VESSELS PREPARING.

The Toronto Mail of April 20, has the follow, ing among its shipping notes:

The Dundee is still fitting out. She is going to load lumber in a few days.

The Rutherford has finished unloading, and will take in a lot of lumber, probably, in a day or two.

The Bruno, which will all an Wednesday, carried square timber, and not deal boards, as was reported for her deck load.

The Sarepta has been fitted up, and is taking in a full load of lumber for Oswego at \$1.30. She will run out just as soon as she can, it may be to-day or to-morrow.

The Mulvey is taking in 250,000 feet of lumher at the northern, and will finish up to-day for Oswego. She is run out by her owner, Captain Hall, who says the rate is \$1.25.

The tug W. T. Robb, owned by Captain Hall, is being fitted up at the Northern, and will do duty on the rafts now getting ready near her borth. There is little to be done on her but to light the fires.

Captain Maw is putting 290,000 feet of lumber in the Jessie Drummond for Oswego. He will sail to-day, if business does not detain him. Ho is taking this cargo at a dollar and a quarter and on his next trip will look for more.

The Snowbird is loading lumber at the North ern railway docks, Captain Baird, better known as Andy, still sails her. She has been chartered by Mutton, of Toronto, to carry 100,000 feet of lumber for Oswego, which she takes at \$1.30. This is an advance on the opening and is a fair price. A safe voyage and quick return for the little craft is the wish of many.

TIMBER PERMITS.

In the House of Commons on Monday April 23, Mr. McCraney, in moving for a return showing the names of all persons to whom permits have been granted to make timber, ties, telegraph poles and saw logs within the district of Rainy lake and river and Lake of the Woods and tributary streams, from July, 1880, to July, 1882, advocated the system of disposing of timber limits by public auction. He read extracts from newspapers commenting on the Government administration of timber lands, and also a letter in which it was stated that the Government had sold timber limits for \$5 per square mile to parties who had resold at \$2,000 per square mile.

Uir. Hector Langevin thought the hon. gentleman had acted unfairly in prejudging the case before the Government was permitted to bring down the papers. Not only had he done so, but he proposed to confine this inquiry to two years under the present Government, with out extending his investigations into any portion of the time when the late Government were in power. If the papers were to be of any use they should cover the whole period during which the timber licenses had been granted. He, therefo.; proposed that the motion be amended so as to call for returns of all permits and licenses granted with territory to date.

Mr. Hesson thought the letter read by the mover of the motion should be laid on the table so that the name of the writer could be made public.

The motion as amended was adopted. - Mail.

PATTERN LUMBER.

Says the Mechanical Engineer :- "The pine is the tree of the pattern-maker-not any pine tree however. He leaves that of Georgia and Oregon to the carpenter for his heavy framework. The stair-builder or joiner may even find uses for these strong and tough woods. He (the pattern-maker) looks to it that his lumber is soft, light in weight, clear and straight in the grain. A guarled and knotted stick is an abomination to him, but a straight plank is his de light. His views are met, his wishes fulfilled. in the best selected pine of Michigan. How beautiful the freshly re-sawed planks of this wood appear, in color a very light pink, with a knot seldom scon. Its appearance foretells its quality; the shavings come long and silky from the truing plane, leaving a surface as glossy as satin. Across the grain it is not refractory, and endways it will cut like cheese. So excellent is the quality of this lumber that pattern makers domand, and receive it, in all to be used as a temporary rudder, that impor. at \$24 to \$23 per thousand foot.

parts of the World, from London, England, to San Francisco. Many kinds of wood are used for patterns; practically, however, there are but two kinds, hard and soft wood. The question is, when shall we use the one or the other. Pine, or soft wood, is used for large and heavy patterns and for small ones, provided there are no cross-grained part, which from their thicknoss, or from being unbraced, are unable to stand the process of moulding. Stock patterns, expected to be in use for a number of years, are made of hardwood, to retain the sharpness of their outlines. For very small work hard wood is always to be preferred, because in bringing such work to size and shape, very light cutting has to be performed, and the hand is guided in a measure by the resistance felt in using a tool."

LUMBER FOR MANITOBA.

The following letter appears in the Mail:-SIR,-Our attention has frequently been directed to the small quantities of lumber brought here from Ontario by people moving to this country; and while one of our firm was at Brandon last week we asked our manager there if he knew how much the lumber was costing when brought from Ontario by the emigrant, and were astonished to learn that it was costing from \$3 to \$10 per M. more than the current selling prices at the yards at Braudon.

It would seem that the idea has been quite provalent throughout Ontario and the eastern provinces that the prices charged by merchants in the North-West were exorbitant, i. e., that exorbitant profits were charged, and it seems that no notice has been taken of the keen competition that exists in this country, so keen that merchants find it difficult to get a paying margin of profit, and exorbitant profits are the exception and not the rule.

