

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—Mr. Henry Powley's saw mill at Trecastle is in full swing.

—A new saw mill is being erected by Mr. Wm. Whalley at Mersea.

—Mr. John Zoeger's saw mill at Newton will be running shortly.

—A young man in Hamilton was severely injured by being caught in a steam saw.

—A large brick planing factory is being erected on Northcote Avenue, Toronto.

—Mr. Wm. Asselstine, Roblin, near Napanee, Ont., is building a new shingle mill.

—Mr. Thomas Whaley, late of Milverton, is now lumbering on an extensive scale in Muskoka.

—Gas lamps have been erected all through the Rathbun Co.'s yards and docks, at Deseronto.

—Mr. Neibergall has closed his mill at Dunlop, and transferred his employees to Sheppardton.

—The celebrated Gilmour-Paradis case is to come up for decision before the Privy Council next spring.

—Daniel Hayes, lumber merchant, Toronto, has assigned with \$15,000 liabilities, and showing a surplus of \$5,000.

—Fred. Richardson and Wm. Baird, of Trimble's Corners, have gone to northern Michigan to purchase a timber limit.

—The village of St. Arns, near Lowville, will shortly be able to boast a sawmill. Mr. John Readhead is the builder.

—The Jerseyville planing mill, now belonging to Messrs. Weaver & Howell, has been overhauled and placed in thorough working order.

—Mr. Gildersleeve's saw mill which was the chief support of the village of Lake Opinicon has shut down and will shortly be removed.

—About 25,000 railway ties from the Rathbun mills, Campbellford, have been landed at Port Covington, Maine, and 45,000 more to follow.

—A number of jobbers are getting out railroad ties up the river near Buckingham. They expect to have a large quantity down for shipment in the spring.

—The Owen Sound Dry Dock Company, Owen Sound, will build during the present winter another 150-foot barge for the Spanish River Lumber Co.

—Mr. David Wallace, of Brantford, has built a saw mill on his farm, Talbot St., Scotland. He intends to do business extensively in this line during the winter.

—Mr. Walter Beatty, Pembroke, whose sash and door factory was recently destroyed by fire, has refused the offer of a \$3,000 bonus to assist him in rebuilding the same.

—It is estimated that the cut of white pine square timber in the Ottawa district this winter will reach one and one-half million feet; waney or board six hundred and fifty thousand, and square red pine half a million.

—The failure is announced of Messrs. Joseph Kidd & Sons, of Dublin, who in addition to other extensive business enterprises, operated lumber mills on the North Shore. The firm's liabilities is estimated at \$150,000.

—The Rathbun Co., through their Kingston agency alone, have handled off the K. & P. railway 1061 car loads cedar posts, shingles, lumber and railway ties. This would make a train, with engines enough attached to move them, over eight miles long. This material, together with what has arrived from Ottawa and other points, makes 121 vessel loads shipped by this firm from Kingston during 1887.

—Mr. T. F. Hawthorn, of Oshawa recently waited upon the Minister of Customs on behalf of the manufacturers of axes, forks, etc., and argued the necessity of placing white ash lumber, out of which axe handles are made, upon the free list. The ground urged was that a sufficient quantity of this material cannot be procured in Canada. Mr. Bowell promised to lay Mr. Hawthorn's representation before the Minister of Finance on his return from Washington.

—In a report just issued by the department of agriculture, Ottawa, regarding the experimental farm, on which all kinds of seeds are put to practical tests, the following statement is made concerning the forestry branch: "Eighty-eight thousand young forest trees and ornamental shrubs have been procured and planted, comprising both evergreen and deciduous, including many native and foreign species. The total number of species and varieties exceeds 500, among which are many never before introduced into Canada. This collection will be largely augmented by the products of the seed beds. It is intended that such sorts as prove hardy shall be propagated for testing in other parts of the Dominion."

