

LUMBER AND TIMBER NOTES.

A synopsis of the wood export from New Brunswick in eight months of the present year, as compared with the like period of 1887, is made by the *Saint John Globe*. In 1887, up to 31st August, there had been shipped 81,876,225 superficial feet of deals. This quantity has been exceeded thus far this year by nearly thirty per cent., the shipments from 1st January to 31st August last having reached 113,955,460 feet deals. Mr. Gibson was the largest shipper, his quota being 74,853,000 feet, Mr. Mackay the next, 31,905,000 feet, and after him Mr. McKean. All the rest together do not send over 2,200,000 feet.

Looking at the destinations of deals shipped this year from New Brunswick, we find that out of the 114,000,000 feet despatched there has gone to Liverpool 43,000,000 feet, to Ireland 26,667,000 feet, to Bristol Channel 25,218,000 feet, to the Continent 2,353,000 feet, to Fleetwood 2,609,000 feet, and to other parts 14,046,000 feet.

An extensive sale of limits is announced by the *Ottawa Journal*, which states that Messrs. Hurdman Bros. have sold their Magnisippi timber limits to the E. B. Eddy Manufacturing Co. for \$325,000. It is said that these limits are perhaps the best on the Upper Ottawa, and were purchased by the Hurdman Co., from Mr. Peter White, M.P., some three years ago, for \$250,000. A large portion of the country, which is over 300 square miles in extent, has never been cut on at all. The Eddy Co., intends working the limits extensively this winter, and will begin putting in men for that purpose at once.

Messrs. Klock Bros., of Klock's Mills, Upper Ottawa, have purchased the limits on the Veuve River, Province of Ontario, of the Hon. J. G. Ross, of Quebec, for a sum reported to be \$50,000. The berth is 88 square miles in extent and adjoins the Veuve limits of Messrs. Klock Bros. The firm intend working their new limit this winter.

More timber, as well as more deals, has been shipped abroad this year than last from New Brunswick. The shipment of birch timber this year so far has amounted to 5,844 tons. Of this quantity, 4,206 tons was shipped by Mr. Mackay, 1,318 tons by Mr. Gibson, and 320 tons by Messrs. McLaughlan & Wilson. The export in the same months last year was 3,837 tons. With the exception of 320 tons, the whole shipment this year went to Liverpool. Of pine timber 457 tons was sent forward to Liverpool, as against 1,586 tons last year.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Replies to the enquiries of H. M., Montreal; W. K., Goderich; J. McD., Ottawa, are unavoidably held over. Other enquirers will find their queries answered in this issue.

—A movement is on foot among the marine underwriters of Halifax to establish a tariff of rates for marine insurance such as now exists for fire underwriting. A common form of policy has also been proposed, so framed that the conditions of every company should conform. A good deal of the non-success of Halifax marine underwriting is reported to have come from the extremely low rates charged induced by close competition, and it is considered that the only method that can be adopted to save further loss is to charge a definite premium. This would seem to be common sense.

—The Montreal City Council shows unaccountable apathy in its want of decision and action in so important a matter as the appointment of a fire brigade chief. It is admitted on all sides that the present chief must be replaced before the efficiency of the brigade can be assured. As a consequence of its inefficiency insurance rates have been raised, and it is perfectly understood that whenever a head of the firemen shall be chosen who possesses the confidence of the underwriters, premiums will be lowered and the citizens saved some \$200,000 per annum which they now pay in enhanced rates. A satisfactory man is available in Mr. Beckingham, one in whom the citizens and the insurance companies have faith. And yet the City Council has allowed months to pass and are still wrangling as to whom they shall appoint. One narrow-viewed partisan wants the chief to be a resident of some particular suburb, another insists that he must speak and write French. And so for one petty reason and another the appointment is shelved from week to week. It is time that something roused the Montreal Council to a sense of their duty. Mr. Grenier has shown admirable spirit in urging, on grounds of public policy, an immediate appointment. And he does not argue either that because a man is not a Frenchman he stands no chance of such an appointment in the city of Montreal.

