

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—Ottawa river is now at its nominal height.
 —The saw mills at Burk's Falls are busy cutting.
 —Trenton notes their first drive of logs last week.
 —McMillan's saw mill at Morris, is running full blast.
 —What about the news of your district? Send it along.
 —Messrs. Elliott & Co., builders, Toronto, have assigned.
 —Business is rushing at Donaldson and Perdue's at Bayfield.
 —The planing mill of Mr. Eaton of Orillia is being enlarged.
 —Robert Sampson's mill at Pt. Alma has started for the season.
 —Wages in the lumber industries of the Ottawa have been reduced.
 —Deals for England are being shipped by Mr. J. R. Booth of Ottawa.
 —The E. B. Eddy Co. are converting their saw mill into a paper mill.
 —A saw mill is being erected at Otterville by Messrs. Kay and Smiley.
 —Potter's saw mill at Little Current is being run to its fullest capacity.
 —A drive of 40,000 logs of the Rathbun Co. passed through Yarker a week since.
 —A large quantity of valuable lumber is being cut this season at Sturgeon Bay.
 —The Rathbun Company have purchased 200 carloads of timber at the Mississippi.
 —Every lumber firm on the Ottawa, it is said, will work limits next fall and winter.
 —Mr. Jayner, of Sturgeon Bay, has been perfecting the machinery of shingle mill.
 —The saw mill of Mickle and Dyment at Bradford gives employment to about 50 men.
 —Pierce & Co's mill on the Ottawa, which is at present idle, is to be sold next month.
 —Active preparations are being made for the building of a saw mill at Saltford, Huron Co.
 —The Buel, Hurdman & Co. mills at Ottawa will run day and night during the season.
 —W. B. Fotheringham, saw mill man, at Rainy River, Ont., has assigned to Campbell & May.
 —The big saw mill at Bradford commenced operations on 2nd ult., and will run about four months.
 —The steamer "Rush" is loading lumber at Ottawa for the Bronson & Weston Lumber Co. at Rockcliffe.
 —The Parry Sound Lumber Co's shingle mill is running day and night to meet the demand for shingles.
 —Logs in large quantities are being shipped by Messrs. Broxton and O'Connor to the Chatham Mfg. Co.
 —The tail of the first drive of saw logs down the Moira passed through the boom at Belleville on 17th ult.
 —The S. S. Africa and her tow cleared Collingwood last week with about a million feet of lumber for Tonawanda, N. Y.
 —Mr. E. B. Eddy has erected a new black-smith shop next to Hurdman's mill, Ottawa, the dimensions being about 30x40 feet.
 —Rivermen from up the Gatineau report that the log drive on the Blanche, which is making its way down, will be an unusually large one.
 —Long trains laden with logs come into Deseronto every night over the K. N. & W. Ry from the Mississippi River via Harrowsmith
 —Earncliffe, Ottawa, the late home of Sir John A. Macdonald, was formerly the property of Mr. Jas. McLaren the well-known Ottawa lumberman.
 —Both Booths and Hurdman's piling grounds on the Hull side of the Ottawa present a deserted appearance, most of the lumber having been disposed of.
 —The new card board factory of the E. B. Eddy Co., Ottawa, started operations on the 20th ult. The card board is made entirely from spruce pulp.
 —The Export Lumber Co. have built a track from the Chaudiere branch of the C. A. R. on the line between their piling grounds and those of J. R. Booth.
 —The Capital planing mill company's new factory at Stewarton, near Ottawa, is now running and a large amount of planed lumber is being turned out daily.

—The Red mill stock of lumber at Little Current, also Meers. J. T. Conlon's cut for this year, has been purchased by Mr. W. H. Bellinger of Tonawanda, N. Y.

—Messrs. Mitchel Bros. of Owen Sound and Lucknow are doing a large export trade in hardwood, principally maple, to England. Their mill is running day and night.

—Fishery Inspector Ramsay has caused Messrs. Gall, Anderson & Co. and Knight Bros. of Burk's Falls, to be fined \$10 each for allowing saw dust to get into the river.

—A fine class of logs is reported as coming down the Severn and which are being converted by Mr Rowland and his men into lumber at the rate of over thirty thousand a day.

—Deals and boards for the Glasgow market are being shipped from J. R. Booth's mill, Ottawa. Already eight barges have left, each carrying over 300,000 feet of lumber.

—The Rathbun Company's mill at Rossmore has been abandoned and is in course of dismantlement. The boilers are out and the order for the removal of the smoke stacks has been issued.

—Only Bronson & Weston's and Perley & Pattee's of all the mills on the Chaudiere are running on full time. An army of workmen walked the streets of the Chaudiere through lack of employment.

—Twenty-five thousand ties for the Grand Trunk Railway and 1,000 cords of wood for the Napanee Cement Works and Deseronto chemical works will be taken out of the Napanee mills this season.

—Bronson and Weston's and Perley and Pattee's mills on the Chaudiere are running with large gangs. J. R. Booth's large mill is not yet running. A dearth of employment for workmen is reported.

—The Rathbun Co's mill at Lindsay, which was thoroughly overhauled this season, and a number of improvements introduced, gives employment to about thirty hands. The season's cut will be a very large one.

—Bently Hurley who presented a false invoice when he entered some lumber at Pt. Lambton and then had the lumber seized by Customs Officer Deming has paid up and taken the lumber. It cost Hurley only \$150.

—Trouble is reported in connection with the timber cut on the Indian reserve at Manitowaning. The department have put on men to scale the lumber over again and Burton Bros. have been forced to move the logs until the scale is completed.

—The first drive of the season passed through Young's Point on 1st ult. The Lakefield Lumber Co., Dickson Co. and the Messrs. Gilmour will each follow along with drives. These are expected to make the sum total of drives for the season.

