

## QUEBEC.

—Messrs Willis & Co. of Lonsborough, have shipped to Pointe Levi, Que., three carloads of square timber.

—Quite a large quantity of spoon wood was manufactured at Murray Bay and Bay St. Paul during the winter.

—A Montreal builder, named Wm. Byrd, has been granted a settlement by creditors at 30 cents on the dollar, payments spread over twelve months and bearing interest. Liabilities are about \$15,000.

—In some parts of the Eastern Townships of Quebec cutting soft timber from which to make pulp-wood to be used as paper stock is quite an industry. At Scotstown the average shipment by rail, according to the *Sherbrooke Gazette*, is about 33 carloads per week, besides what comes into the mills at that place. The Salmon River Pulp Co. are filling up their yards with a large quantity.

## NEW BRUNSWICK.

—The Gibson mill (formerly McLaggan's) at mouth of Bartholemew River, Blackville, has commenced cutting.

—The New Brunswick mills are getting down to the season's work. The Snowball, Muirhead, Ritchie and Nelson mills have all commenced work.

—The Fredericton boom is now ready to take all lumber as fast as it comes. Compared with last year it is said the boom business will be much smaller.

—Mr. Geo. McKean purchased from W. C. Purvis, of the Purvis mill, Carleton, the entire cut of that mill for the season, in all amounting to about three million feet. The lumber is intended for shipment to European markets.

The Maritime Chemical Pulp Company's mill, of Chatham, has had its capacity doubled. Two new digesters, in which the pulp boiled in a chemical solution, are going in, and the old ones are relined with cement, lead lining having been discarded after a fair trial.

—The contract for log driving on the St. Johns, N. B. has been awarded to Mr. Fred Moore. The rates are as follows: from the head of Grand Falls, 20 cents; from the Mouth of Salmon River, 18 cents; from the boundary line on Aroostook River, 20 cents; from the mouth of Tobique River, 16 cents; from the mouth of Big Presque Isle River, 13 cents; from the mouth of Becaguimac River, 13 cents; from the Mouth of Meaduxniak River and all points below, 11 cents.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—Mission, B. C., will have a sash and door factory running in about a week.

—The Morton mill, south of Cloverdale, anticipates a large trade in lumber and shingles this season.

—The Brunette saw mills, New Westminster, B. C. have made their largest shipment of the season, consisting of fourteen carloads.

—A boom of logs said to contain 600,000 feet of lumber was recently brought into New Westminster. The enormous boom came from the north and is one of the largest ever taken in at that port.

—Mr. E. Ward who owns the shingle mill on the North Arm New Westminster is building a tug for river work. She is 66 feet long, 16 feet beam, 6 feet depth of hold and will be fitted as a sidewheeler.

—The Dominion government is placing a considerable quantity of timber lands on the market in British Columbia. Tenders are now invited for a license to cut timber on a well wooded limit in the New Westminster district.

—The formal transfer of Hastings Saw Mills and Royal City Planing Mills in this city, to the British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Co., has been made. Mr. John Hendry will retain the general management of the company.

—The MacLaren-Ross Lumber Co. are starting four new logging camps on Campbell River, where they have a magnificent timber limit. The logs will be got out for the North Pacific Mill on Burrard Inlet, and the MacLaren-Ross Mill, New Westminster.

—The ship Titan, of Boston, recently cleared from Vancouver, B. C., loaded with 782,000 feet of rough lumber from the Hastings saw mill at that place bound for Wilmington, Del. The lumber is for the U. S. Navy. This shows the superior value of British Columbia lumber for use in ship building.

—The Brunette Saw Mill Co. of New Westminster, B. C. have made application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described land in New Westminster District, viz Commencing at a post on the south side of the river emptying into the head of Pitt Lake and about a 100 yards up from its mouth; thence north 40 chains, west 40 chains, north 80

chains, west 80 chains, south 80 chains, East 40 chains, South 40 chains, to shore of lake, thence following shore to point of commencement.

—A fine new tug the *Comet* for the Royal City Planing Mills, Westminster, which has been building for some time, was launched from the company's yard a few days since. She was designed by Mr. A. McNair. The dimensions are as follows; Length over all, 85 feet; breadth of beam, 16 feet; depth of hold, 7 feet. The engines are compound, 10x20, with 14 in. stroke, and were manufactured by the John Doty Company, Toronto. The addition of this fine steamer to the company's fleet gives the Royal City Mills Co. the largest number of steamers owned by any one milling establishment on the Pacific Coast. These mills are running over time to keep up with the heavy demand for their out put.

—Timber, says the *B.C. Commercial* instead of being imported in the rough log and cut up there, is now sent to England in a more and more finished state, to the saving of freight and carriage, and with greater convenience in handling and stowing. According to a circular of one of the largest houses, last year showed a great and increasing import to Great Britain of all kinds of timber ready cut, to special shapes, with a corresponding diminution in the old business in solid logs. Sawm timber in brief is rapidly gaining the ascendancy. As compared with 1889, the total imports showed a decrease of 17 per cent.; and the consumption at the same time fell off by 7 per cent.

## MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—The indications point to an early opening of navigation in Manitoba.

—A lumber yard and planing will be started at Carberry immediately.

—J. T. Simpson, lumber, Moose Jaw, N. W. T. has assigned in trust to Herbert Crowe.

—Campbell & Stevens, lumber, Glenboro, Man., have opened a branch lumber yard at Stockton.

—Fred Robinson has sold out his interest in the Robinson Co. lumber firm of Selkirk, Manitoba. The remaining partners are offering to sell out.