—A subscriber asks us the dates of the principal exhibitions and fairs in Ontario and the adjoining States. We may tell him that the Industrial Exhibition was opened in this city by the Governor-General on Tuesday last, and continues into next week, and that the Provincial Exhibition is also in full swing at Kingston. The Western Fair at London will be held from the 20th to the 29th, and that of the Southern Counties takes place at St. Thomas on Monday to Thursday of next week. The Hamilton Central Fair is advertised for 24th to 28th September; and there are fairs at Belleville and Peterboro on those days. The Ottawa Fair is to be held on the 24th to 29th. The Eastern Townships Fair, at Sherbrooke, Que., is announced for October 4th to 5th. Fairs at Bedford and Stanstead, in that province, have already been held, and were very successful. The Michigan Fair is being held this year at Jackson, and the Buffalo Exposition is now in full blast. Lindsay and Chatham, October 2nd to 5th.

—Commercial travellers, being men of energy and spirit for the most part, work hard when at work and when the time comes for recreation play with great enthusiasm. The members of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association have returned, since our last, from their first annual excursion by rail from Montreal to Saratoga and New York and Boston. Quite a few members who participated are of opinion that the excursion ought to be made an annual affair. The present being the first occasion, since the organizing of the association in 1872, that its members have gone from home as a body intent upon recreation and enjoyment, the experiment has possessed the charm of novelty. We shall be pleased to hear that the Dominion Association has resolved, in the autumn of each year, to devote a few days to becoming "Uncommercial Travellers."

—It will interest the business public to learn that, in consequence of an invitation from the Toronto Board of Trade, a deputation from the Duluth Chamber of Commerce will, in a few

days, pay a visit to this city. The party will probably number from six to ten, and its object will be, not to have a holiday, but to secure information and engage in a conference on business matters. The same gentlemen are to visit Montreal upon an errand which relates to railway communication between that city and Duluth. Such visits as these do much to promote trade between the two countries, and at the same time tend to create intimacies and cement friendships. We will undertake to say that when these Duluth gentlemen return from Montreal and Toronto to their homes, they will cherish a vastly different notion of Canada and Canadians from that which is derivable from the preamble to the Retaliation Bill passed by Congress in its wisdom.

—The Provincial Exhibition of Nova Scotia is to be held at Truro from the 24th to the 28th of the present month, and preparations are being rapidly completed. Entries close on the 15th instant, but under special circumstances may be extended till a day or so before opening. St. John proposes to have an extensive exhibition next year and is already making the preliminary arrangements for successfully carrying it out.

Correspondence.

THE WHEAT CROP.

Editor Monetary Times:

SIR,—In your issue of last week you give the average produce of the wheat crop in Ontario as under:

Average.	Bushels of Wheat.
1,194,387	18,418,600
Deduct for seed 10%...	1,841,870

18,576,830

Estimating the population of Canada, without the North-West, at 5,000,000; 5,000,000 at 5½ bushels per head equals 27,500,000 required for bread for consumption, so that 10,923,170 bushels would be required to import; the amount raised in the lower provinces does not amount to anything. Manitoba reports a probable surplus for exportation of 17,000,000 bushels. The whole of the Dominion would not, therefore, be good for an export of more than 6,000,000 bushels. The crop of the U. S. is not estimated at over 400,000,000 bushels.

Deduct for seed..... 40,000,000
5½ bushels per head on 60,000,000 people..... 330,000,000

370,000,000

Leaving an available surplus in the United States of 30,000,000, besides the visible supply. But then it is estimated that there is always a reserve of 50,000,000. Where is the available surplus for export?

I remain, yours respectfully,
Barrie, Sept. 1.

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—Mrs. Hendricks was entertaining some ladies at a select little 5 o'clock tea, and Bobby, who had been exceptionally well behaved, was in high feather. "Ma," he said politely, as refreshments were being served, "may I have some tongue, please?" "There isn't any tongue, Bobby." "That's funny," commented Bobby, "I heard pa say there would be lots of it here to-night."—*N. Y. Sun.*

JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS.

H. Okawa, of Tokio, Japan, proprietor and publisher of the *Nichi Nichi Shumbun* (the *Daily Times*), the largest and most influential newspaper of Japan, is a small man, with a complexion rather fair for a Japanese and a strong, intelligent face. (Mr. Okawa passed through Toronto on his way to New York.) He speaks English fluently, and to a reporter who met him on his way home after having purchased paper-making machines in America, he said:

"The newspaper profession in Japan is as yet nothing compared to that of America, but