—A Montreal dispatch says: Judge Dean, of Victoria, Ont., is here sitting on the commission to take evidence in the action of Michael Babcock against the lumber firm of Smith & Co. Testimony was taken to-day in the case which arises out of the trouble as to the consequences of certain mortgages. Messrs. Seth Smith, of Port Hope; Cassels, Q. C., of Toronto, and Dugal, of Belleville, are counsel in the case.

—John O'Connor, pine land agent, of Chippawa Falls, Wis., agent for T. W. Dobie, of Trisonberg, Ont., sold to Charles Barker, of Chippawa Falls, a tract of pine land, estimated at from 40,000,000 to 50,000,000 feet, lying in Douglas and Bayfield counties, for \$40,000. Eau Claire parties were anxious to obtain the land, and when the sale was nearly completed they served an injunction to prevent it. Mr. O'Connor closed the bargain at once, and Barker paid \$20,000 down.

—The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company is called upon to chronicle the first death among its members, in the person of one of its trusted and valued agents, Mr. Andrew Wilson, of the firm of Wilson & Morrison, Peterboro', general agents for Eastern Ontario. Mr. Wilson was the pioneer agent of the Company, his name being on the first contract issued from the office. He carried an insurance of \$7,000 in the above, which amount was promptly paid over to his widow a few days after his death.

Among the many commendatory letters which THE LUMBERMAN has received of late, the following extract from a letter received from a well-known Toronto lumberman speaks for itself: "At different times I started to write you regarding the great change you have made in the paper, but being inclined to laziness I, like the Roman of old, put off doing so until a more convenient season. You must surely deserve all the possible patronage which lumbermen can bestow. Your paper is one of which you and all interested in lumber may well be proud. You have raised it to the front rank of trade journals and have placed it high among the ones pertaining to the lumber industry."

—Mr. T. H. Hawthorn, of Oshawa, has been in Ottawa urging the Government to place white ash on the free list. He is representing the A. S. Whiting Manufacturing Co., of Oshawa; the Severn Wheel Manufacturing Company and the Welland Vale Manufacturing Co., of St. Catharines. He says white ash is used for all kinds of handles, shafts and poles, and he considers the companies referred to are making only a reasonable request, on account of disastrous fires of late years having made white ash very scarce. They do not propose, however, that black and rim ash should be placed on the free list. Mr. Hawthorn, it may be remembered, was in Ottawa last session agitating for an increase duty on axes, and created diversion by depositing a number of Canadian axes on the clerk's table. Messrs. Charlton, Casey, and other members, opposed the increased duty, but when it was demonstrated to them that the Canadian axe was better than the American made article they withdrew their opposition. In doing so Mr. Casey observed to Mr. Hawthorn, "You will not forget us when the proper time comes." Accordingly a fortnight ago, at Christmas time, with the intimation that as they now had axes to grind he hoped they would make good use of them, and sell their chips as Mr. Gladstone does.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—Provincial lumbermen are yarding logs.

—The Annagee mills are still running and will not shut down before February.

—About fifteen mills have been built in the province of New Brunswick during the past season.

—On the upper St. John, in New Brunswick, the lumbermen have had sufficient snow for skidding.

—Ramke Bros., of St. Martins, will cut 1,500,000 feet of board timber on the Salmon river this season.

—Citizens who are connected with the coasting trade are jubilant over the loss of the big Joggins raft.

—W. H. Veysey & Son intend building a sawmill at the thoroughfare, between North and Grand lakes, N. B. in the spring.

—The upper St. John, in New Brunswick, is to be dammed above the falls for the purpose of holding lumber till the swinging of the booms in the spring and assisting in driving logs in low water.

—Frank Stetson, of Bangor, Me., has three saw mills on the St. John river which cut yearly from 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 feet of long lumber, 52,000,000 shingles, and 25,000,000 lath, besides clapboards and box shooks.

—There is at the present time an unusual demand for sleepers in this province, principally owing to extensive railway building in northern and eastern Maine. The Short line contractors are now booming things in the line of cedar posts, 75,000 of which have been called for by one firm.

