

OTTAWA LETTER.

(Regular correspondence CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

AN event of the month in lumber circles here has been the sale by public auction on 24th inst. of some 1,300 miles of timber limits, the property of Perley & Pattee. Your jovial citizen, and clever knight of the hammer, Peter Ryan, was master in control. The sale, which took place at the Russell House, was made necessary, as your readers likely know, by the death of the late W. G. Perley. The sale brought together a large representation of lumbermen and capitalists from various parts of the Dominion, and some, though not a numerous contingent, of United States lumbermen. Taken altogether the sale was a success. Particulars are as follows:—

Parcel No. 1, 96 square miles on the Kippewa river, Quebec, was sold to Mr. J. C. Browne, of Ottawa, at \$160 a mile.

Parcel 2, comprising 47 miles on the Kippewa, was sold to Mr. Browne for \$450 a mile.

Parcel No. 7, 235 miles on River Coulonge, was sold to Messrs. Fraser & Bryson for \$890 a mile.

Parcel 8, comprising 104 miles on Lake Temiscamingue, Ont., was bought by Messrs. Bronson, Weston & Co. for \$500 a mile.

No. 3.—37 miles, Bonnechere, sold to W. C. Edwards, \$500 per mile.

No. 4.—100 miles, River Dumoine, sold to Mason & Son, \$100 per mile.

No. 5.—115 miles, Black river, sold to Hon. P. White, \$30 per mile.

No. 6.—200 miles, Black river, sold to W. C. Edwards, at \$170 per mile.

No. 9.—191 miles, Petewawa, sold Hawkesbury Lumber Co., at \$45 per mile.

No. 10.—212 miles, Petewawa, sold Hawkesbury Lumber Co., at \$55 per mile.

Prominent among those who took part in the sale may be named: Messrs. W. C. Edwards, Rockland Ont.; E. Whitney, Minneapolis; James D. Klock, Klock's Mills; W. C. Chadwick, W. C. Cameron, and W. Ross, Rat Portage; James Gillies, Carleton Place; C. McLachlan, Arnprior; John and George Bryson, Fort Coulonge; Peter White, Speaker of the House of Commons; A. Fraser, of Westmeath.

LARGE CONTRACTS FOR LUMBER.

Activity in the lumber trade during the month has been further shown by the closing of a number of large contracts for lumber to be cut by the mills in Ottawa and vicinity during 1894. These were completed by representatives of Quebec and English houses. Among the buyers are Messrs. Sharple & Co., of Quebec, represented by Mr. William Power; Dohel, Beckett & Co., represented by Mr. Evans; Mr. R. M. Cox, of Liverpool; Russell & Co., of Quebec, represented by Mr. Billingsley; and Messrs. E. Harper Wade, of Quebec, and Alex. McArthur, of Toronto. The purchases include the output of deals from the mills of Messrs. J. R. Booth, Gilmour & Co., the Hawkesbury Lumber Company, and Messrs. Buell, Hurdman & Co. The cut of the mills owned by W. C. Edwards & Co. is not yet sold. The value of the sales will aggregate \$2,500,000. It is reported that Messrs. Skilling, Whitneys, and Barnes have purchased the full cut of the McLachlan mills at Arnprior, aggregating about 60,000,000 feet of lumber, the value of which will reach \$900,000. It is stated that at least four millions of dollars' worth of lumber has been sold in Ottawa for export during the past two weeks. Usually, the sales of a season's cut extend over several months, but this year they have all been made within a few days.

INDIFFERENT LENGTHS.

A large gang of millwrights are at work on the annual repairs in connection with Buell, Hurdman & Co.'s two saw-mills. The principal work to be done is around the old mill where the machinery has become more or less worn out with many years service.

A number of teams are at present engaged hauling logs which were carried over the Chaudiere Falls in the heavy floods of last spring back from where they have been piled at Water's ship yards to the gap above the E. B. Eddy company's paper mills. The logs are selling to Buell, Hurdman & Co. and will be sawn by that firm next spring.