—A lively logging business will be done on the Bird Tail creek in Manitoba this season. A number of men have already been engaged for log driving.

—Moore & Macdowall of Prince Albert, Sask., have commenced the shipment of lumber. The new railway gives an outlet for the great forest north of Prince Albert.

## FIRES AND CASUALTIES.

A sawyer in the Star mill, 16 con. of Grey has had his foot badly smashed.

An Indian lad named Porte employed in Dr. Sibbalds trust, near Newmarket, was crushed to death by a tree falling upon him.

Joseph Walden, a sawyer in Seiberts sawmill, Logan, near Mitchell was killed on 14th Apl. by falling against a circular saw.

Wm. Kirby, a driver for the Rathbun Company, Kingston, was thrown from his cart which passed over him, breaking his leg.

Half a million feet of lumber belonging to three Midland firms was burned on 9th ult. The Ontario Lumber Co. is the heaviest loser.

T. Sheles of the Mechanics mill, New Westminster, B. C. has had his hip seriously injured by coming in contact with a circular saw.

Patrick Malia, who is well-known in the Ottawa district as an expert hunter and bushman, has been committed by the Magistrate at Arnprior as a dangerous lunatic.

Two of Graham, Horn & Co's. workmen have been obliged to take to the Pt. Arthur hospital, one suffering from a severe cut in the head caused by a falling tree striking him, and the other from a cut in the foot from an axe.

While Mr. Copley, of Kirkton, was driving through the woods on 9th ult on a load of logs with his 8 year old son the latter fell off, and a log following struck him on the head, fracturing his skull he only lived a short time.

At Langille's sawmill, Mahone Bay, N. S. on 10th ult Mrs. Joseph Ernest found her husband's body in a standing position in the dam when she went to give him his dinner. His head was only a few inches under the water. The supposition is he was on a small raft getting a log to haul up and the raft parted and he went down feet first.



Chas. Henderson, government bush ranger, has been spending a little time in the Muskoka region.

Mr. J. Cromwell Cox, of the lumber firm of R. M. Cox & Son, Liverpool, England, is in Canada on lumbering business.

Walter James, of Cottam, has left for Tennessee to look after his track of timber, some 1,600 acres.

Mr. James Angus, formerly of Warren, Ont., has left to take charge of a large American saw mill.

Mr. Snowball, New Brunswick's well-known lumberman is expected home from England early this month.

Mr. C. A. C. Bruce, of the Maritime Chemical Pulp Company left Chatham N. B. for Europe 24th ult.

Mr. E. H. Cooke for eight years in the cedar mill department of the Rathbun company at Deseronto has removed to Toronto.

—Lieut.-Col. Forsyth well-known among the lumbering men of Ottawa and Hull, has been sworn in Collector of Customs at Quebec.

Mr. Edward Ryan, sawfiler at Bronson & Weston's mill, and for many years well-known at the Chaudiere, died during the month after a lingering illness.

Mr. Wm. McKay, the well-known Ottawa lumberman, accompanied by Mrs. McKay, son and daughter, recently visited Manitoba, the Pacific coast and Minnesota.

Mr. E. Walter Rathbun, of Deseronto, Ont., is home from his California trip. He was deeply impressed by the illimitable resources of that part of the continent.

Mr. Leo Gregory, head sawyer at the Royal City Mills, New Westminster, B. C., is visiting friends in the old country. He will call at London, Eng., Madrid, Paris, Rome, and Jerusalem, not forgetting to visit his aged parents at Bilbao, in northern Spain, before returning home. He will be away about four months.

On Sunday April 12th inst., Mr. Henry Witbeck, a well-known Chicago lumberman, counted a victim to la grippe. He was a public spirited citizen, serving at one time in the city council.

Mr. C. D. Pickles, of Messrs. Pickles & Mills, dealers in lumber, Annapolis, N. S., has recently visited the West India Islands and the Guianas, making a careful survey of the lumber markets.

THE LUMBERMAN was favored with a call during the month from Mr. W. C. Penoyer, of the well-known lumber manufacturing firm of Penoyer Bros., Au Sable, Mich. He reports the lumber business prosperous in that state.

We were pleased to have a call during the month from lumberer Geo. Fulton, of Clifford. He reports trade quiet, but has on hand a good stock of logs. He added, "I am very much pleased with THE LUMBERMAN and get considerable information as well as news from it." And backed up his appreciation by promptly renewing his subscription.

Mr. Robert H. Klock, one of Canada's well known lumbermen, died at his residence in Aylmer, during the past month. For some time he had been suffering from erysipelas. Deceased was a native of Aylmer, born 9th Jan., 1823. He owned large limits on the Ottawa river, and carried on extensive operations on the Black river, and in connection with his limits there, erected mills at Mattawa. He was a Conservative and a Presbyterian.

Professor Brown, late of Guelph, now Professor of Agriculture in Western Australia, has been making a tour of inspection of the timber wealth of the lately delimited province, and as a result he reports to the Government that the timber ready for cutting is worth not less than \$500,000,000. Much of this timber is of the most valuable kind in size, strength, and indistructability by rot or borers.

Mr. E. B. Ackerman of Darry, B. C. is dead. The deceased gentleman, father of Messrs. O. B. and T. Ackerman the well known contractors and mill owners, was a native of Erie, Pa., having been born there in 1821. He went to British Columbia about eight years ago and settled on a farm at Upper Sumas, remaining there until last September, when failing health decided him to make Westminster his home. The deceased leaves a wife and six children, four of whom reside in British Columbia and were present at his bedside when death closed his eyes.