

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—Lumber shipping is quite lively at Longford Mills.

—The Katrine mills will cut 10,000,000 feet this season.

—Robert Armstrong, lumber dealer, Kirkfield, has failed.

—Mr. Ainslie, of Comber, is erecting a new saw mill at Staples.

—The Kingston Car Works are now turning out two cars every day.

—J. Whiteside, Huntsville, is making an addition to his saw mill this spring.

—Mr. Geo. Thomson, of Zeland, is about putting a new engine into his saw mill.

—The Parry Sound Lumber Co., and the Conger Lumber Co. have started their mills.

—The saw mill of Messrs. Leishman & Sons, Bracebridge, commenced operations in March.

—McLachlan Bros., of Arnprior, have a drive of 200,000 saw logs coming down the Bonnechere.

—McMurphy's mill, at Sundridge, runs 24 hours a day. It cuts birch in the day and pine at night.

—The Georgian Bay Lumber Co.'s mill at Port Severn commenced running a couple of weeks ago.

—Mr. Gray, of Dundas, owner of a saw mill at Stillwater, purposes putting in a large shingle mill and planer.

—The Rathbun Company have taken nearly 200 carloads of posts from one locality in North Hastings this season.

—The saw mill at Thessalon will start running in a couple of weeks. The new engine and boiler are now in place.

—Messrs. Murphy & McKae, forwarders, have placed a number of barges at the Chaudiere lumber docks to be laden with lumber.

—There are twenty million feet of logs to come down the Thessalon river this summer, besides about six thousand cords of paper wood.

—John Ferguson's saw mill at North Bay, destroyed by fire not long ago, has just been rebuilt on a much larger scale than the old one.

—The Black River is opening up and the river drivers are preparing for the drive. Unless there is more rain the water will be lower than usual.

—Rat Portage people want the Ontario Government to buy off the lease of the Lake of the Woods islands from the Keewatin Lumber Company.

—Mr. Dymont's mill at Thessalon will be run to its full capacity this summer. A large new engine, boiler and smokestack arrived last week.

—James Playfair & Co's mill at Sturgeon Bay commenced running April 14th, one month later than last year, and is expected to have a full season's run.

—Now that the car famine has terminated, over one hundred cars of lumber a day are being loaded and despatched from the Chaudiere over the C. A. R.

—Messrs. McLachlan Bros.' mills at Arnprior, are being thoroughly overhauled and refitted with every modern improvement, previous to starting the season.

—Messrs. R. & W. Conroy are having their splendid mills at Deschene extensively repaired and it is said that cutting operations will begin about the first of May.

—The Rathbun company have 3,500 tons of ice stored at Rossmore, Prince Edward county. It took 50,000 feet of lumber to build the house in which to store it.

—Early in April snow was still five to six feet deep in the lumbering regions north of the Desert, where timber cutting was still going on as if spring had not yet appeared.

—River driving is booming in the Coldwater river. Water is plentiful and the logs are being run through in rapid order. The logs belong to Messrs. Trask & Co., Fesserton.

—A proposition has been made that a joint stock company be formed to purchase the plants and limits of Mr. I. Cockburn, Gravenhurst, and to operate the mill as formerly.

—Both railroads at Ottawa have been supplied with a large number of lumber cars. This will lessen the demand anticipated by forwarders when the boating season properly opens.

—Messrs. W. R. Thistle & Co. have sold their saw mill at Pembroke to a joint stock company composed of Messrs. Thos. Hall, Dunlop & Chapman, A. & P. White and John Brunley.

—The saw mill run by Paul & Wiseman, Havelock, has commenced operations. They have over seven thousand logs

to saw, besides shingles, which will keep them busy at least six months.

—Messrs. Bronson & Weston's small lumber mill at the Chaudiere commenced operations April 21st. The rest of the saw mills are expected to commence work in the course of a week.

—Lumbermen are preparing to start their drives of saw logs down the Moira river and tributary streams. A large number of men have within a few days been engaged at Belleville for the drives.

—The sudden disappearance of the snow last month will inconvenience the getting out of wood in the north. One contractor near Havelock has hauled out some 2,000 cords but has still 4,000 cords in the woods.

—Messrs. Bronson & Co. are making a new tramway from their piling ground at the Chaudiere to the C. A. R. yards, so that in future they will be able to load their cars on their own grounds, and despatch them direct over the line.

—Messrs. James McLaren & Co.'s lumber mills at New Edinburgh commenced operations April 21st and are now running full blast. There is an abundance of logs available and the season's cut, it is estimated, will be up to previous years.

—The mills of Murphy, Gates & Co and Maitland, Rixon & Co., at Owen Sound are approaching completion. These mills are the first to go into the wholesale lumber trade at that port. They will raft their logs from the peninsula and north shore.

—A long procession of shanty teams passed through Ottawa on April 5th, on the way to their homes from the timber limits of Cook & Co., on the Serpent river. They reported lots of snow still in the woods there, and a very successful winter.

—A Lake of the Woods lumberman says: This will be the busiest season on record at Rat Portage and Keewatin in the lumbering business. The mills will be fitted up with electric lights for night work. A larger amount of timber than usual has been taken out this winter.

—The cut of logs in the Ottawa district by the Chaudiere and Hull lumbermen is said to have been about 350,000,000 feet. Other firms in the Ottawa valley will turn out 2,700,000 logs or about 380,000,000 feet board measure, giving a total of 5,100,000 logs or 730,000,000 feet for the Ottawa valley and upper Ottawa districts.

