be seen in Russia. For those of the highest grade tropical woods are exclusively employed. Fir and pine are never used, as in consequence of their sticky character they attract and retain dust and dirt, and thereby soon become blackened. Pitch pine, too, is liable to shrink, even after being well seasoned. The mosaic wood floors in Russia are often of extraordinary beauty. One in the Summer Palace is of small squares of ebony inlaid with mother-of-pearl. A considerable trade is done in Danzig and Riga by exporting small blocks of oak for parquet floors. There is an active demand for these abroad, but none in England.

LUMBER NOTES.

An Ottawa despatch says: The logs on the upper Gatineau drive are pretty well into the Desert. Mr. Brigham, who is superintending it, is making good progress with the work.

An immense number of lumber trains passed down from Pembroke during the week, containing on average about 19 cars.

The water in the Coulonge this season is remarkably low and has considerably upset the calculations of the lumbermen. A large quantity of timber is stuck at "Ragged Shute," and may be said to be practically stuck for the season. The greater portion of it is owned by Mr. R. W. Thistle.

A considerable quantity of logs are stuck on the Black River drive, and it is doubtful if they can be got out.

The Messrs. McLachlin have got their Bonnechere drive into Round Lake, and cleaned out the Madawaska Creek last week.

All the Madawaska River drive went over the Palmer Rapids last week with the exception of the York branch where there is still a considerable quantity. It is doubtful if Messrs. Bronson's logs will be got through this season, as the stream is very low.

It is reported that Martin Russell's limits on the Bonnechere have been sold to Messrs. Patten & Perley for the sum of \$60,000.

Mr. W. D. McAllister's raft, taken out on Indian River, and which reached New Edinburgh last week, has made the fastest trip on record. It was taken from Pembroke to New Edinburgh in two weeks by 42 men and the pilot Mr. Baptiste Tossier. The timber, which is of first-class quality, was purchased by Mr. McLaren, and will be manufactured at his New Edinburgh mills. The raft contained 227 cribs.

Reports from Quebec speak of the timber trade as very languid, and when the vessels now in port have cleared a still duller season is expected. One raft of white pine, which 29 cents was offered in 1882 and refused, was sold last week for 22½ cents. Another raft of white pine, two-thirds square and one-third waney, about 18½ inch, for sold for 23 cents.

Cheap Timber Lands.

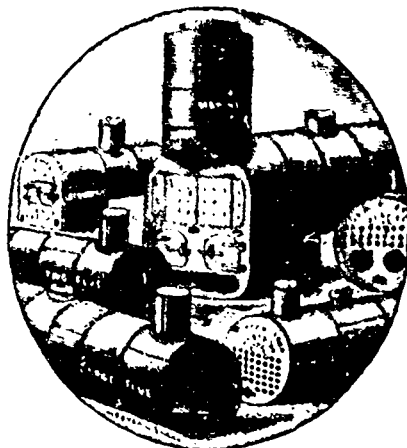
The St. Ignace Republican lately remarked thus: "Hon. C. F. Moore, of St. Claire, a prominent Saginaw lumberman, and owner of many thousand acres of pine and hardwood land in Mackinac and Chippewa counties, visited this office, Thursday, on his way home from Sault Ste. Marie, where he had been bidding for certain lands at the annual tax sales. Both from him and Supervisor Kaye, of Nowberry (also in the city on Thursday), we learn that many a forty went for ten cents, the value or worthlessness of the parcel failing to disturb the ruling price. To instance: The Hill lands, delinquent for two or three years, on which the aggregate taxes amounted to a very large sum were, most of them bid in at a ridiculously low figure by Hill's agent. In short, the bidders were a harmonious lot, none poaching on another's intended preserves."

For the past two or three weeks fires have been raging in the timber at Turtle Mountain, Manitoba, and has worked its way south into Dakota. The damage is extensive and can hardly be calculated. There is considerable annoyance felt on the part of the settlers at the action of the government in prohibiting the removal of fallen timber, as had it been removed the fire would have been checked and prevented from spreading. Fires are also raging near the Eagle Hills, and have destroyed considerable property.

THE Vermont forestry commission has issued a circular asking the earnest co-operation of all practical men in the different sections of the state, to furnish full information as to the decrease of forest acreage, the amount of wood used for fuel and exported, the manufacture of lumber, the injuries inflicted by forest fires, the diseases affecting forest trees, the effect of the removal of the wood upon streams, springs and ponds, and similar information, which when fully compiled, will be of much interest to the public.

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