

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—Mr. Smith, of Frank's Bay, is building a large saw mill.

—Gilmour's big mill at Trenton closed down Nov. 12th.

—Wells & Burnie, lumber dealers, Dresden, have assigned.

—Gillies Bros' saw mill at Braeside has been closed for the season.

—Incorporation is sought next session for the Pembroke Lumber Co.

—J. R. Booth's mill, at the Chaudiere, closed down for the season Nov. 10th.

—Wm. Laking's mill, at Fesserton, is closed for the season having cut 3,000,000 feet.

—Large shipments of lumber, timber, bark, etc., are being made from Burk's Falls.

—Graham & Horne intend moving their saw mill from Vermillion Bay to Rat Portage.

—The C. P. & M. Railway is daily taking 140,000 feet of lumber from Harwood to Cobourg.

—The large mill at Longford has closed for the season. The small one is going yet but will soon stop.

—Mr. Howitt, of Sturgeon Bay, intends taking out a large quantity of cordwood during the winter.

—Mr. Wm. Higginson, of Inverman, has just finished the largest cut of logs he ever had in one season.

—Messrs. W. W. Carter and M. Dean are building a saw mill at Crookston for cutting logs, ties and custom lumber.

—The large mill at Longford closed for the season on Nov. 14th. Many of the Longford men have gone to the woods.

—Mr. J. O. Revell, who has mills at Cobocook, echoes the general complaint of scarcity of cars for shipping lumber.

—The saw mill being built at Edgar's Mills, by George F. Mitchell, for McKee & Granger, is nearing completion and will be running soon.

—A shantyman down from Gordon Creek, on the Kippewa, reports the weather as being intensely cold up there, but no snow has fallen as yet.

—Mr. Archie Stewart, of Ottawa, recently sold a 10,000 acre timber limit in British Columbia to Messrs. Ross, McLaren & Co. for \$20,000.

—McLachlin Bros' mills, at Arnprior, have closed down for the season, and they are now making arrangements to send up men for the winter's work.

—Mr. Sherk, of Hamilton, who recently purchased the saw mill at Capetown, has got in quite a large number of logs and has the mill in full running order.

—The Dickson Company, of Peterboro', will put in a large number of men on the Scott limits, and it is said they will take out twenty million feet this winter.

—Mr. Ferdinand Ahrens has secured the factory in Orillia recently occupied by the Acme Manufacturing Company, and will engage in the manufacture of veneering.

—There is quite a demand for men in the Nipissing district to work in the shanties. Good choppers are getting from \$20 to \$22 per month, general hands \$18 per month.

—Wages for the woods are ruling low, \$16 a month being the highest. Wages in the Ottawa and North Shore districts are from \$6 to \$8 a month lower than last year.

—Mr. R. M. Cox, a well-known English lumberman, has purchased Messrs. Perley & Pattee's next year's cut of deals. The cut is said to amount to about 20,000,000 feet.

—Jacob A. Shaver, Ancaster, has had a good season's run. The mill has been kept running since the first of January and he expects to keep it running until the end of the year.

—The lumbering operations in the rear of Peterboro' and Haliburton for the winter promise to be light, with the exception of those by the Hazlett Co'y on the old Scott limit.

—Mr. J. Rolston, who recently purchased the whole interest of the Rolston Bros' stock and plant, at Metcalf, is now refitting the saw mill and will have it in running order by January 1st.

—Lumber shipments have been particularly brisk on the Canada Atlantic Railway. About 400 cars have been despatched each week from Ottawa for American points, chiefly to New York.

—Orillia Packet: On Thursday evening the employees of the Longford Lumber Company, to the number of one hundred and twenty, were entertained at a banquet given by their president, Mr. Wm. Thomson, in the honor of the birth of an heir. Mr. Maxwell Hall, Secretary of the company, pre-

sided, and the vice-chairs were occupied by the two foremen and Mr. John Adams.

