

QUEBEC.

—Gilmour & Co's mills at Chelsea cut over 30,000,000 feet of lumber this season.

—At a meeting of the Quebec Timber Co., Limited, recently held at Edinburgh, Scotland, a resolution was submitted directing the affairs of the company to be wound up voluntarily.

—The goods from the wrecked steamer "Idahoe" were recently sold at auction, at Quebec, walnut logs bringing 80 cents per foot, ash 20 cents; birch 15 cents, cheese \$1.80 per box.

—Mr. G. W. Vancor, of Knowlton, has bought from his son, Mr. Frank Vancor, the Knowlton Pump and Shingle Factory, for \$4,250, and intends to give the business a new boom.

—As a shipping port Montreal is fast looming up. Large quantities of square timber are being shipped from that port this year. The general export business is reported as being good this season and likely to remain so. Freight rates are plentiful, but rates are low.

—The Quebec government has sent out a party to explore the unsold timber limits on the Upper Ottawa. The party is composed chiefly of Indians under the control of Mr. J. B. Charleson, superintendent of forest ranges for Quebec province, who will go north to the waters at the head of Hudson Bay, and it is expected that new and rich fields of timber will be discovered. The exploration will take about three months.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—The mill of W. H. & G. Rourke at St. Martins has shut down owing to the low price of deals.

—Carr Bros., whose mill at Canterbury station, York county, was recently burned, have put up a new one, and put in a 60-horse power engine and boiler.

—Gibson's drive, or a portion of it, was not got all the way down the Nashwaak last spring. A recent heavy rain sent the river up with great rapidity, and these logs came down with a rush, saving Mr. Gibson, it is said, fully \$1,000.

—A Cushing & Co., of St. John, shipped a cargo the other day to South America, but it was bought by two young speculators, one an American and one an Englishman, who also bought the schooner which took the cargo for service on River Platte.

—Martin Lanigan & Co., of Kingston, Kent county, have been fined \$20 for putting sawdust and other rubbish in the stream. For a second offense the party is liable to a fine of from \$50 to \$200. The fishery officer declared his determination to see the law fully enforced.

—A lot of shingles were recently shipped from St. John to the West Indies as part cargo of the steamship Loanda of the Canada and South American line. This line of steamers is an experiment under Dominion subsidy, and only one vessel has thus far been placed on the route.

—A leading Fredericton merchant says there has been less money in circulation in that town during the last two months than for the like period for many years. The principal cause assigned is that large operators are holding their lumber for better prices, some of them even affecting loans on lumber to carry them over the present depression.

—The Fredericton Boom Company reports that up to Sept. 1st it had rafted 107,000,000 feet of logs and that fully 45,000,000 yet remained. D. Glaser & Sons brought 2,249 joints to St. John last week. The river has risen considerably recently. There were rafted last week at the Douglas boom 1,251 joints, at the Mitchell boom 1,050 and at the Sterling boom 642. The Nashwaak lumbermen have been enabled to get all their loose timber in, that stream having risen several feet, and the business along it has been resumed.

—One of Leary's rafts went to pieces along the shore. The other left Portland, N. S., Sept. 1st, and finally arrived safe at Vineyard Haven. A Maine paper says:—"It is about time that something was done to stop the long-raft performances of James D. Leary. His attempts to get big collections of piling to New York are interesting, but at the same time a menace to all coastwise commerce. Last Friday the smashup of one of his rafts scattered nearly 5,000 logs along the coast of Maine. Somebody is bound to suffer from this and the business should be shut off."

NOVA SCOTIA.

—A syndicate has purchased from Benjamin Young all his lumbering property in Cumberland, his vessels and both of his mills, for about \$150,000. The business will be conducted under the name of Young Bros. & Co.

—The loss by the destruction of A. Robb & Sons' foundry at Amherst, by fire, is \$50,000; insurance only \$23,500.

Several loaded cars belonging to the Intercolonial were partially burned and two houses destroyed. Sixty men are thrown out of work.

—Messrs. Palmer, Crossman & Laws have established a new foundry and machine shop at Amherst, where they will manufacture rotary saw mills, shingle, lath and clapboard machines, etc.

—Jacob Bingay, of Yarmouth, whose mill near Meteghan was recently burned, has ordered a heavy rotary mill from Ontario. His old mill was a model, no expense being spared to make it first-class in construction and appearance.

—Messrs. E. D. Davison & Sons, of Bridgewater, have shipped so far this season 7,000,000 feet of lumber, five millions from Port Medway, and two millions from Bridgewater. The latter place is fast becoming a lumber centre, and when the La Have mills resume business, the output will be as large as ever before.

—Two lumber laden schooners, coming down the bay from Apple River, some days ago, were driven ashore. The crew of one made rafts of the deck load of deals, and managed to get ashore, but the three men and a girl on board the other were drowned. The vessels went to pieces. It was a wild night all along shore.

—There is a large export business in lumber done at Parrsboro. Last year the shipments of deals were 30,000,000 feet. This year it will be about the same. Twenty-five barques have already loaded in the West Bay roadstead, and there are five barques now there loading. Messrs. Young & Son, of Newville, have finished sawing. Two other large shippers, Tucker and Miller, have filled all contracts for this season, but Capt. N. C. Nordly has still 5,000,000 feet on hand awaiting vessels. The deals are all lightered to West Bay, which keeps a number of woodboats going steadily.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

—A lumber yard is being opened at Crystal City, by Parr & King.

—G. M. Jackson has started a lumber yard at Poplar Point.

—J. R. Sutherland & Co., lumber dealers, Winnipeg, have dissolved.

—The lumber dealers of Selkirk west report a considerable increase in their trade lately.