—The tug Peter Smith passed through Little Current on the evening 15th ult. bound for French River. This is one of the large American tugs which belong to the company which have contracted for the towing of Howry & Co's logs.

—The piling grounds of J. R. Booth, in Rochesterville, are being improved by workmen. On both sides of the Cedar street school the ground is being levelled, and next a steam shovel is to be put in to remove the large hill below the school.

—Messrs. Heath, Tait and Turnbull, of Huntsville, are cutting shingles at the rate of 5,000,000 per month and are likely to make a total cut for the season of at least 30,000,000. The Edison electric light is used in the mill and the firm are sawing shingles day and night.

—The Parkdale Lumber, Manufacturing and Building Company have decided to discontinue as a joint stock company, and, by a recent arrangement, Messrs. Coxhead and Ingham will operate the planing mill and factory, and Mr. James Stewart will take over the lumber business.

—T. H. DeCew, of Essex in company with Mr. Scott, of Portland, Ore., purchased 1,600 acres of fine timber land in Oregon. Mr. DeCew reports it as being the finest timber he ever saw; says he has heard of such trees but never expected to see them. On one acre he counted 26 which would average 10,000 feet of timber each. The average here would be about 1,500 feet. One large tree they estimated would measure 35,000 feet. Any number of them would yield straight logs 300 feet long. Mr. DeCew is thinking of returning this month and buying another section of 640 acres in the same locality as the other.

—June 19th recorded the arrival of the first raft of the season at the foot of Parliament hill, Ottawa after a voyage of seventeen days from Des Jochims. It consisted of some 123 cribs of fine, clear, square timber, belonging to the concern of Thistle, Carswell & Francis, and was taken out last winter on the Petewawa river. The raft was in charge of Francis Paul, the veteran river-man, who in the past forty-six years,

has brought a total of 112 rafts from the Upper Ottawa down to the Quebec market. Not more than a dozen rafts of square timber will be brought down this season, as compared to nearly a hundred last season.

—The case of C. P. R. v. I. R. Lawton and Blind River Lumber Company has been concluded in Court of Appeal, judgment being reserved. The C. P. R. and lumber company had mills some two miles apart, and to avoid the expense of moving logs through Lake Huron an agreement of exchange was arrived at. After exchange had been made both plaintiff and defendant complained of injustice, and Peter C. Campbell, the Crown Timber Inspector for Algoma was called in as an arbitrator. After hearing the evidence Campbell ordered the C. P. R. to pay Lawton \$5,861.71 and costs. The C. P. R. appealed and Judge Falconbridge refused to set aside award, and litigation was the outcome of the C. P. R.'s second appeal against the decision of Judge Falconbridge. The plaintiffs claim that Campbell, being a servant of the Ontario Government, was biased against them, and again that fraud was used to gain the award.

QUEBEC.

—Mr. G. N. Var, of St. John, has changed his property at this point for last, and mills in Lawrenceville.

Ross Bros., of Buckingham, are busy repairing the ravages to their lumber slide caused by the great land slip back of the Presbyterian church lately.

—"One thing that has contributed in some measure to the falling off in business at this port is the fact that no lumber is being sent to South America," said a steamship man to a *Star* reporter at Montreal. "Last year, not a single deal was sent, but this season not a single cargo has gone to the River Plate, and what is more, there is no lumber even on the wharves."

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

—The exports of St. John, for May, were valued at \$485,497 as compared with \$316,492 in May, 1890. About \$293,000 of this consisted of products of the forest.

—The St. John schools have had a voting contest for the most popular native tree and flower. For the tree 4,492 votes were cast, of which the maple received 2,934. The elm was second. For the flower 4,635 votes were cast, the rose getting 2,691. The lily was second.

—The Tracadie river steam saw mill, with 200 acres of land have been sold, to the Bank of Montreal. The mill formerly belonged to the Sweeney estate, but was mortgaged to Messrs. Stewart, and on their failure the mortgage was handed over to the Bank of Montreal. Mr. C. W. Weldon bought the property for the bank at \$7,000.

—Two more rafts of timber, containing 8,000 sticks each, are soon to be started from the St. John river, to New York, by the irrepressible John D. Leary. They are to be made up into a series of short rafts, connected like a train of cars and the work of removal will be begun as soon a freshet occurs in the St. John river. Before reaching navigable water the great rafts will be taken in tow by two powerful ocean tugs and towed to New York.

—The Fredericton Boom Company has about completed an ingenious contrivance to be used for the purpose of expediting the loading of rafts, which ordinarily is a work of much labor, and employs several hands in taking the boom poles, used in bracketing, from the water. This machine is intended to do that work. It was designed and is being built under the supervision of Charles H. McClesky. A frame is placed on a raft bearing a horizontal shaft. On this shaft are two toothed wheels about 12 feet apart. Over each of these wheels passes an endless slot chain, with claws fastened to the links at intervals of two feet. These chains work over pulleys at the end of inclined planes under water. The boom poles are floated to the side of the raft, and come directly over the chains, which as the wheels revolve carry the poles up on the raft. It is a new style of elevator and pretty costly, but will very much lessen the work in labor and expense. All of the booms will be furnished with the machines.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—M. S. Ryan, lumber and mills, Millville, is dead.

—Messrs. Mann & Durham, of Brandon, lay claim to the only covered lumber yard in Manitoba.

—Brandon lumber dealers, a local exchange says, are cutting rates with a vengeance. Foolish fellows.

—Kahl & Deary's drive reached Rainy River a week since. They brought five million feet of logs for the Keewatin Milling Company.

—J. H. Hughes, of Rat Portage, has got his mill running, and says that he will cut and bring to Brandon, 3,000,000 feet of white pine lumber this season.