

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—All four mills at Staples are very busy.

—C. H. Staintor, builder, city, has assigned.

—Jayue's shingle mill at Sturgeon Bay is closed down.

—F. W. Schwendiman, planing mill, Dayton, burned out.

—Operations at Cook's mills, Thessalon, are expected to be brisk this year.

—Buel, Orr, Hurdman & Co. have two shanties under way at Deux Rivieres.

—W. J. Church, a builder in a small way at Ottawa, is reported insolvent.

—The Waubashene mill at Waubashene, will run until the end of October.

—Benson & Grinnell, of Penetanguishene are shipping hardwood lumber to Germany.

—The Rainy River Boom Company has handled 35,000,000 feet of logs since May.

—T. B. Tait, of Burk's Falls, is doing a good trade in shingles for the American market.

—C. Young, of Young's Point, is shipping basswood in considerable quantities to the States.

—Warren has had an increase of 300 in population—men employed by the Imperial Lumber Co.

—Lumbering operations in the Parry Sound district are expected to be brisk the coming winter.

—At Penetanguishene, the C. Beck Manufacturing Company have stopped sawing for the season.

—Brennen's mill, Huntsville, which has been idle all summer is being fitted up by George Marskell.

—W. Perdue, of Goderich, has purchased the portable saw mill formerly owned by Perdue & Donaldson.

—W. O. Emory and Thos. Pickard, of Wabnapitae are conducting large operations in the Sudbury district.

—The mills generally, at Huntsville, will shortly close down, the supply of logs being pretty well exhausted.

—The new shingle mill at Sturgeon Bay, on the site of the old mill which was burned down is doing good work.

—Menzie's millmen at Berriedale are busy completing a contract of 130,000 feet of lumber for sidewalk purposes.

—The local paper at Bracebridge writes rather discouragingly of the prospects for lumbering this fall and winter.

—M. Boyd & Co., of Bobcaygeon ship annually about 10,000,000 feet of white lumber to their yard in Albany, N.Y.

—Mailloux & Co., of Stoney Point, saw mill men, have dissolved partnership. Clement Mailloux will carry on the mill.

—Richard Olmstead's mill at Walter Falls, which is undergoing important improvements, will be in running shape about Nov. 1.

—The Keewatin Milling Co. are about to erect a stave factory on the Rainy river, where there is excellent timber for staves.

—Charles Logue, Maniwaki, has commenced operations for the season on his limits on the Gatineau river, ten miles from Maniwaki.

—The Red Mill at Manitoulin has contracted for the logs which will be cut this winter on the Indian reserve at Wekeomikony.

—J. Milne, of Essex Centre, is negotiating with Michigan men for the formation of a company to manufacture hollow blast grates for saw mills.

—Rechester Bros., of Ottawa, are operating on Horse Island, Manitowaning. An exchange says their clearings will include rattlesnakes as well as timber.

—The Rathbun Co., of Deseronto, have purchased the old McDonnell mill at Harwood and are removing the machinery and building material to Deseronto.

—The capacity of the Lindsay shingle mill of A. W. Parkin & Sons, is 60,000,000 a day, and the firm controls the cut of five other mills adjacent to the town.

—W. A. Frazer, of Suspension bridge, has leased yard room at Tonawanda, N.Y., and will open a yard there. He has a saw mill in Canada and Michigan.

—The Ontario government offer for sale a large quantity of standing pine timber west of Sudbury. The official advertisement appears in our advertising pages.

—Sage & Emory, of Bay City, Mich., have the contract for cutting the lumber on McArthur Bros' limits, twelve miles back of Thessalon, and will run four large camps

—McLaughlin Bros., of Arnprior, have given a large order for harness to the local harness maker to be used by the heavy teams employed by this firm in logging operations.

—Stocks at the mills at Severn Bridge will be well reduced by the time the weather makes it desirable to close down. A good average trade is reported for the season.

—M. V. Ranger, of Ottawa, has sent a gang of men to the limits of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company on the French River. The wages paid vary from \$16 to \$23 a month.

—The mill at Thessalon has again commenced cutting, sufficient logs having been obtained to keep it running until the logs which have been "tied up" in the creeks are brought down.

—Bobcaygeon has supplied a fair quota of the men for the lumber camps on the north shore of Lake Huron. Wages are a trifle higher than last year, running from \$20 to \$24 a month.

—The steamer *Empire* made a trip to the Rainy River boom and returned with a tow of logs of 1,200,000 feet in four days and twenty-two hours. This beats any previous record.

—J. Beck, Sec.-Treas. of the Beck Lumber Company has taken to the woods with a gang of twenty-six men and teams. Their winter's work will be in the vicinity of Webbwood on the French River.

—The estate of J. P. Snook, builder, of this city, who has been compelled to consult his creditors, is likely to pay 100 cents on the dollar. The trustees' statement shows a surplus of \$3,806.

—An assignment has been made to Campbell & May by McGeary & Co., planing mill men, of this city. The liabilities are placed at \$8,000. M. Dymond, of Barris, figures as the principal creditor.

—It is expected that a larger quantity of paper wood than usual will be taken out this winter in the vicinity of Thessalon. White & Myers, local dealers, and G. A. Burton, of Appleton, Wis., are the principal operators.

—The Parry Sound Lumber Company at Parry Sound, are building a new dam to replace the old one at their water mill. Part of the old dam which they are now tearing away was built thirty-five years ago, when lumbering was first commenced in that vicinity.

—At Osgoode Hall, on 15th ult., Alphonso Charlebois obtained a continuation of the injunction against the Great North-western Central, preventing the railway company from selling their 300,000 acres of Crown Lands, or disposing of their bonds. Charlebois intends to press his action for \$75,000 against the railway company. On 29th ult., an agreement was arrived at by both parties, and all suits dropped. The agreement was ratified by Mr. Justice Ferguson.

