

THE NEWS.

John Radford has established a saw mill at Ingersoll, Ont.

Scott Bros. are building a saw mill at Eden Grove Station, Ont.

L. Ironsides, lumber dealer, Miami, Man., has sold out to Mr. Shaw.

A. Lindsay contemplates rebuilding his steam saw mill at Aylmer, Que.

Mr. Godbout, of St. Hyacinthe, is building a sash and door factory at Chicoutimi, Que.

W. H. Asselstine, of Newburgh, Ont., is arranging to erect a steam saw mill at Harlowe.

A. Du Tremblay, who has extensive lumber mills at Roberval, Que., is building a furniture factory.

John Bateson & Sons have purchased the saw mill at Orville, Ont., lately owned by James Matchet.

T. Bonhomme is about to commence the erection of a saw mill at Papineauville, Que., to cost \$3,000.

The Lancaster Machine Works, of Lancaster, Ont., will shortly place on the market a new circular saw.

The Rathbun Company, of Deseronto, have registered a trade mark for their pine doors, mouldings, etc.

The annual meeting of the Bronson & Weston Lumber Company was held in Ottawa on Wednesday, February 2nd.

The Nebergall Stave & Lumber Co., of Staples, Ont., have placed a new steam vat in their mill and hoop factory.

The Hull Lumber Co. contemplate the reconstruction of their mill at Hull, Que., which was destroyed by fire last year.

The Hawkesbury Lumber Co., of Hawkesbury, Ont., are now rebuilding their saw mills which were destroyed by fire about two years ago.

The South River Lumber Co., of South River, Ont., has doubled its capital stock. The old water mill has been fitted up for the manufacture of shingles.

Mr. E. F. Stephenson, Dominion Crown Timber Agent, recently returned from Winnipeg after an extended tour through British Columbia and the Northwest Territories.

The Quebec government will offer for sale, on the 22nd inst., timber limits in the Lake St. John, St. Charles, Saginaw, St. Maurice, Lower Ottawa and St. Francois districts.

A report received by the Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa states that there is an opening in South Africa for Canadian lumber, particularly well planed boards.

The firm of Marlatt & Housser, lumber dealers, Portage La Prairie, Man., will likely be dissolved. It is understood that Mr. Marlatt's interest will be purchased by Mr. H. Byrnes, of Winnipeg.

J. W. Cruckshank, of Truro, N.S., is doing a large lumbering business this season on the Little Branch of the Stewiacke river, for Alfred Dickie, having about forty men in the woods.

Isaac N. Kendall, of Ottawa, has gone to the Crow's Nest Pass, where he will superintend the erection of a large saw mill for the C.P.R. It is said the structure will be one of the largest in Canada.

It is estimated that there is consumed in the New York market in one year over 1,500,000,000 feet of lumber. The total receipts by rail of lumber, box shooks, etc., during the year 1897 was 27,311 cars.

The owner of Horse Island, situated at the south-east of Manitoulin Island, purposes erecting a large saw mill thereon and building a railway back to the bush for the purpose of taking out cedar and hardwood.

Mr. J. White, alien labor agent of the Ontario Crown Lands Department, recently visited the lumber camps in the vicinity of Huntsville in search of American workmen. It is said that thus far very few have been found.

McLaren & McLaurin have just completed the erection of a steam saw mill at East Templeton. The mill has a capacity of 150,000 feet per day, and is fitted with modern machinery. About 50 men will be employed.

Fifteen men in McNair's lumber camp on the Tobique river, New Brunswick, were recently taken seriously ill from eating diseased pork. The pork was taken in last winter, and the carriers, to lighten the load, threw away most of the pickle.

The Restigouche & Western Railway Co. is building a line of railway from the Restigouche across the province of New Brunswick to the river St. John. The road will be about 100 miles long, and will open up a large tract of heavily timbered property.

The Timber News, of London, Eng., says that another proof of the kindness borne by the Hon. J. K. Ward, lumberman, of Montreal, towards his native Mansland, was afforded last Christmas by a donation of £40 for various charities in the island.

The Bronson & Weston Lumber Co., of Ottawa, are now placing in their mill a system of carriers for the purpose of transferring the sawdust to a point where it can be conveniently carted away. Up to the present it has not been decided to erect incinerators.

At a recent meeting of the Black Rock Business Men's Association held at Buffalo, a resolution was

adopted requesting representatives Alexander and Mahoney to support any measure providing for the reduction of the present duty on Canadian lumber.