As lumber is one of the first articles of neces sity for the new sottler here, we give the prices at present asked by the dealers in lumber at Brandon: -Sheathing boards, \$23; common boards, \$32; scantling, 16 ft. long and under, \$33; drop siding and flooring, \$35 and \$39 shingles, \$3.75, \$4.50, and \$5.50; lath, \$5.75; doors, 2' 6" x 6' 6" x 11", \$2.25; 2' 8" x 6' 8"; 13", \$2; sash, glazed, 8x10, 12 lights, \$1.75; 10x12, 8 lights, \$2; 12x24, 4 lights, \$2.50 per window; building paper, tarred or brown, 41 cents per lb.

The foregoing shows the prices asked for small quantities, and represents about the requirements of the ordinary settler. Wo shall feel obliged if you will kindly publish this in the columns of your paper, and would also ask you to direct attention to it.

For the accuracy of our statements and responsibility we would refer you to the manager: of the Merchants' Bank of Canada and Bank of Ottawa, Winnipeg.

Yours, &c., Winnipeg, April 17. BOTD & CROWE.

YOUNGS' POINT.

SHINGLE MILL.-The shingle mill is now in thorough working order. Strong new belts having been put in last week. Mr. W. J. Kearn's intention is to cut first class shingles. and to be second to none in the market : that is

THE DRIVES.-Mr. Chalmers intends to send back his foreman and two gangs of men to drive the logs that were cut last winter. Mr. Alex. Wynn goes back to Ecl's Lake and brings his logs logs and timber down Eel's Creek into Stony Lake. Mr. P. Cassidy with his gang of men brings out his logs down Jacks Creek into Stony Lake. We wish both foremen lots of water in the creeks, no heads winds, &c.,

LUMBER AT SEA.

The New York correspondent of the Northwestern Lumberman says :- Some of the lumber and timber-laden vessels from the south with yellow pine have met with severe gales and narrow escapes from shipwreck. Some quantities of lumber have been lost from the decks, and some of the incoming crafts look as though they had been gone on a Rip Van Winkle voyage. The schooner Seth W. Smith, with lumber, came into the harbor April 9, steered in a highly original manner. A plank had been rigged

tant part having been knocked to pieces in a gale, April 3. At that time about one-half the deck-load was washed overboard. She was 11 days on the way from Savannah, and six of those days heavy gales were raging. Other trading vessels have suffered more severely. One with sugar came in last week with the rigcing all lacking, as it had been swept away during the storm. The sailors were gald to get to port with their lives, and held a sort of jubilee while being towed up the harbor.

· REVIEWS.

THE FORESTS OF ENGLAND.-We have received a very interesting little work "The Forests of England, and the Management of them in bygone times," published by Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh, and Simpkin, Marshall & Co., London. It is written, or chiefly compiled, by John Croumbie Brown, L. L. D., Professor of Botany in the South African College, Cape town. The author laments the paucity of works on forestry in England as compared with the cartloads of volumes in other languages. This work deals in a very interesting and instructive manner with the subject of the ancient forests of England, chiefly in relation to their history and law, but we are glad to learn that it is likely to be followed by other hand-books on subjects relating to forestry.

THE EDISON LIGHT,-Mr. Thos. Swinyard, of Hamilton, Ont., has published a pamphlet containing testimonials as to the advantages of the Edison Electric Light. These are in the form of answers to a series of questions, and give a very favorable report. They are from such establishments as the New York Herald office, and a number of leading mills, factories, hotels, &c. We learn that a charter and patent rights for Canada have been obtained, and we hope that shortly a factory for the construction of the machinery will be added to the other industries of Hamilton.

ON THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY. - A. H. Dixon, of Toronto, has published, for the Incolonial Railway, a beautiful illustrative work entitled "Pleasant Places by the Shore and in the Forests of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, via the Intercolonial Railway." It is a most artistic production, even the cover being an art gem, and the numerous illustrations are beautifully drawn and engraved. The author, W. Kelly Reynolds, describes in a most attractive manner the beautiful scenery and other leading features of the districts in question. Such a publication should prove a strong inducement to tourists to select this route for their holiday excursions or even for a longer

THE Flint & Pero Marquette is running eight log trains, and hauling about 7,000,000 feet daily. The company has contracts to fill that will keep them busy at this rate until July. A large force of men is work on the Harrison branch extension.

THE Lumberman's Gazette says :- Great scarcity of lumber all through Dakota. Common lumber solls at \$28 per thousand, with a dozen buyers for every board there is for sale. At many points household goods are sitting by the railroad track, with no material to make houses to shelter them or their owners.

THE Belleville Ontario of April 23, says: During the past seven days 47,615 cubic feet of square timber have been loaded at Hastings on Grand Junction cars for Mr. Thos. Buck and brought to this city. During Saturday alone 6,867 cubic feet of this timber were loaded on 13 cars, being an average of 527 5/13 feet per car. This work is done under the supervision of Mr. W. J. Butler, who is a "professional" at the business.

THE Montreal Gazette says :- The market has presented no very important changes since our last report, a good local demand existing for hard and soft wood at firm prices. An enquiry also is experienced for pine and several kinds of hardwood on American account. Adv: Winnipeg state that some heavy building con tracts have just been concluded, and we hear that some large sales of lumber have been made

THE Monomines Indians, in Shawano county, Wis., last winter banked between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 feet of logs. The logs put in by them a year ago brought \$10 a thousand.

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