

## OTTAWA LETTER.

[Regular correspondence CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

THERE is at the present time a fair amount of activity in lumber circles. A considerable quantity of lumber is being shipped both by rail and barge. One shipper, however, is authority for the statement that although trade was good, yet, it is not nearly as brisk as last year. The Export Lumber Co. is doing a brisk business from their Rochesterville yard, and the Shepard-Morse Co. are shipping large orders to Burlington and New York City. Whilst a good many men have already been despatched to the woods the impression is general among the trade that the monetary depression of the past summer will have the effect of reducing the cut in the woods the coming winter. It would appear quite certain that American firms owning limits in Canada will do comparatively little cutting, and already some of the results are observable here in the number of Michigan shantymen who are seeking work.

## INDIFFERENT LENGTHS.

Gilmour & Hughson's mill in Hull has been equipped with an electric plant.

The river boats, as the season draws near to an end, are being kept busier than they had anticipated.

The Rathbun Lumber Company, who purchased the lumber in the Perley & Pattee piling ground on each side of the aqueduct are removing it to the Company's piling grounds in Rochesterville.

A number of barges are at the basin here and want to go into the dry dock, but cannot secure ship carpenters competent to do the repairs they are in need of. The work is of a very particular kind, bolting and such, and the barges will have to be sent elsewhere to have it done.

R. Thackeray has carried off substantial honors at the World's Fair having been awarded a diploma for his exhibit of sash, doors, blinds, frames, turning and joiners' work, and in addition a gold medal for the superior and artistic workmanship displayed in preparation of the same.

A large party of citizens, consisting of the Mayor, aldermen, heads of various civic departments, and others partook of the hospitality of Ald. Bingham, a few days ago at that gentleman's lumber camp on the Gatineau some three miles from the mouth of the river. They went for a "snack" of beans cooked in shanty style.

Five large rafts of square timber are laid up for the winter at the head of the Calumet, near Bryson. These rafts belong to A. Barnett, Barnett & Mackie, Klock and A. Fraser. They will come to Quebec early next spring. None of the booms on the upper Ottawa have been closed, so that logs are now running down tributary streams.

A number of improvements have been made lately at Conroy's mills at Deschambault. Instead of allowing carts to load blocks from the mill the refuse wood is all carried away by tramways to a distance where it is piled. The carts now load dry fire wood instead of soaking wet as it used to be. Another great improvement has been carried out in the arrangement of carriers which run from the butting tables outside the mill. By this means the labor of sorting is saved.

OTTAWA, Can., Oct. 28, 1893.

## NEW BRUNSWICK LETTER.

[Regular correspondence CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

J. W. KENNEDY, formerly of Buctouche, intends erecting a sawmill, and going into the lumber business, in Newfoundland.

John McLoggan, of Newcastle, on the Miramichi, has entered the lumber commission business in Boston.

James Hayes has purchased a sawmill on St. Mary's river, near Sherbrooke, N.S., and will cut for the British markets. He formerly ran a shingle mill at Charlo, N.B.

Lumbermen of Nova Scotia are finding an improvement in the South America lumber markets. A shipment of 600,000 feet was recently sent from Apple river by Mr. Chas. T. White, one of the largest operators of these parts.

Alfred Dickie, at his steam sawmill, at Lower Stewiacke, is cutting 55,000 feet each 24 hours. The mill is running night and day. The cut this season will run nearly 10,000,000 feet of lumber, besides 8,000,000 laths and about two car loads of box boards.

Young Bros. & Co., of which firm Mr. C. W. Young, of St. Stephen, is a member, the largest lumber operators in Cumberland, Nova Scotia, will make the largest output this year. They will cut 10,000,000 feet of long lumber and 7,000,000 laths at River Hebert and Newville, Nova Scotia.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Oct. 23, 1893.

## LITTLE CURRENT.

[Regular Correspondence CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

LUMBERING is not going to be as brisk here as last winter. Howry & Sons, our largest operators, are going to work only two small camps, as they calculate that will clean off the balance of their timber here. They shipped this week most of their lumbering kit, including horses, etc., to Peterboro', as they intend operating on their limits in that vicinity this winter. The steamer City of London, of the North Shore Navigation Co., made a special trip to the Whitefish River after these supplies, and was loaded to her fullest capacity with them. The sleighs belonging to this company have each 12 ft. bunks.

Mr. Treat, foreman of the shingle mill, went to Buffalo last week to get a complete gang of experienced shingle makers to run four machines.

The amount of cedar taken out here on the island this winter will be about as usual. Mr. Collins, foreman for W. L. Herriman & Son, has his camps completed. They will take out over 100,000 pieces of cedar in ties, poles and posts, besides 1,000,000 feet of pine and 2,000 cords of shingle timber.

J. & T. Charlton & Co. are going to take out their usual cut—5,000,000 feet. Their limit is at the mouth of the Whitefish river, and, consequently, they have very little expense driving logs. It is rumored that J. & T. Conlon have secured more pine, and will be taking out a large stock this winter. They have lately sold their season's cut of lumber, and the mills are now running again to the full capacity.

LITTLE CURRENT, Ont., Oct. 18, 1893.

## MICHIGAN LETTER.

[Regular correspondence CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

THE lumbering season is drawing rapidly to a close with the feeling among the trade that the business done is nothing to brag about. The black eye that monetary conditions gave business a few months ago is still causing trouble. Confidence, in part, has been restored, but not to the extent of helping business this season in any large degree. The docks are piled up with lumber and the cut of logs will undoubtedly be affected as a consequence. I understand that Michigan lumbermen owning limits in Canada will do comparatively little in the woods the coming winter.

