

OTTAWA LETTER.

[Regular Correspondence CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

The enthusiasm which prevailed early in the month in connection with the proposed Ottawa and Georgian Bay ship canal has to some extent died out. While no one can be found to dispute the advantages to be derived therefrom, the probability of the work being undertaken at the present time, or even in the near future, are meagre. The recent deputation to the government in its behalf pointed out that to deepen the waterways of the Ottawa and French rivers and Lake Nipissing would necessitate the construction of about sixteen miles of canal work, and with accessories would cost about \$16,000,000.

The Chaudiere mill owners will request the City Council to assist in the construction of another dam, at a cost of \$40,000, to facilitate the utilization of the water power. The dam will be a large structure, and will reach directly across the head of the Chaudiere Falls from the upper end of the Eddy dam to Russell Island, where the Booth dam starts.

A report is current that Mr. Eugene Swan, of New York, is the promoter of a company which proposes erecting two pulp mills and a paper mill during the coming summer, near the mouth of the Rouge river. The property on which it is proposed to erect the mills is a portion of the J. K. Ward limit, which was acquired by Mr. Swan last fall for between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

INDIFFERENT LENGTHS.

The Bryson & Fraser timber limits will be offered for sale by public auction owing to the death of one of the partners.

The exports of forest products from Canada to Great Britain for the months of January and February show an increase of £43,000 over the corresponding period in 1895.

Mr. J. R. Booth has been sawing red pine lumber for some time at his Chaudiere mill. The logs are brought down by the Ottawa, Annaprior and Parry Sound Railway from his limits near Whitney.

About 100 men are now engaged constructing the new mill for Mr. J. R. Booth on the site of the structure which was burned two years ago. It is expected that the mill will be completed by the first of May.

Excellent progress has been made in logging operations in nearly all portions of the Northern Ottawa district, and most of the men have returned from the woods. Last year the cutting of logs was continued until the early part of April.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 23, 1896.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

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THE announcement recently made, and which is now verified, that the Victoria Lumber Company had decided to again re-open their mill at Chemainus and fight the recently organized combine, has created considerable discussion among the trade. The mill has been shut down for nearly three years. It is on the Canadian side, but the principal members of the company are Americans, among whom are ex-Senator Spooner; W. H. Phipps, land agent of the Northern Pacific; J. A. Humbird, of St. Paul; Major William Gre. ory, of Chicago, and W. J. Macaulay, formerly of St. Paul, but now of Victoria. The company own 150,000 acres of timber land, most of which was purchased from the late Robert Dimsmuir, he having acquired it by grant from the British Columbia legislature when he built the island railway. The cut will be limited to 100,000 feet per day until a trade is created. Sawing will be commenced about the first of May.

The Takush Harbor Timber Company has recently been organized to manufacture lumber at Takush Harbor, about 250 miles up the coast on the main land, just above Queen Charlotte Island. The company was organized by English investors, with a capital of \$400,000, and Mr. G. W. DeBeek, formerly of New Westminster, is the general manager. The construction of the mill building has already commenced, and sawing will begin in July. The capacity will be 50,000 feet daily. The new mill will cut entirely for the foreign trade, and cypress and spruce will be the only timbers cut. The company have 14,000 acres of excellent timber limits.

A deal, with considerable importance attached thereto, has recently been consummated, by which Messrs. Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., have taken over the entire manage-

ment of the Moodyville saw mill. Heretofore this exclusive business was in charge of J. Wulffsohn, of Vancouver. The mill is running to its full capacity, and the new proprietors intend opening a branch of their business at Vancouver, corner of Hastings and Homer streets.

COAST CHIPS.

Two carloads of lock-gate timber were shipped to Montreal, recently, by the Royal City Mills, New Westminster.

The Brunette Sawmill Co., Sapperton, have started up their new mill. It is said the company intend entering into the foreign trade at any early date.

Mr. Sword moved in the Provincial Legislature that the government should insist on all logs on which royalty is leviable being sealed by official scalers. The motion has been agreed to.

The lowest price for labor paid at the Brunette Mills is now \$1 a day and board, while both those and the Royal City Mills are giving employment to almost as many men as ever. This is largely the result of the combine.

The new machinery at the Brunette Saw Mills is running smoothly, and a full cut is being made daily. This mill, though not so large as some others in the province, is considered a model one in point of construction and equipment, and the Takush Timber Company intend building their new mill on almost the same plans.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., March 20, 1896.

NEW BRUNSWICK LETTER.

[Regular Correspondence CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

THE above Association was organized at Moncton in December, 1894. At the organization meeting it was agreed not to hold regular meetings, the question of calling special meetings at such times as were found necessary being left with the Executive Committee. Since that time none have been held. The officers of the Association are as follows: President, Hon. A. F. Ranpolph, Fredericton, N. B.; Vice-Presidents, William Chisholm, Halifax, D. I. McLaughlin jr., St. John; Executive Committee—For New Brunswick: James Robinson, M.P., Chatham; Geo. T. Vaughan, Albert Co.; William Murray, Charles Woodman, and D. I. McLaughlin jr., St. John. For Nova Scotia: William Chisholm, Halifax; A. Young, Cumberland Co.; T. G. McMullen, Truro; T. E. Eaton, Eatonville; F. Halliday, Passboro. The Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the Executive Committee. Mr. J. G. Forbes, of St. John, has acted as Secretary, but having recently been appointed to the Bench of New Brunswick, his services will be no longer available.