A private letter received in Ottawa states that George O'Hara, of this city, who has been four years lumbering in British Columbia, was held up with two gentlemen from Toronto, and robbed of \$2,000, a \$175 gold watch and a diamond ring. O'Hara was on his way to Sydney from Victoria to pay a number of workmen he had in the lumber business.

Various estimates of the winter's cut are made from time to time. The general opinion is that the cut will about equal

that of last season, although the operations of some of the concerns will not be as extensive, as they have a good stock of last winter's logs still on hand. The Rathbun Company will turn out about the same quantity of logs as last year; W. C. Edwards & Co. will also cut about the same. The estate of Ross Bros., the McLaren estate, the Ottawa Lumber Company and J. R. Booth will take out about the same number of logs as last season. The operations of Gilmour & Hughson will be somewhat restricted. The David Moore Lumber Company will take out one raft of square timber and logs from its Kippewa limits. The Hawkesbury Lumber Company will reduce its cut about one-third.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

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THE Wilson tariff bill is being keenly discussed by lumbermen here. The lumbermen of Washington and Oregon territory, are, with a few exceptions, opposed to lumber being made free, but in contending against this proposition they unconsciously pay a high complement to the excellence of B. C. lumber. What is feared most, if the measure passes in the original form, is that B. C. lumbermen will invade California, and because of the superiority of our lumber they will be able to capture the trade.

COAST CHIPS.

Stokes, Shooks and McTaggart have taken over Pardy's mill at Mission City.

The Pacific Coast Lumber Co. have just completed a good and commodious Dry Kiln, replacing the one lately destroyed by fire.

R. H. Alexander, manager of the Hastings mill, Vancouver, has been appointed Consul for Peru at the port of Vancouver.

C. M. Beecher, of B. C., M. T. & T. Co., and John Wilson, of Brunette Mills, have just returned from business trips to Eastern Canada.

About forty men are now employed in the construction of the Burrard Inlet Red Cedar Company's mill, at Port Moody. It is expected to be running this spring, and will be most modern in every point and detail, including the machinery.

A piece of oak cut on Pitt Meadows, was brought to the city a few days ago by James Fox, of Coquitlam. It will be news to many that oak flourishes on the lower Mainland. The tree from which the piece was taken was of recent growth.

The B. C. Iron Works Co. are now engaged in building a 7-foot Kendall hand mill for the Red Cedar Lumber Mill at Port Moody. These mills are spoken of as being specially well adapted for cutting the heavy cedar and fir of the Pacific Coast.

The celebrated cigar shaped raft at Coos Bay, Oregon, is slowly breaking up and all efforts to tow the big mass out of the bay are futile. It is impossible to manage the raft while towing and it will probably be necessary to construct three or four rafts from it in order to save the timber.

It is reported in mill circles that the Royal City Planing Mills branch of the M. T. & T. Co., this city, have contracted to supply an Ontario dealer with 15,000,000 cedar shingles during the next six months. This is said to be the largest order of the kind ever seen in British Columbia, and no less than 100 cars will be required to carry the shingles to their destination. The outlook for the shingle trade in 1894 is brighter than for several years past.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., Jan. 22, 1894.

MICHIGAN LETTER.

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THE manufacture of elm hoops for sugar, pork and flour barrels has grown into a large industry in some parts of Michigan. There are five hoop mills on the Saginaw river, the cut of which in 1893 amounted to 75,000,000. H. Seeley operates a hoop mill at Beaverton, and the Michigan Lining & Hoop Company, of Coleman. A new stave and hoop mill is being built by Hecox & Co., at Coleman; and Geo. Fiege, of Saginaw, operates a mill at Gaylord. There are also a few others in northern Michigan. Elm logs last winter brought \$6 to \$8 and are about \$1 a thousand less this season. Large quantities of elm logs are also consumed in the manufacture of staves. The stock of hoops cut last season was pretty well sold up. There is a large quantity of elm timber in this section of the state. A few years ago it was considered of little value, but the development of the hoop and stave industry has put a good value on this timber. The Hecox Company, of Toledo, recently paid \$10,000 for the elm timber on 2,500 acres of land near Coleman. The stave men just now are concerned over the Wilson bill not feeling sure how it is going to strike them.

