

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—Gilmour & Co.'s mills at Trenton are in operation for the season.

—The Parry Sound Lumber Company started their water mill on 17th April, and it is now running to its fullest capacity.

—The mills of the Whaley Lumber Co., at Huntsville, commenced running on the 17th ult.

—The new planing mill and sash and door factory of Tessier & Co., of Penetang, is in operation.

—The sawmills at Hawkesbury are reported to be in full operation, and an output that will aggregate between fifty and sixty million feet is expected.

—The drive of saw logs down the Moira river this spring will be very large—about 475,000 pieces, or 60,000,000 feet. Gilmour & Co. will have 265,000 and Rathbun & Co. 145,000.

—J. Kendrick, of Ice Lake, Gore Bay, has sold his mill to Mr. Andrew Robertson. Mr. Kendrick has taken a position with the Pickwick Island Shingle Company at Little Current.

—Gillies Bros., of Braeside, anticipate a heavy summer's lumbering. They will do away with the boarding house system and erect some twenty or more cottages for the operators.

—The new steam mill of McLachlan Bros., Arnprior, which will rank among the large mills of the province, is now complete. This firm will run their four mills to their fullest capacity.

—The following well-known lumbermen are incorporated, along with others, as the Hamilton, Waterdown and Guelph Electric Railway Company, with a capital of \$500,000: W. Laking, Jacob Platt, W. Debors Platt, and John Ira Platt, all of Hamilton.

—An average of twenty car loads of lumber is now being shipped each day from the yards of the Canada Lumber Company, at Carleton Place. Most of it goes to the Standard Oil Co., of New York.

—Rumor has it that Mr. T. H. De Cew, the big lumberman of Essex, will erect at Green Basin, Oregon, in the near future, one of the largest saw mills in Oregon. He will also erect a stove factory at Albany.

—Cooper & Stewart are reported to have sold their timber limit and winter's cut of logs on the north shore of the Georgian Bay, to a Saginaw, Mich., firm. The consideration is stated to be \$60,000 with the square timber reserved.

—What is known as the Old Whistle Mill, on the Ottawa, now the property of the Pembroke Lumber Co., is now undergoing important improvements which will make it one of the best equipped dimension timber mills on the Ottawa.

—Messrs. John White, ex-M.P., of Roslin; Robt. Thomson, Hamilton; John Davidson, of Barrie; T. J. Hamill, J. S. Hatton, of Toronto; W. Bell, of Guelph, and others have been incorporated as the Toronto and British Columbia Lumber Company, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000.

—The Georgian Bay Sawlog Salvage Company, recently incorporated under charter from the Ontario government, have elected the following directors and officers: Charles Beck, Jas. Scott, John Waldie, Douglas L. White and James L. Burton. Mr. Chas. Beck, of Penetanguishene, was elected president and Mr. Alexander A. Wright, of Toronto, secretary. This company expects to be of great service to the owners of sawlogs on Lake Huron and the Georgian bay, to assist in economically recovering lost logs. Half of the stock is yet unallotted so as to give opportunity to sawlog owners to join, as it is the desire of the members of this company that it shall be a mutual working concern, and not one organized for the purpose of profit.

QUEBEC.

—The quantity of white pine timber which wintered at Quebec is placed at about 4,000,000 feet or 1,000,000 less than the preceding season. The quantity which wintered on the Ottawa is only about 500,000 feet, as compared with 2,000,000 in 1891.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

—F. F. Warren, of Grand Prairie, N.B., intends starting a saw and shingle mill in Salmon River district.

—Frazer & Maley, of Sheet Harbor, N.S. are erecting a mill at Ecum Secum, Eastern Shore. It will operate principally on hardwood.

—It is feared that many of the lumbermen throughout the lower New Brunswick will experience much difficulty this spring in drawing their logs owing to the amount of snow of the past winter. A heavy rain is necessary to save many logs from being hung up.

—A cargo of 1,400,000 shingles was shipped a few weeks ago from St. John, N.B., to Portland, Me. About 25c. a thousand is saved in freight by water.

