

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO

—Mr. J. Brennon is erecting a shingle mill at Phelpsston.

—Mr. Alex. Perry is erecting a shingle mill near Terranova, Dufferin county.

—The shingle mills at Washago have orders for about all they can turn out.

—The Deseronto Navigation Company have started their boats for the season.

—The output of logs up the Gatineau is said to be larger than previous seasons.

—Fifty carloads of lumber of all kinds were shipped from Coldwater during March.

—Two tugs will be employed during the season in towing logs to Barrie and Bradford mills.

—Lummis' saw mill and Robin's shingle mill, at Wyebrook, started operations early last month.

—The planing mills of H. Williams, Campbellford, Ont., were burned March 25th. Loss about \$1,300.

—Messrs. Sadler, Dundas & Co., Lindsay, have added a matching and planing machine to their saw mill.

—The Ontario Lumber Company, Midland, expect to cut about double the quantity of lumber they did last year.

—Mr. S. Rogers, of Cedarville, has purchased machinery in Toronto for his saw mill, which he is about to rebuild.

—The big lumber mill of the Rathbun Company, Deseronto, started up April 11th, twelve days earlier than last year.

—The Sheppard & Morse Lumber Company are shipping large quantities of timber daily to the American markets.

—The Magnetawan River is open, and the Muskoka and Georgian Bay Navigation Co. have commenced towing logs.

—Mickle Dymont & Son have about 75 men employed to assist in driving their Oakley & Hindon stock of logs on Black River.

—Messrs. Gillies Bros., of Braeside and Carleton Place, have purchased Mr. Thomas Kean's lumber business at Morristown.

—The Collins Bay Rafting Company have completed preparations for timber rafting on an extensive scale at Belleville this season.

A big cut of lumber will be made in Penetanguishene this season. The two mills of Beck & Co. are expected to turn out a very large cut.

—Mr. E. Livingston, of Blyth, is busily engaged in cutting maple timber for the Scotch market. He has recently added hoop machinery to his mill.

—Messrs. Perley & Pattee, of the Chaudiere, have been making of late large shipments of lumber, by the C. A. R. to New York, and Burlington, Vermont.

—The C. A. railway shipments of lumber from the Chaudiere extension have been livelier of late and are expected to increase largely as the season advances.

—The mill owned by the Rathbun Company at Lime Lake was burned April 9th. Some of the workmen lost their tools. It is supposed the fire originated from the furnace.

—The net revenue derived from slides and booms for the fiscal year, 1888, amounted to \$65,403.56. The authorized expenditure for collecting the same amounted \$21,211.62.

—The firm of Patterson & Hall, Midland, has dissolved. Mr. Patterson, 13 Victoria Street, Toronto, assuming all liabilities. The business at Midland will be discontinued.

—Mr. Wm. Dunn, of Atwood, cut last season 1,000,000 feet of logs, mostly hardwood and pine. He has made up 18,000 cheese boxes this year and has 900,000 feet in stock.

—The car shops at Perth have closed down and in consequence a great many men are out of employment. The C. P. R. have at present all the freight cars that they require.

—Mr. I. Cockburn, of Gravenhurst, has taken out in his own camps in Cardwell and Humphrey, and by jobbers in Muskoka and Wood townships, an aggregate of five million feet.

—The Dominion of Canada Manufacturing Co. is seeking incorporation. The chief place of business at Toronto; capital stock \$100,000; object, the manufacture of church furniture.

—The steam saw mill of Mr. John Urquhart at Moose Creek, on the line of the Canada Atlantic, was burned on the 7th ult. The origin of the fire was unknown, and there was no insurance on the property.

—The sale of the Shelburne planing mills and factory advertised to be sold on April 6th., under mortgage from Thomas Jennings, did not take place. The present owners have paid up the amount due, and the sale is withdrawn.

—The Canada Lumber Cutting Company, Belleville, established a year ago, are largely increasing their capacity. Engines and Boilers are being put in. A large hot blast dryer and a quantity of other new machinery is also being added.