It is confidently believed, at least in Menominee, Mich., that the Kirby-Carpenter Company of that city, is the heaviest producer of white pine lumber in North America, if not in the world; and there is but one lumber concern in the United States in any line that exceeds it in the actual number of feet, though by no means equal to it in the value of the product. The Kirby-Carpenter Company last year cut a total of 114,617,297 feet of lumber and 23,147,000 shingles. There was on hand at their docks January 1st, 1894, 51,617,297 feet of lumber, of which 21,312,827 was sold awaiting water shipment, mainly to the east, while about 4,000,000 is destined for Chicago. The shingles on hand at the same time amounted to 9,715,000, while the logs in the boom scaled the insignificant total of 1,472,000 feet.

BITS OF LUMBER.

Fisher & Turner, of Bay City, will harvest 20,000,000 feet of Georgian Bay logs this winter.

C. C. Barker, of Bay City, is cutting 20,000,000 feet of logs this winter, and will run his mill for all there is in it for 1894.

The Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company is harvesting many logs in the Georgian Bay country this winter as it did last.

E. M. Fowler, of Chicago, and Arthur Hill, of this city, sailed from New York, January 27th, on an extended European tour.

Three carloads of the pine were recently started from Saginaw on a long journey to Buenos Ayres, via New York, and from Buenos Ayres it is destined for transportation 150 miles into the interior. The lumber was shipped by the Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company.

At the annual meeting of the stock-holders of the A. W. Wright Lumber Company directors were elected as follows: A. W. Wright, E. P. Stone, C. H. Davis, W. T. Knowlton, A. D. Smith, Saginaw; O. D. Witherell, Chicago. A. W. Wright was elected president, C. H. Davis, vice-president, W. T. Knowlton, secretary and treasurer.

E. Andrews says that he is feeling the effect of the business depression in his shingle trade, having sold 400,000 shingles the other day at 50c. a thousand less than he sold for in October. He says shingles are now selling at \$2 and \$3. His mill cut 11,000,000 last season; he has 1,200,000 on hand, and is putting in a stock of logs for another season's run.

Loggers in this district are rather in despair because of the warm and moist weather, causing the woods and swamps to be redolent with mud and water. Cold weather is greatly needed and unless it comes the loggers will fail in their expectations. A good many logs in the aggregate are on the skids, but not many have been hauled. There is no demand of consequence for labor and there will not be until the weather freezes up. Loggers are paying from \$8 to \$18 a month, and have experienced no trouble in getting all the help they want.

Lumber sales are said to be slow at Bay City, and collections are reported slow, although credits are closely scrutinized. Logs are coming in by rail for several concerns, and a number of lumbermen are giving attention to logging matters here and in Canada. The streams tributary to Saginaw will furnish very few logs another season, probably not to exceed 100,000,000 feet in all, if that many. The last season only 14,000,000 feet came out of the Rifle river. No logs were left in the stream at the close of operations.

SAGINAW, Mich., Jan. 27, 1894.

TRADE NOTES.

The survival of the fittest applies more to the manufacturing and producing of satisfactory oils than to almost anything else we know of. A satisfactory oil is a thing to be prized. No one except an engineer, or one who has charge of lightning running machinery, can appreciate an oil that will do the work and keep the bearings cool, as against an oil that comes a little short, that can't quite do the work, costs a little less but takes double the quantity and keeps everybody nervous, fearing stoppages and delays caused by hot boxes, cut outs, etc. There is no further any uncertainty about oils. Long practice and experience have come to the aid of Samuel Rogers & Co., together with their ample means and facilities for manufacturing and selling oils of all grades, places them at the head of the list in this line. Their oils have undoubted merit. They are careful, painstaking, reliable people; their great aim being to produce the best quality possible in every grade, from the cheapest black oil, to the finest engine and cylinder oil. They have made a special study of the various grades required for all the various uses, and especially sawmill uses, and have produced heavy, strong oils that are prizes for heavy work. We can say to our friends that they can depend on the goods they buy from this company, they are solid. See their advt. in this issue of the LUMBERMAN.