According to the Insurance and Finance Chronicle, saw and pulp mill property was destroyed by fire in 1897 to the value of \$467,600, and the insurance was \$224,600. The largest fires were at Lake Megantic, Que., loss \$35,000; Three Rivers, Que., loss \$34,000; Hull, Que., loss \$125,000; and a pulp mill at East Angus, Que., loss \$125,000.

The Ashland Press gives the following average wages of men in northern Wisconsin logging camps this winter: Foremen, \$40 to \$50 per month; teamsters, \$26 to \$30; sawyers, \$26 to \$30; chainers, \$24 to \$26; swamper, \$20 to \$26; cooks, \$30 to \$35; cookees, \$20 to \$24, and scalers \$60 to \$125. These wages are not so very bad for an off year.

The Ontario Forestry Commission recently inspected the method of utilizing coarse lumber in vogue at the factory of the Rathbun Company, at Deseronto. Prof. Goodwin, of Queen's University, Kingston, who was also present, gave a brief address as to the instruction of forest rangers and other government employees in forestry work. In the spring the Commission will likely make a somewhat extended tour of the Lake Temiscamingue region.

Mr. Thomas Southworth, Clerk of Forestry for Ontario, is taking steps to ascertain the commercial value of jack pine, which is found in large quantities throughout the province, arrangements having been made with the Imperial Institute, London, Eng., whereby the timber will be scientifically tested by the engineers of the London County Council, with a view more particularly of learning its suitability for street paving material.

It is claimed that as a result of lumbering operations on the Musquodoboit river, in the vicinity of Halifax, N. S., the low lands are flooded and damaged by water. A petition has consequently been presented to the County Council asking that a by-law be passed preventing lumber companies from driving logs and flooding the lands on said river from the 10th of May to the 1st of October. It is believed that driving operations can be completed between the 1st of October and the 10th of May.

The annual meeting of the Tracadie Lumber Co., which will conduct extensive lumbering operations in New Brunswick, was held in Bangor, Maine, last month, at which directors were elected as follows: President, F. W. Hill; treasurer, C. D. Stanford; general manager, H. B. Foster; clerk, L. C. Tyler. The old board of directors was elected, consisting of F. W. Hill, C. D. Stanford, H. B. Foster, H. H. Fogg and L. C. Tyler. This company have erected a mill at the mouth of the big Tracadie river, and will manufacture both spruce and pine.

A movement is on foot to form a company for the export of furniture to Europe, reference to which was made in this journal last month. The new concern will be known as the Canadian Furniture Exporting Co. Among the promoters are J. G. Hay, Owen Sound, J. S. Anthes, Berlin, and John R. Shaw, secretary of the Ontario Furniture Manufacturers' Association. It is proposed to erect a new factory for the manufacture of goods for export, and to establish a warehouse in England. A change in the manner in which the goods are shipped has been made. The former custom was to export the furniture in piece and put the articles together on the other side, the object being to save freight charges by closer packing. It has been found that this saving in freight is more than offset by the greater cost of putting the goods together in Great Britain, hence the change.

CASUALTIES.

Jos. Lambert, of St. Adelphe, Que., received injuries by a falling tree while working in the woods, from which he died.

Napoleon Millette, of Ottawa, while working on Eddy's limits in Temiscamingue, was struck by a falling tree, which killed him instantly.

James Ellis was killed at Anderson's lumber camp near Gravenhurst. He was felling a tree, and was struck on the head by a limb. His age was 30 years.

An employee of the Rat Portage Lumber Company, named William Twist, was recently killed by a falling tree in the company's camp near Manitou Lake.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Alfred Dickie, the well-known lumber dealer of Lower Stewiacke, N.S., sailed a fortnight ago for Liverpool, Eng. He will be absent perhaps two months.

Mr. T. G. McFarlane, of Brandon, Man., has recently been appointed assistant crown timber agent for the Yukon district, and has left for the scene of his duties.

Mr. E. H. Bronson, M.P.P., of Ottawa, and a member of the Bronson & Weston Lumber Company, has decided to retire from political life, owing to ill health. General regret is expressed that Mr. Bronson should have been compelled to take this step.

The Liberal Conservatives of London, Ont., have chosen Mr. Adam Beck, veteran manufacturer, as their standard bearer for the forthcoming election, his nomination being unanimous. Mr. Beck is very popular, and should make a strong fight.