—The cedar mill at Deseronto has been shut down for repairs. The engines and boilers received a thorough overhauling and many repairs have been effected elsewhere. The timber, shingle and re departments have resumed operations.

—The running of the stocks of logs from Lake of Bays and Hollow Lake by the south branch Muskoka river, has been let to the Muskoka Mill and Lumber Company, and from Vernon Lake by north branch to J. J. O'Neil.

—Thompson & Co., have purchased from the Ontario Lumber Company, French River, the steam barge Lethair and three consorts. It is the intention of the firm to keep them plying in the lumber trade between the upper lakes and Windsor.

—Application has been made for the incorporation of the Dominion Lumber Company. The chief place of business of the company will be at Venue City, in the Nipissing district, and its head offices at Toronto. The amount of the capital stock is to be \$200,000.

Simon Fraser, of Amherstburg, and John Shaw, of Forest, have purchased over eleven million feet of lumber in the Georgian Bay district, for this season's trade, six millions of which are of last year's cut. They have an extensive wholesale trade covering all the western parts of the Province, and they report the prospects for the coming season as very bright.

—The Lakefield Lumber Company's men have been withdrawn from the limits, and their mills at Lakefield have begun sawing on their reserve stock from last season. Their present winter cut of logs was all on their Burleigh limits near their mills at Lakefield. The Strickland's have cut 130,000 logs this season which involved the employment of between 150 and 200 men, and from 60 to 80 teams.

—A syndicate of English capitalists represented, by Montreal lawyers, have purchased extensive property in the tenth concession of Templeton, north east of Gatineau Point. It is proposed to commence the construction of dwellings for the miners in a few weeks, and a saw mill will also be erected there this spring. The capital stock will be \$500,000. A Mr. Perkins, of Montreal, will be the manager.

At a public sale of timber limits on the Kippewa, held at Ottawa, Parcel No. 1, berth 10, containing 41 square miles was purchased by Mr. Joseph Riopelle, of Ottawa, at \$665 per square mile. Parcel No. 2, berths 12, of 40 square miles, and 13 of 33 square miles, was sold to Mr. Alexander Fraser, of Westmeath, for \$310 per square mile. The limits were the property of Hurdman & Co., and realized in all \$50,265.

—Mr. J. W. McLaren, long the active manager of J. McLaren & Co.'s concern, Buckingham, has retired to assume the management of the pulp mill. Mr. Alex. McLaren, son of the senior partner in the lumber concern, will take Mr. J. W. McLaren's place as manager. It is said that great improvements are to be at once made in the pulp mill, the business of which is growing day by day. All the old machinery is to be replaced by new of superior description.

—The saws invented and patented by Mr. B. W. Washburn of the Cedar Mill, Deseronto, says the *Tribune*, have been pronounced first-class by experts and manufacturers. As an illustration of the rapidity with which they cut we may state that the other day two men with one of the N. tooth cross-cut saws, cut through a twelve inch log in fourteen seconds, and it could, no doubt, be done in less time. A section of a log cut by one of these saws has been placed on our desk, from which it can be seen that each time the saw passed through it cut to a depth of one half an inch.

—Messrs. John Bertram & Sons, of the Canada Tool Works, Dundas, have completed ready for shipment to the Polson Iron Works Co., Toronto, a machine which is a veritable jumbo in size and weight. It is a C size punching and shearing machine, is 15 feet long by 11 feet high, and weighs 25 tons. The two main castings weigh 8½ tons each. The main shafts are steel 8 inches in diameter. There are two fly wheels on the main shaft which weigh 1500 lbs. each to give momentum to the punch. It will punch a 3 inch hole through a 1 inch plate and shear 1½ plate and can be converted into a double punching or double sheaving machine.

—A large deputation of lumber dealers from Toronto and Hamilton waited upon Messrs. Hickson, Sargent, Wainwright and others of the Grand Trunk Railway, at Montreal, and laid their grievances before those gentlemen. Up to the present time the railway companies which transport their lumber to deep water have been in the habit of weighing it at the point of destination instead of the place of shipment, and consequently it is alleged that, in the winter season especially,

a great deal of snow and ice is included in the quantity upon which the freight is calculated. The object of the deputation in calling upon the officers of the company, was with a view of having this grievance removed. A full discussion was entered into, and the deputation retired, fully impressed that their mission would not be in vain.