—The Rathbun Co. shipped from their sash and door factory, Deseronto, last week, two carloads of material to London, England, and one carload each to Leeds, Bristol and Liverpool.

—Mr. James Dollar has started a camp in Brunel, in order to get out stock for his shingle mill. Mr. Dollar manufactured over 8,000,000 shingles this season, all of which he has shipped.

—Mr. W. H. Sparling has leased the west end planing mill at Pembroke. In addition to all kinds of work done in a mill of that kind, he will give special attention to the manufacture of shingles.

—The Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing Company, Peterboro', will establish a branch of their works at Nanaimo, B. C., where they will go largely into the manufacturing of mining machinery.

—Lumbering around Emsdale has been done on a small scale this season. Mr. R. V. Fish, the owner of the Emsdale mill is having about one-half million each of pine, hemlock and birch taken out the coming winter.

—The Ottawa Syndicate that purchased about two months ago the E. B. Eddy limits on the Clyde and Madawaska have a force of about 80 men at work on the former. The Madawaska limit it is expected will not be worked this year.

—Some 200 employees of the lumber mills met November 26th in Labor Hall, Ottawa, to discuss the question of wages and long hours, and to consider the advisability of organizing. Nothing definite was done, but another meeting will be held.

—The cold weather having set in, all lumber mills in Norman and neighboring towns of Rat Portage and Keewatin have been closed for the season. On the whole the mill-owners have had a successful season and a large quantity of lumber has been cut. Several parties have left for the camps in the woods.

—Messrs. Young & Leslie Bros. have about completed their mill at Owen Sound and will soon have it in running order. McGregor, Gourley & Co., of Gait, furnished all the factory machinery, and the saw mill machinery was furnished by Kennedy & Sons, Owen Sound. The saws were from the R. H. Smith Co., St. Catharines.

—During the week ending November 15th the Rathbun Co., at their yards in Deseronto, handled 2,776,000 feet of lumber, 203,000 shingles, 68,000 moulding strips, 2,700 posts, and a large quantity of hush wood, etc., all of which were loaded for shipment. This may be considered a very good showing for an off week.

—About two months ago a crowd of 78 men left Ottawa for British Columbia to work in McKenzie's shanties in the Blueberry district. They were hired for \$1.50 a day each, but were recently discharged through operations being suspended. Thirty-seven of the gang, who had just money enough to bring them back, arrived in Ottawa the other day. The others, it is said, have no means whatever.

—Alex. Kidd and James Reilly, of Sarnia, have formed a partnership and gone into the lumber business. They have purchased a large tract of timbered land in the township of St. Edmunds, in the Indian peninsula, near Tobermora, and will go into extensive operations in getting out telegraph poles, railway ties, paving blocks and similar material, which they will ship in their own vessels to Detroit and other markets. They will put a large force of men to work in the woods as soon as the snow falls.

—The Renfrew Journal says: On Sunday a shantyman arrived in town on his way to Ottawa. He had been employed above Combermere and was discharged. He was refused his pay at the depot, and having no money, had to walk to Dacre from where he got a ride to Renfrew and with sore and blistered feet started to walk to Ottawa. On Monday night another man reached here on his way to Ottawa. He was employed at the Spanish river and was discharged. He walked to Sudbury, 75 miles, and had enough money to pay his way to Mattawa. From there he had to finish his journey on foot if fortune did not favor him.

—The Deseronto Tribune says: The Cedar Mill has discontinued cutting at night, having caught up in cedar. A few more cribs of cedar are expected from Trenton. Vast quantities of lumber continue to come in over the K. N. & W. Railway. The Resolute carried a large quantity of ties to Oswego during the past week. The floating raft at the pond went adrift in the bay, and Ed. Lewis, S. Woodcock and Ed. Breault went out after it in a skiff. These hardy mariners had an exciting experience in the stormy waters of the bay before they regained land. R. Woodcock climbed to the top of the smokestack to fix the guy wires, a task requiring a

cool head. Mr. R. E. Northmore, foreman of the cutting department, has been on the sick list. There has not been a breakdown of a character so serious as to stop this mill running over half an hour this season. This speaks well for the skillful management of Supt. Roach and his staff.