The death is announced of Mr. Robert Rankin, head of the firm of Rankin, Gilmore & Co., of Liverpool, Eng., which house has been established for over 50 years. A

branch of the above firm was established in St. John, B., by the late Mr. Rankin. Besides doing a large lumber trade, considerable shipbuilding was carried on. In 1842 Mr. Rankin went to Liverpool and was succeeded by St. John by Mr. John Pollock. The St. John branch closed in the seventies.

OBITUARY.

The death is announced of Geo. Morrow, brother of David Morrow, M.P.P. for Sunbury County, N.B. He was a large lumber operator and mill owner.

John Dewar, of St. George, N. B., died at his residence there late in December. Deceased was a successful business man and operated the Dewar Lumber Co. shipping large quantities of lumber to the United States.

Peter H. Colton, one of the best known timber brokers in Canada, died at Pembroke, Ont., on January 1st. While travelling the Mattawa limits of the Bronson & Weston Co., he contracted a severe illness, which resulted in his death. He was considered by the lumbermen of the Ottawa valley an authority on the value of timber limits, and his services were constantly in demand.

Geo. W. Hanes died at Victoria, B.C., early in January. Deceased was born at Bangor, Maine, in the year 1833, his father being a lumber merchant, to whom he was engaged until 1852. He then removed to California, and continued in the lumber business until 1864, when he removed to British Columbia. In 1863-64 he erected a saw mill at New Westminster. Webster & Millard, and then removed to Moody's, remaining in charge of the mill there until 1876. His years were devoted to the real estate business.

TRADE NOTES.

The Northey Manufacturing Co., of Toronto, have secured the contract for the pumps to be used on the Canadian Pacific Yukon steamers.

The Jenckes Machine Co., of Sherbrooke, Que., has recently purchased the plant of the Phelps Machine Co. at Eastman, Que. and will continue the manufacture of the Dake engine and steam feed and other specialties.

The McEachren Heating & Ventilating Co., of Ont., have just put in a double dry kiln and a blast drying system for the Eckardt Casket Co., of Toronto. They also put in two planing mill fans.

The Globe File Mfg. Co., of Port Hope, Ont., have recently added to their extensive plant what is known as the steel rope drive system for operating their machinery in place of the old cog wheel system. The work was carried out by the Dodge Wood Split Pulley Co., of Toronto.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Lumber Company, Limited, was held on January 20th, at the office of Mr. John McKergow, President. The usual statements were presented, which showed that the results thus far have been satisfactory. There was no change made in the directorate or the management. Though this company has only been in existence about six months, it is stated that it has handled nearly five million feet of Ottawa pine. Purchases have also been made which should secure the future an increased trade.

Messrs. Baldwin, Tuthill & Bolton, of Grand Rapids, Mich., have sent us a copy of their 1898 catalogue, which are illustrated over 60 different saw-fitting machines adapted to every requirement in the care of bands, gangs, circulars, rift gangs and band re-saws. This book includes a lengthy treatise on the fitting of saws, what matter is calculated to render it of direct advantage to saw filers, and, in fact, to all practical millmen and factory operators. The many valuable hints on the care of saws, construction and use of emery wheels, etc., make the work of more than ordinary value. The company state that they desire to mail copies to operators of saw mills and wood-working plants, and in particular to saw filers. They have endeavored to produce the best book of its kind published up to date, and believe that the majority of those receiving it will deem it worthy of careful examination and preservation.

A valuable addition to the literature of British Columbia is the Year Book which has just been published by Mr. E. Gosnell, Legislative Librarian, with a copy of which we have been favored. Of the many works which reach our table, most of them of considerable merit, the credit for the most complete and carefully prepared work received must be given to the author of the British Columbia Year Book. Besides the facts and figures relating to the natural resources of the province, there is sufficient in an historical, political and sociological character to render the book interesting and instructive to all. There are over 500 pages of letter-press and illustrations, so arranged as to present a most pleasing appearance. To even mention the interesting features would involve more space than can here be given; suffice it to say that among them are the following: An historical review, including portraits of early navigators and explorers, a group of pioneers and early legislators, portraits of members of parliament, illustrations of government buildings, a treatise of 100 pages on mines and mining, with illustrations, a description of the fisheries, and maps of different districts in British Columbia. The forestry wealth is referred to at some length, and statistics given showing the lumber cut for the past nine years.