—R. S. Donally, bush and fire ranger for the Emery Lumber Co., reports that he saw several wild animals in the woods near Sudbury. The first was a young lynx. Two hours later he came across a moose deer. He had a more exciting venture afterwards when he came upon a bear. It looked like fight at one time and Donally was in a tight corner. But Bruin decided to move on, followed by a couple of shots from a 32-calibre revolver. Mr. Donally says there is no water to be found in the small creeks and he travelled from ten o'clock until five in the evening before he could get water to drink.

—Recent storms have caused serious loss to some lumber concerns. The *Making Bird* lost a tow of the Emery Lumber Company off French River, but got it all together again and made a safe trip to Michigan. A small tug belonging to the Beck Manufacturing Co., of Penetanguishene, was less fortunate and lost considerable of her stock. The barge, *Louis Hotchkiss* was lost in Lake Huron with a full cargo of lumber. She was the property of the Muskoka Mill and Lumber Co., and was valued at \$50,000.00. The cargo, valued at \$10,000, was fully covered by insurance, but there was no insurance on the hull, which is a total loss to the owners. This boat has been running since 1871, and this is her first and last loss. The cargo consisted of lath and lumber amounting to 1,196,000 feet. The steam barge *Lethair*, loaded with lumber from French River foundered a few miles out of Tobermory harbour. The vessel is water-logged, and bet for the lumber she carried would have sunk. Tugs *Clucas* and *Sagull*, towed her into the harbor where she will be unloaded and pumped out. At the time she foundered the weather was favorable and the cause of the disaster is unknown. The *Resolute* which got a bad shaking up at the time of the *Making Bird* disaster is in such a condition that her crew have refused to take her out again and she will have to be rebuilt.

QUEBEC.

—Preparations for the winter's lumbering are active.

—Butte & Brodeur, saw mill, etc., Waterloo, have dissolved.

—J. B. Hervert of Fulkton, has disposed of his saw mill to a friend.

—The Bonnallie saw mill in the township of Oxford has been sold to E. Marshall & Co., of Sherbrooke.

—A rumor has it that an American firm is negotiating with the two leading lumber firms of Buckingham with a view to purchase.

—Richard Ready, lumber merchant, Montreal, Que., has assigned with liabilities of about \$16,000. The Rathbun Co. of Deseronto are among the creditors.

—The Buckingham Manufacturing Company (limited), with a capital of \$80,000 has been incorporated, a number of Montrealers being the promoters. Their objects are to deal in wood pulp paper.

—According to figures published by the Quebec government it is estimated that there have been produced in the province during the twenty-three years from 1867 to 1890 inclusive, 11,173,516,549 feet of lumber, and 70,272,572 cubic feet of timber, while \$10,764,368 have been paid over to the government as timber dues.

—Elie Lachance was at one time in the dry goods business at Levis. In this he proved unsuccessful, and in 1889 he moved to St. Praxede where he started a saw mill and general store. His capital was very limited, and as things seem to have run the wrong way for him during the past year, he has been obliged to take refuge in an assignment.

—In addition to the big saw mill which the Eddy Company has converted into a paper mill, the construction of a stone store house 10x75 feet long has been commenced. It will front the present mill at Hull and be three stories high, and will be used to store paper and the company's other wares. A substantial boiler house with a monster smoke stack 130 feet high is also under way, at the Devil's Hole.

—There is a most marked decline in the export of the square timber from the port of Quebec this year as compared with 1889 and 1890. The falling off has not been restricted to white pine, as in oak, elm, ash and birch and maple there has been a corresponding shrinkage. The following statement in cubic feet, of timber measured and culled up to the first of September at the port of Quebec this year, as compared with the two preceding years, shows at a glance how this once profitable branch of the lumbering industry has declined:

	1889.	1890.	1891.
Waney white pine..	2,811,842	2,868,730	1,339,358
Red pine.....	612,175	97,808	34,269
White pine.....	3,477,910	2,127,792	842,149
Oak.....	960,188	843,036	653,258
Elm.....	705,430	486,055	471,349
Ash.....	229,540	92,787	76,240
Birch and maple..	365,980	163,377	126,666

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

—Meteghan River Lumber Co., Meteghan River, N. S., is in liquidation.

—An extensive shingle business has been done this season at Morrison's mills, Frederickton, N. B.

—Kelly Bros., of River Herberth, N. S. out-put this season has been 2,700,000 feet of lumber and 2,300,000 lath.

—Messrs. Rees & Lozar of Colchester South, N. S. have succeeded in getting water to their mill from the M. C. R. R. reservoir and have resumed business. They have a good stock of logs in their yard, and there is every probability of the mill running steadily until the end of the year.

—Hundreds of citizens of St. John, N.B., were attracted to the corporation pier of that city a few days since to see the big ship *Canada* take her departure for Liverpool. She takes 1,580,500 feet of deals and battens 31,154 feet of scantling, 104,155 feet of ends and 165,701 feet of boards. The value of her cargo is in the vicinity of \$144,109. The tug *Storm King* towed the ship down as far as Musquash.

—A statement published in the *Moncton Times*, N. B., shows that the wooden ship-building industry in Nova Scotia is not dead. Says that journal: In 1887 Nova Scotia built 37 vessels, of 12,300 tons. In 1888 that province built 116 vessels, 12,900 tons. In 1889 she built 106 vessels, 16,645 tons. In 1890 no less than 148 vessels, 33,749 tons. Some of the vessels lately turned out of Nova Scotia yards are among the finest wooden ships afloat.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—The Minnesota & Ontario lumber mill at Norman, has closed down. The planing mill is still running, and the yard and office men are busy shipping. The season's cut has been a large one.