Messrs. Mickle, Dymont & Son have completed a very successful season's saw logging operations. The stocks taken out are as follows:—In the townships of Oakley and Hindon (five camps) ten million feet; from Sherbourne and Ridout townships five million feet. These fifteen millions will be watered in Black river and taken to Barrie and Bradford mills for manufacture. From the townships of Draver, Mauley, McLean, Ridout and Sherbourne fifteen million feet will be brought down the Muskoka river and lakes Rosseau and Muskoka to Gravenhurst for manufacture at the mills there; and an additional two million feet from the lakes will be manufactured at Clark's mill, Windermere. With about two million feet on Muskoka bay, left over from last year, the firm will have a grand total of 34,000,000 feet to be cut into lumber during the ensuing summer.

The *Algonia Advocate* says that work has been resumed on the new mill by an order from Mr. Dymont, and it is to be got ready for operations as soon as the weather permits. Mr. Dymont intends that this mill shall far surpass any other on the North Shore, and is accordingly having all the very best machinery erected to obtain this end. One of the many improvements is the addition of a set of gang saws, which will increase the cutting capacity to 80,000 feet a day. Another valuable addition is the steam feeder which will have a greater speed and a steadier motion than the old friction feeder. The carrier has necessarily been made to have double the carrying capacity of the old one, and is placed in a more convenient position to the slash and trimming tables. An entirely new and more substantial tramway is to be built in the shape of a circle, and horses will be used in hauling away the cut lumber to be piled. A new pump has also been placed in the engine room to which will be connected a two and a-half inch iron pipe leading to several parts of the mill for fire protection.

Ten or twelve years ago it was no uncommon sight to Torontonians to see huge rafts of timber being towed out of the bay and down Lake Ontario. Of late years this practice was abandoned, and all the timber and heavy logs coming from the north and bound to Quebec and other eastern ports have been carried by the different railroads. This year, however, promises to see a revival on a large scale of rafting. For some weeks past the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have been dumping great quantities of huge timbers into the water between the Queen's wharf and the old Northern lumber dock. A boom is stretched across the water to prevent these logs drifting away. The Grand Trunk Company have followed suit, and recently a long train containing some enormous pieces of timber, mostly white ash, many requiring two flat cars to carry them, was side-tracked between the Grand Trunk and Northern elevators at the foot of Brock street, and one gang of men were busily engaged in placing a boom, while others were dumping the timber into the water. All of this timber comes from the north over the Midland, Northern and Grey and Bruce roads, and is consigned to the Collins Bay Rafting Company. Its destination is said to be Quebec. —*Empire*.

QUEBEC.

—Quite a fleet of lower port vessels have been chartered for Montreal to carry lumber to South America.

Frank B. Howard, of Montreal, has obtained a patent for an apparatus for manufacturing hollowware out of pulp.

—Mr. Finnan Dugas, ex M. P. for the county of Montcalm, and the owner of several extensive saw mills, died suddenly recently.

—Spruce trees in Quebec are being killed in large numbers by a small fly, said to be ¾ of an inch long, brownish in color and bearing four wings.

—A number of Quebecers are applying for incorporation as The North Pacific Lumber Co., Limited, with the chief place of business at Ottawa and a capital stock of \$100,000.

Wenceslas Drolet, an employe who was working a circular saw in Geo. Cole's saw mill at Base St. Paul, was recently killed by a piece of wood which flew from the saw, fracturing his skull and the bones of his face.

Messrs. Doherty, Beckitt & Co., Quebec, shippers of lumber, are said to have purchased considerable quantities of timber since the close of navigation. Amongst the lots are the following:—Francis & Bechard's raft about 125,000 pine; Thistle & Carswell's raft, about 300,000 pine; Gale & Booth's raft, about 340,000; Bryson & Co.'s raft, about 100,000; McCormack's raft, about 50,000; Hurdman's raft about 160,000.