—A process of manufacturing Portland cement has been patented in Canada. The process consists in mixing clay and sawdust in certain proportions to a plastic mass; blocks are then formed out of this mass, these blocks are then dried and calcined under a white heat. The cement has been tested and gives excellent results either when used neat or mixed with sand.

—The Orillia *Packet* says: Mr. William Thomson, Orillia, who has had a contract for getting out timber for the Georgian Bay Lumber Co. in the township of Wood, has completed his season's operations and returned home on Monday. He is now arranging for shipping timber over the Grand Trunk Railway, having had the contract for loading in this district for eight or nine years. He says the quantity of board and timber got out this season is unusually large and probably three thousand cars will be required for moving it.

—The foundation and other mason work of the Rathbun Company's new dry-kilns at Deseronto are about completed. The new structure will be on a more extensive scale than the old one, another compartment being added. Mr. B. F. Sturtevant, of Boston, Mass., will furnish the apparatus which will be employed for drying the lumber. By the new system hot blasts of air will be driven into the drying compartments by powerful fans. It is supposed that the new kilns will be ready in a month's time. In the meantime temporary kilns have been arranged to meet the requirements of the sash and door shop.

—The exports from Canada during March amounted to \$3,309,181, of which \$433,663 were forest products. Included in above are goods not the produce of Canada, valued at \$239,480. The importations for home consumption in March, were valued at \$8,783,219, and the duty collected \$2,046,837. Compared with the corresponding month last year both imports and exports show a falling off, the decrease in exports being due to the fact that over \$1,000,000 worth of bullion passed through Canada. The exports for the nine months of the current fiscal year reach the total of \$73,208,731, as compared with \$65,541,095 in the previous year, showing the grand increase of \$7,667,636. The value of the imports was \$82,552,887 as against \$72,246,110, or an increase of \$10,306,777. The duty collected amounts to \$17,494,499, as against \$17,151,007 last year.

QUEBEC.

—The Quebec banks have about \$2,000,000 invested in timber to forward to the European market this season.

—Mr. J. Campbell, of South Dufferin, is doing quite an extensive business in lumber and pulp wood this season, and Mr. M. W. Bell is building a saw mill at the same place.

—It is reported that the firm of McLaren & Ross, New Westminster, B. C., had engaged from Quebec some 500 French Canadians to work in or about their mills and logging camps this summer, but the report is discredited.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—C. J. Keith & Co., of Havelock, have in their mill pond and on the banks about 3,000,000 feet of lumber ready for spring business.

—About 2,000,000 of the 5,000,000 of lumber cut by W. H. & J. Rourke, of St. Martins, during the past winter have been floated into the Irish river.

—The firm of Clarke Bros., Bear River, have in the adjacent rivers a drive of 30,000 logs which are expected to arrive at the mills in a few weeks. These will be manufactured in the saw-mill at that place, and shipped during the season to South American and other ports.

At the annual meeting of the St. John River log driving company the following directors were elected: W. H. Murray, C. F. Woodman, Franklin Stetson, Geo. B. Dunn, W. B. Beveridge. Mr. Murray was elected president and Mr. J. Fraser Gregory secretary and treasurer of the company.

—Walter Stevens, of Presque Isle, who has been lumbering on the head waters of the St. John, expects to get some 7,000,000 feet of spruce this season. This, with the drive he had hung up last year, will make nearly 12,000,000 he has to put into the market this year, if the season is favorable, and he has good luck.

—The drive of logs on the St. John river has been sold to Robert Connors at the following rates:

Grand Falls	24 cts.
Aroostook Falls.....	24
Salmon River.....	18
Tobique River.....	18
All points below	10

—J. D. Leary is trying a new experiment in timber raft construction this year. At several points in New Brunswick he has crews of men and teams building cribs on the ice. His plan differs materially from that adopted in the construction of the Joggins raft, in the fact that his tow will be made up of a number of cribs containing about 500 pieces of piling each. Each crib has a strong chain laid lengthwise in the centre of the timber, the whole being firmly secured on the outside by binders of heavy wire rigging. When completed a number of those cribs sufficient to make up the tow will be coupled together much the same as a railway train. Powerful tugs will transport them to New York.

NOVA SCOTIA.

—Sometime ago there was considerable talk regarding the construction of a dock at the head of the Bay, says the *Amherst Press*. The advantages to Amherst and surrounding country would be very great. The millions of feet of deals made in this section could then be shipped to foreign markets direct, instead of as now going first to Halifax or St. John, thus saving 50 cents per thousand to the producer.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—Williams & Willoughby have opened out a lumber yard at Regina, Assa.

—Roberts & Crawford's mill is now busy at work on this side of the Riding Mountains.

—J. M. Taylor, planing mill, Portage la Prairie, is putting in new machinery in his factory.

—Garret & Mennie, machinists, Morden, are about to add a planing mill plant to their business.

—Campbell & Stevens, lumber dealers, Glenboro, have sold out to R. Logan & Co., and are moving to Carman.

—Mr. Shaw has received the machinery for his mills which will soon be in operation on the Valley river, Lake Dauphin.

—Mr. McPherson's machinery for a saw mill will soon be moved down into the settlement and established on the Vermillion river.

—The Boom Company on Rainy River has been extending and repairing all winter, and now have a first class boom in every particular.

—The Lake Dauphin district, says the *Minnedosa Tribune* will soon have three saw mills in operation. This district of northern Manitoba is evidently going ahead, though it is but a short time since settlers started to go into that section.