—The fine shingle mill for Miller & Woodman is nearing completion. It is 165 feet long and 80 feet wide. Eight shingles, with clapboard and stave machines and probably a rotary, will form its equipment. The machinery will be placed in position this winter and work will begin in the spring.

—The cedar business on the Miramichi promises to be a lively one this winter. Two large contracts are already reported signed, one at Fredericton, by Payne, of Bangor, and the other at Boiestown, by Douglas, of Charlotte. Ten cents is to be paid for sleepers, delivered on the cars of the Northern & Western railroad.

—There is great rejoicing in Baring over the Treasury decision that the Duren & Hill mills, owned by H. F. Eaton & Sons, are American. Collector Leavitt, of Eastport, backed up the Messrs. Eaton's petition in the matter, and it is to him that the people are indebted for the continuance of an industry the suspension of which would have been almost a dead blow to the town.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—Lumber is being shipped from the Cheganinus saw mill, Vancouver Island, for Australia.

—Several of the lumber cutters at Selkirk have already sold the supply of lumber received last summer of them.

—S. J. Hogg, of S. J. Hogg & Co., lumber dealers, Calgary, a well known business man of the western territories, is dead.

—A large force of men are now in the spruce timber belt of the Riding Mountains, Northern Manitoba. There is sufficient snow for hauling logs.

—Hugh Law, manager for the Selkirk Lumber Co. at Selkirk during the past summer, has taken up his abode in Winnipeg.

—In the far northwest, Moore & McDonald are erecting a mill on the Saskatchewan river, forty miles above Edmonton, where they have purchased a timber limit.

—Messrs. Fraser & Co., Edmonton, Man. have sawed 850,000 feet of lumber this season and have about seventy five thousand feet of logs up the river at the present time. They will take out half a million feet this winter.

—W. H. Cushing's planing mill and sash and door factory at Calgary, has been exempted from taxation for the current year, by action of town council. A largely signed petition was presented in favor of a five years exemption.

—The library of the Hastings Sawmill Institute, Vancouver, consisting of 400 volumes of standard works, has been turned over to the Vancouver Reading Rooms. The conditions are that all the members of the former in good standing on the 1st of June last are to become life members of the latter.

—The Assesippi Milling company, owners of a flour mill at Assesippi, Man., have built a saw mill this season, which is now about completed. The mills are located on the Shell river, and are run by water power. The logs come from Duck mountain country, southwestern slope.

—Owing to the death of S. J. Hogg, the lumber business of the firm of S. J. Hogg & Co., of Calgary, will be closed out. The lumber handled was principally from the Royal City mills, of Westminster, B. C., and the Pollice mills, situated in the mountains.

—A new saw mill will probably be erected where the Manitoba & Northwestern crosses Rirt Tail creek, four miles from Birtle. There is a mill at present at Birtle, but owing to the fact that the lumber has to be hauled a mile up a steep grade to the railway station, the balance is in favor of a new mill at the crossing. The Birtle Observer is anxious that some effort should be made to keep the mill inside the corporation.

—It is said that there is every probability of an early advance being made in the price of lumber in the Winnipeg markets, as an outcome of the agreement among the Lake of the Woods lumbermen to form an association. It has already been intimated that an advance has been agreed upon, and an authoritative announcement may be expected soon. It is understood the advance will be \$2 per M.

—The Winnipeg Free Press, in accordance with its custom, reviews the season's lumber operations in that locality and says: "The past season has been a very good one as regards quantities. Prices, however, have been low, principally because banks and others holding stocks of defunct companies have slaughtered them and thus kept rates down. However, these stocks are pretty nearly exhausted. A large inroad has also been made on the regular dealers' stocks of cut lumber. About the same time last year there were about forty-two million feet of lumber in the country. Now the amount is estimated at twenty-six million feet. The normal aggregate stock is about thirty-six million feet. Under ordinary circumstances the result of this reduction of stocks would be an increased cut of logs, but lumbermen are still somewhat timorous owing to their