QUEBEC.

—The Calumet slides at Bryson are being rebuilt.

—D. Bedard, a lumber dealer at Lachute Mills, has assigned, owing \$8,000.

—The mills in Hull are all closed down for the season. Work has been more plentiful than expected, and the sudden though late boom in sawn lumber had a good effect.

—W. Somerville, Shawville, has signed a contract for the taking out and sawing of one million feet of hardwood timber for the Rathbun Company.

—The Buckingham Planing Mill Company, of Buckingham, will put in a new steel boiler. Messrs. Bannerman & Powell, of Ottawa, are to build it.

—The province of Quebec will exhibit a handsome wood trophy of castellated design at the Jamaica exhibition. It is 62 feet long and 32 feet high, and will contain specimens of all the woods grown in this province.

—A meeting of the forest rangers of the province of Quebec was held Nov. 19th in Hull, when Mr. J. B. Charleson, chief forest ranger, despatched seven rangers into the Gatineau, Rouge river and other districts. They are Messrs. Schnobh, Jonesse and Donovan, Gatineau; Poupore and Smith, Pontiac; Phillon, Greenville; Andrew Grant, Shawville.

—Pontiac Advance:—At Rock Lake, on the upper waters of the Madawaska, the Messrs. McLachlin Bros. have a gang camped making saw logs, the men have several times seen two very large moose, a male and female, the buck being an enormous fellow, he evidently considers that he has proprietary rights in that section and objects to any intrusion on his domain, as he has several times chased men when singly by themselves in the bush. On Sunday one of the men started out partridge hunting but after a short absence returned full speed, nearly exhausted and shouting for help, to the camp, the moose in full chase. When the moose came in sight of the camp he turned and trotted off.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—Mr. Gibson's mill, at Blackwell, has closed down for the season. A fine lot of deal has been manufactured and put out in good condition.

—F. Moore & Sons, whose shingle mill at Woodstock was burned, are rebuilding.

—The International railway is calling for tenders for 300,000 railway ties and 100,000 cedar fence posts.

—Vaughan's mill at Point Wolfe, Albert county, has finished a successful season's cutting of 6,000,000 feet, an average of 1,000,000 feet a month.

—Charles Case, of Kingsclear, is rebuilding his steam saw mill, recently destroyed by fire.

—The Douglas Boom Company has sent down stream about 150,000 feet of lumber this season. Navigation on the St. John river is now practically closed.

—The St. John mills at the head of the bay have finished cutting for the season. Probably 3,000,000 feet of deals will be carried over by those mills in the hope of better prices in the spring.

—Shingle machines have been put into Gibson's lath mills at Marysville, and the cut of cedar shingles there this coming winter will be large. The quantities of cedar lying above the dam will be floated to the mill at once.

—Judging from proposed operations in New Brunswick, the aggregate cut will be considerable less this winter than last. The American firms that operate on the Aroostook will probably cut more freely than settlers on English account. Robert Connors will operate extensively on the St. John. He has gone in with men and teams. Men are also at work on the Miramichi. Wages range from \$15 to \$20 a month.

—Harlow & Kempton, Milton, Queen's county, have built a new gang and rotary water mill. The work was done by Duncan Buchanan, of Apohoqui, N. B. Several months ago Mr. Buchanan put in a turbine wheel of his own invention at Nichol's mill on the La Have river. It will cut 15,000 feet of boards in 10 hours with a 10 foot head. Mr. Buchanan put in one of these also for Harlow & Kempton, and has orders for two more. Their work surpasses his expectations. Harlow & Kempton's is one of the neatest mills in Nova Scotia. That firm proposes to cut extensively this winter. It will cut for the South American and West India market chiefly.