ST. JOHN RIVER LOG DRIVING COMPANY.

The eleventh annual meeting of the St. John River Log Driving Company will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Fredericton, on the 1st of April. An interesting meeting is anticipated, as several matters affecting the river drive will be brought up for discussion. Every owner of logs intended to be driven by the company during the season must file a statement of the same before that date.

BITS OF LUMBER.

J. & T. Jardine, of Richibucto, have given an order for a large mill to be placed at Jardineville.

S. T. King & Son's mills at Kingsville is receiving an overhauling. The capacity is being considerably increased.

A bill has been passed in the Provincial Legislature to continue the act incorporating the Magaguadavic River Driving Company.

H. R. McLennan last year purchased some timber lands near Rathesay for \$1,550. He is at present cutting the lumber on the property, and expects to make a good profit on the transaction.

Messrs. Wm. Currie & Co., of Eel River Crossing, N. B., are erecting a new and commodious mill. The Robb Engineering Co., of Amherst, are putting in the boiler and engine. Mr. W. McWair, of the same place, intends erecting a shingle mill. He has a large crew cutting cedar.

It is reported that in the spring, Stehelin Bros. intend making a tramway from New France, Digby county, through the level part of the country, coming out near Gates' mills. This road will be about twelve miles long, and is intended for hauling lumber from their mill to the Sissibou river, by means of cars moved by horses.

ST. JOHN, N.B., March 22, 1896.

THE NEWS.

CANADA.

—H. J. McCreary is erecting a saw mill at Chatham, Ont.

—E. D. Tillson has started his saw mill at Tilsonburg, Ont.

—M. Malcolm will start a shingle factory at Scotland, Ont.

—H. Hardy, of Little York, P. E. I., is building a new saw mill.

—The mills at Chatham, Ont., are running to their full capacity.

—The erection of a shingle mill at Price's Corners, Ont., is spoken of.

—There are said to be first-class openings in Manitoba for paper and pulp mills.

—A new planing mill will shortly be started in Hintonburg, Ont., by N. Bevin.

—Mr. Wakefield & Son have leased the McKenzie saw mill at Kirkfield, Ont.

—John Cook, of Arkell, Ont., has purchased the mill property of W. T. Haines.

—John Vance, of Woodland, Ont., has recently erected a saw mill near that place.

—A new pulp mill will be put in operation at Church Point, N. B., at an early date.

—Messrs. Lovering contemplate removing their mill from Coldwater, Ont., to Bush's Corners.

—Two new saw mills are being constructed near the line of the Lake St. John Railway at Quebec.

—J. J. Joliffe has recently completed his contract at Christie, Ont., with the Parry Sound Lumber Co.

—J. L. Allen & Co., of Grimsby, Ont., intend starting a factory there for the manufacture of bicycle rims.

—A change is said to be contemplated in the operation of the Burrard Inlet red cedar mills at Port Moody, B. C.

—The Sayward Mill & Timber Co., of Victoria, B. C., is reported about to be reconstructed with English capital.

—Harman & Co., Victoria, B. C., have taken over the Oak Bay Lumber Yard, and will control it during the season.

—It is stated that the Katrine Lumber Co.'s mill at Parry Sound, Ont., will be operated during the coming summer.

—R. W. Richardson, of Hartland, N. B., is erecting a woodworking factory and expects to have it running before the 1st of May.

—Turnball & Davidson, of Manitou, Man., have purchased the entire lumber stock of G. R. Gordon, together with the steam sash and door factory.

—Edward Harnett has removed his portable steam saw mill from St. Louis, N. B., to Sussex, where he has secured a contract for ten years sawing.

—Three cars of large pine timber were recently shipped from British Columbia to Halifax. The freight paid on them is said to have been in the vicinity of \$800.

The erection of a foundry at Westville, N. S., has been decided upon by a local company. It is proposed to make shingle mills and do a general foundry business.

—The County Crown Attorney of Hull, Que., has decided to take no further action against Mr. Turpin, for the alleged murder of Deschates in the Edward's lumber camp.

—Letters patent have recently been issued limiting the existence of the Pickerel River Improvement Co. to a period of twenty-three years, to be computed from May 9th, 1883.

—Mickle, Dymont & Son's mill at Gravenhurst, Ont., is being refitted. The band saw will be placed with a new Allis machine, and a new saw placed in the planing mill for resawing.

—The erection of a woodenware and pulp factory at Midland, Ont., is said to have been decided upon. Mr. H. H. Cook, of the Ontario Lumber Co., Toronto, is one of the promoters.

—Donald Fraser & Sons, of Fredericton, N. B., are making extensive repairs to the Aberdeen mills. These mills will be started as soon as the river opens and expect to cut twelve million feet of lumber.

—Mr. F. W. Morris has been admitted as partner with