—It is estimated that upward of 100,000 logs will soon be on the move to the booms on the Liverpool river. Large numbers of men are being dispatched to the streams at different points.

—The Washington Treasury Department has modified the existing regulations as to the entry of lumber sawed in St. John, N.B., from logs cut in Maine, so as to make them less stringent. The Treasury Department has directed that an overrun to 7 per cent. of the measured quantities of the logs sawed into lumber be admitted free of duty into the United States.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—The liabilities of Bell Brothers, builders, Brandon, Man., who recently failed, are placed at \$50,000.

—It is said that 7,000,000 feet of lumber will be cut on Lake Winnipeg this summer. This is more than has been cut on the lake in one summer before.

—The timber cut of J. A. Christie, of Brandon, Man., on the Assiniboine and Saskatchewan limits, is said to be the finest that has come out of that section. The mills will have all they can do until next November.

—The Keewatin and Western Lumber Company, Winnipeg, Man., are asking authority to increase the capital stock from half a million to one million, and to extend the powers of the company for the following purposes: To purchase, acquire, hold, alienate and convey mills, properties, mill sites, water-powers and mills already constructed, and erect, to acquire, hold, charter, build and alienate ships, tugs or barges, requisite for the purposes of the company.

FIRES AND CASUALTIES.

FIRES.

—Carler's shingle mill at Fesserton, Ont., was destroyed by fire on the 18th ult. Loss, \$1,200; insurance, \$400.

—John Milne & Sons' planing mill, Huntsville, Ont., was burned on the 13th ult. Loss about \$12,000; insurance, \$8,000.

—The sawmill of McKechnie Bros. at Glenora, Ont., was completely destroyed by fire a fortnight ago. About 100,000 feet of lumber was burned. Loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$1,500.

—J. Joanist's steam planing mill, sash and door factory, and lumber sheds at Buckingham, Que., were burned to the ground two weeks ago. Loss about \$5,000; no insurance.

—The large mill of Burton Bros., Bying Inlet, Ont., was completely destroyed by fire on the 20th of April. This, it will be remembered, was the date of the great wind and rain storm that did so much damage all over the province. This served as an immense feeder to the fire, which hardly stopped until almost the whole village was consumed. Burton Bros. loss is estimated at about \$200,000. The mill was one of the best equipped in the province, capable of cutting a large quantity of timber. The cost was given to the LUMBERMAN by a representative of the firm as \$106,000. Besides this about \$60,000 worth of lumber was burned, a considerable portion of which was sold and was to have been shipped by vessel to the States within a few days following the fire. Some twenty cottages owned by Burton Bros. and occupied by workmen, and a large general store managed by Peter Potvin, were also destroyed. The insurance is placed at about \$120,000. It is not known whether the firm will rebuild. To relieve a large number of families who are without food or shelter, provisions have been forwarded from Collingwood to assist the sufferers.

CASUALTIES.

—Samuel Johnson, living near Oxford Mills, Ont., has been killed by a falling tree.

—Alfred Sherwood was killed in the bush near Woodstock, Ont., while felling a tree.

—Ricard Ellis, of Ivy, Ont., while working in a lumber camp near North Bay, Ont., was killed by a falling tree.

—Arthur Askey, aged 13, got caught in a belt at Harrison's sawmill in Norwood, Ont., and was whirled around the shaft and badly mangled.

—St. Victor d'Alfred, a workman in Grondin's mill, near Buckingham, Que., was instantly killed by being struck with a smokestack which he was helping to erect.

—H. Morgan, an employee of the Canoe Company, Peterborough, Ont., had his right hand lacerated by a circular saw necessitating the amputation of one of his fingers.

—Robert Essop, of Crenmore, Ont., was drowned on the Shawanga river, Parry Sound district, while climbing a log. Though in sight of a number of comrades they were unable to render assistance in time.

—Patrick O'Connor was killed in the bush near Braemar, Oxford Co., Ont., on the 20th ult., a large tree being torn up by the roots and crashed down on the shanty killing the occupant. The deceased was employed as a wood chopper.