—Thompson's new mill, at Rapid City, was recently tested and found to work satisfactory.

—Mitchell & Bucknell, of Millwood, are making preparations for a big cut in the bush for the coming winter and expect to drive 4,000,000 feet next spring.

—Christie, of Brandon, and Tait, of Birtle, have made arrangements to lease the saw mill at Birtle, Man., from the town council for the balance of the season, and will commence cutting lumber at once.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—The Mechanic's Mill Co., Ltd., saw mill and sash and doors, New Westminster, is gazetted for inspection.

—It is reported that the demand for lumber tonnage from British Columbia has fallen off somewhat, and prices have weakened.

—N. Slaughter & Co., a Michigan firm who recently acquired timber limits in British Columbia, have purchased a mill site from M. M. English, at Sterveston, near the mouth of the Fraser river, and intend erecting a mill of large capacity.

—A large iron steamship has been chartered to load lumber at the Moodyville mill, Burrard Inlet, for Melbourne, Australia. She will carry 1,500,000 feet. This is a new departure in the lumber trade, as heretofore only sailing vessels have been engaged in the export lumber trade of British Columbia.

—Forest fires of small dimensions are burning in several parts of the New Westminster district. It is noticed that the fires this summer are much smaller than in former years, but at the same time the destruction of valuable timber is larger than it should be.

—Angus Fraser has completed a contract for getting out 5,000,000 feet of logs for the Cowichan Lumber Company, Cowichan Lake, Vancouver Island. The logs all through are said to be the finest ever cut on the Island, and there are lots more in the same place.

—The new saw mill of Lacey & Morrison at Shawnigan Lake, Vancouver Island, has a capacity of 25,000 feet per day of lumber, a large planer, a shingle mill capable of turning out 20,000 shingles per day, and a lath machine with a capacity of 30,000. There is an abundance of timber in the immediate vicinity.

—Messrs. Simmons, Burpee, Elkin & Smith, recently from New Brunswick, have formed themselves into the Portable Mill Company, and have erected a shingle mill about three miles from New Westminster. They have put in one Dunlar machine and will begin cutting shingles immediately. They also propose putting in a clapboard machine which will be the first of the kind used in that district.

—W. L. Johnson & Co., of Gambier Island, Howe Sound, whose shingle mill and machinery were completely destroyed by fire some two months ago, have rebuilt and are running again on a larger scale than ever. Since starting up over a million of shingles have been turned out, for which a ready market has been found. The new mill is larger than the old one, its capacity is greater, but so great is the demand for its output that the establishment has to be kept running night and day.

—The McLaren-Ross mills at New Westminster will soon be in a condition for cutting operations. The monster band saw and its mass of machinery has come to hand and is now being set in position, and when this machine is ready for use, which will be in about a month's time, the whole establishment will commence running with a full complement of hands. The manager of the company says that besides supplying the local and continental trade the mills will load at least one vessel every week for foreign ports.

AMERICAN NOTES.

—A "corner in oak" is one of the most recent apparently successful attempts at money-making in lumber in Wisconsin.

—Red cedar is pronounced by the Cleveland city authorities as the cheapest and most durable paving material ever laid down in that city, being far superior to white cedar.

—The actual value of the lumber, shingles and other products turned out by the Southern mills during the past year amounted to \$108,378,000, being an increase of 130 per cent. over 1880.

—A floating saw mill is said to be in use in Florence, Wis. The boat is 40 x 80 feet in size and draws 17 inches of water. The mill hands live aboard and the boat is moved along the river to wherever there is a fine lot of timber near the banks.

—The Michigan Shingle & Lumber Mill, Muskegon, Mich., the largest on the lake, burned Sept. 9th. A million and a half feet of fine lumber and 22,000,000 shingles were also burned with the docks and slip. Total loss \$100,000.

—"The widest plank on earth," the Humboldt Standard states, is on exhibition at the railroad depot in that city. It was cut at the Elk river mill, and is sixteen feet in width. It will be among the Humboldt exhibits at the World's Fair in Chicago.

—A. L. Davis and Thomas McClymont, of Bay City, Mich., were south last week to commence the lumbering of 365,000,000 feet of poplar in Mississippi the property of a Michigan syndicate. Two mills have been erected on the tract and will be operated to their full capacity, day and night, until the supply of timber is exhausted.

—The building of saw mills in Maine and New Hampshire with a 15,000,000 feet annual capacity is a surprise to the Western lumbermen who imagined that the days of extensive lumbering operations down East had been recorded in the history of the past. But according to late accounts two such mills are to be erected at once, one at Gorham, N. H., and the other at Gilead, Me. The builders have 200,000,000 feet of timber of their own, besides probably nearly as much more in close proximity to the sites they propose utilizing.

—It is reported that there are in the neighborhood of 40,000,000 shingles unsold at Muskegon, Mich. Altogether on the various docks it is estimated that there are 60,000,000 shingles waiting to be placed on the market. Despite the fact that several larger mills ran but a short time last year, yet there will be, it is thought, about 100,000,000 shingles less manufactured this year than last, and with the close of the present season two or three mills will wind up their business. Among these it is understood will be the Michigan Shingle Co., which will either stop manufacturing entirely, or transfer operations to other fields. P. P. Leonard mill, in all probability will run no longer. L. L. Arms will not resume and the Muskegon Shingle and Lumber Co's mill will run light during the next season.

Five years ago London timber dealers were asserting that in five years from that time the business of shipping square pine timber or deals from Canada would be at an end. To-day they are lamenting because of the over-supply of Canadian deals and the immense quantities of square timber awaiting purchasers in the coves at Quebec.