## BITS OF LUMBER.

Hargrave & Co., of Bay City, are in receipt of another large raft of Canadian logs.

The cut at Menominee is said to compare favorably with a corresponding period of 1892.

Col. A. T. Bliss, of Saginaw, will cut 15,000,000 feet in Canada this winter. He also will lumber near Coleman.

J. T. Hurst, of Wyandotte, who is interested with several Bay Cityans, has let contracts for cutting 30,000,000 feet in the Georgian Bay country.

Arthur Hill, of Saginaw, will cut 10,000,000 feet of logs to clean up the timber held by him adjacent to Sault Ste. Marie. He will cut no logs in Canada this year.

Henry Stephens & Co., at St. Helen, have closed down their mill, having exhausted the stock tributary to it. The mill has been in operation about fifteen years.

Pitt & Co., of Bay City, are operating to considerable extent in Canadian logs, having so far brought over about 20,000,000 feet. They are much pleased with the quality of the stock.

C. Merrill & Co., of Saginaw, have not put an axe into the woods as yet, and the head of the firm says they may not put in a log. The firm has over 15,000,000 feet of lumber on hand.

Camps have been started in the Georgian bay territory by the Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company, but this strong concern will only put in enough to stock the company's own mill which will be about 25,000,000 feet.

The Tittabawassee Boom Company has suspended operations for the season, with the smallest output in 30 years, the amount falling far below the smallest predictions at the commencement of operations, and only 15,000,000 feet hung up.

The shipments of lumber this season from the Saginaw valley are 117,553,000 feet less than those of last season, and 220,395,000 feet less than those for the same period in 1890. It is hardly probable that the total water shipments this season will reach 200,000,000 feet.

Rust Bros. & Co. will finish the timber owned by them tributary to Saginaw waters this season. The output of the mills on the Saginaw river with which the Rusts have been connected is estimated at over 1,000,000,000 feet since their first mill was erected here in 1863.

The Ayres Lumber and Salt Co. are in financial difficulties, having executed a mortgage to Eben R. Ayres in trust for the use and benefit of the company's creditors, amounting to \$61,993.13. There is about \$20,000 due to the creditors which is not mentioned in the mortgage, so Mr. Ayres says, and as the assets greatly exceed the liabilities, they will be paid in full. It will continue in operation.

The Democrat, of Cheboygan, says there will be 150,000,000 feet of lumber sawed at that place this season, and possibly 160,000,000 feet, a larger amount than was ever sawed at Cheboygan before. Besides this the output of shingles and lath has exceeded the record, and the first shipments of leather and staves have been made. The Democrat does not think the hard times have struck Cheboygan.

SAGINAW, Mich., Oct. 26, 1893.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

[Regular correspondence CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

OUR shingle and lumber interests have of course suffered from the general depression, but British Columbia shingles have certainly not been used at any time instead of coin for payment of lumbermen's debts. Such, however, according to the West Coast Lumberman, of Tacoma, has been the case across the border in Washington, where, it is stated shingles are being sold at an unnecessary sacrifice, whilst "butchers, grocery men, machine houses, etc., have been taking shingles from their debtors, until it looked as though shingles could pass current in Washington, the same as coon skins did in Indiana." The Lumberman quaintly adds: The rumor that shingles were being thrown in contribution boxes and that ministers were taking them on salary account seems to be unfounded. This was doubtless a yarn started by some man who failed to bring his orthodoxy west when he came.

## LUMBER EXHIBITORS.

The annual exhibition of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society was held here during the last week of September. All the sawmills and wood-working establishments in this locality were large exhibitors. The Pacific Coast Lumber Company obtained first prize for shingles. The New Westminster branch of the B. C. M. T. & T. Co. exhibited a cedar plank 2 in. thick, 40 in. wide, and 100 ft. long; a fir plank, 1½ in. thick, 52 in. wide, and 100 ft. long, which attracted considerable attention even here, and what would have been said had they been seen at an eastern fair? The Brunette Sawmill Company had some very fine mantels on view which have been sold in eastern Canada and England.

## COAST CHIPS.

A practical man suggests that our mills or lumbermen might add to their other manufactures that of Venetian blinds, outside shutters and like goods.

Trade keeps holding its own. The B. S. Mill company loaded another vessel for Australia in September and have one now loading for the same destination.

Sample shipments of rough cedar are being sent to Japan by the Empress of India. If the result proves satisfactory large further consignments will be made, thus adding desirably to Canadian export trade in Japan, which is yet but small.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., Oct. 20, 1893.

## PERSONAL.

G. M. Merkley, of the planing mill, Morrisburg, Ont., was married the early part of October to Miss Emma Mickle, of Marietown. Congratulations.

The LUMBERMAN extends congratulations to Mr. H. H. Spicer, the big shingle manufacturer, of Vancouver, B.C., on the occasion of his recent marriage. The fair bride was Miss Anna Matilda Hart, a well-known resident of Vancouver.

Henry B. Frey, a millionaire lumberman, of Minneapolis, has taken to himself, for the third time, a wife in the person of a pretty Norwegian girl of twenty-three, who has acted as his housekeeper for the past three years. The bride is said to be not only remarkably pretty, but also bright and clever, despite her humble birth.

## TRADE NOTES.

The Waterous Engine Works Co., of Brantford, Ont., are known to deal liberally with their customers, but when the printer in their advertisement of last month made them intimate that a saving of 50% was to be secured in placing an order for a band saw now, he was a little too generous. The types should have read 5%, which at the low prices of the Waterous band saws would mean a decided saving.

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