PERSONAL.

Mr. John Sharples, the well-known lumber merchant of Quebec city, has been created Legislative Councillor in place of the late Hon. John Roche, deceased.

Mr. W. Aschenbach, M.E., representative of Ernest Kirchner & Co., manufacturers of sawmill machinery, Leipzig, Germany, will be present throughout the World's Fair, at Chicago, in charge of the large exhibit being made by this firm.

The death is chronicled of Mr. John Law, of Ottawa, which took place suddenly a fortnight ago. Deceased was a native of Glasgow, Scotland. He came to Ottawa about thirty-five years ago and was engaged in the lumber business for some years, afterwards becoming proprietor of the Caledonia foundry in New Edinburgh.

Mr. Finlay McGibbon, lumberman, of Sarnia, Ont., whose death occurred a fortnight since, was a well known lumberman of the Georgian bay. He was born in the township of Nassagawaga, county of Halton, fifty-nine years ago, and when a young man engaged in lumbering in that section of country. Later when the Georgian bay district began to develop he sold his business in Halton and purchased a tract of several thousand acres of timbered land in the townships of Tmy and Tay, Simcoe Co., and developed a large lumber manufacturing business in Penetang. About twenty years ago he perceived the advantages of Sarnia as a distributing point for the products of his Georgian Bay mills, and became a resident of the town, where he has ever since resided. About four years ago Mr. McGibbon associated with him in business his sons Charles, John, Finlay and David, and the firm has since been known as F. McGibbon & Sons.

TRADE NOTES.

Attention is directed to the "Want" advertisement of Wm. McNally & Co., Montreal, which appears in this issue.

The Sandwich, Windsor & Amherstburg electric railway have placed an order with the Watrous Engine Works Co., of Brantford, Ont., for grip pulleys, shafting etc., as follows: 43 ft., of 5½ in. shafting with 9 self oiling ball and socket boxes and floor stands. One plain pulley, 45 x 24, two 300 H.P. grip couplings, one 350 H.P. grip coupling, and the following pulleys: One 86 x 12; one 84 x 12; one 72 x 10½; one 56 x 17; one 54 x 16; one 54 x 22.

Messrs. Wm. Gray & Son, the well-known carriage builders, of Chatham, Ont., have just had made for them by the Cant Bros. Co., of Galt, a new machine which will prove specially useful for sanding and polishing the joined bodies of buggies, carriages and light wagons, and for any other work of irregular curved form. In the centre of a strong iron table, a horizontal disc, 36 inches in diameter, lightly bevelled off towards the rim and covered by a cushioned face of sandpaper, revolves at a speed of 600 revolutions per minute. The disc can be raised and lowered at will, and a fence in the middle enables two operators to work on the machine at the same time from opposite sides. The sandpaper is held in the centre of the disc and on the outside by an iron band, and is easily renewed when worn out. The machine results in a saving of both sandpaper and labor.

PUBLICATIONS.

The Review of Reviews, American edition, leading articles of which we have had occasion to notice at times in these columns, enters on another volume with plans laid for still greater achievements in the future. Dr. Albert Shaw, the editor, has shown himself a fitting counterpart to his English chief, and founder of the journal, Mr. W. T. Stead; and in not a few striking respects, we are of the opinion that Dr. Shaw has more exactly met the needs of readers, at least those on this continent.

Rand, McNally & Co., the well-known gazetteer and directory publishers, have just issued a new edition of their "Lumberman's Directory, Shipping Guide and Reference Book." The work is a large volume of over 600 pages, containing what purports to be a complete directory of all lumber dealers, mill-men, sash and door manufacturers and wood workers in every department of the trade, doing business in the United States and the several provinces in the Dominion. Besides this list, which is exceptionally valuable to the trade generally, the book contains rules for inspection, classification and measurement of lumber in the various states of the Union, and the rules in use in Toronto. And along with these is a digest of the statutes affecting lumbermen and lumbering in different parts of the States. The book bears the marks of careful editing and compilation, whilst typographically and in binding it reflects every credit on the publishers.