

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—J. H. Bowman & Company, planing mill, etc., Dundas, have assigned.

—An assignment is made by J. A. & M. Dawson, saw-millers, Windham.

—Noble & Davidson, wood-turners, Toronto, have assigned and the estate is to be wound up.

—C. Young, of Young's Point, is shipping considerable cedar and tamarac to Toronto for paving purposes.

—A large elm tree grown on the farm of Joseph Johnston, Cudross tp., Bruce co., contained 3,900 feet of lumber.

The sawmill of the Rathbun Company at Campbellford, was destroyed by fire on the 23rd ult. Loss \$6,000; fully covered by insurance.

—A number of creditors mourn over the absence of Levi C. Dick, planing mill man at Norwich, who was disposed to extend his business beyond reasonable limits.

—It is estimated that 150,000,000 feet of logs will come out of Spanish river the coming summer, nearly all of which will be towed across the lake to Michigan mills.

—Thompson & Sons, of Peterborough, have five or six teams on the road drawing square timber out of the Oregon settlement in Harvey for Lakefield to be shipped on the G. T. R. for Halifax. The quality of the timber is good.

—The new shingle mill of the Parkin Lumber Co., (Ltd.), of Lindsay, is described as a very complete building. The building is of white brick and fire-proof, and contains almost every modern convenience that a manufacturer might wish for.

—A local report says: C. H. Merrifield, saw and planing mills, Monkton, is doing a brisk lumber trade. He has 600,000 sawlogs in his yard now, and expects double that number before season closes. His stock consists chiefly of pine and ash.

—The new mill of Sutherland, Innes & Co., at Coatsworth, is nearly completed. It will be one of the most complete mills in the province, with three boilers, and stave, hoop and heading machinery, and when run to full capacity will employ 75 men.

—The other day Geo. Nigh, of Springfield, near North Bay, sold a tree in the bush, which when cut down measured six feet across the stump end and was 60 feet long after leaving a 6-foot stump. The tops when cut into 20-inch stove lengths made about twenty cords of good wood.

—The Orillia Packet states that owing to the town council breaking faith with him in the matter of tax exemption, Mr. Tait has decided to remove his new sawmill to some place where pine is abundant. Mr. Tait's lumber yard here will then be supplied chiefly by the Huntsville Lumber Co.

—Stephen McGonagall, a jobber for the Rathbun Company on the Mackay limits, recently cut for the Lavant operations sixty-five logs from four trees. From one tree he cut seventeen logs 13 feet and four sixteen feet in length; from a second tree cut seventeen logs 13 feet long; and from the fourth twelve logs 13 feet in length.

—Robert Stewart, of Guelph, has received one million feet of lumber purchased in the Parry Sound and Muskoka districts. Some of the lumber was purchased from the limits formerly owned by the Guelph Lumber Co. Mr. Stewart states that there have been three fortunes made on these limits, and that if the first purchasers in Guelph had held on to their investment they would have been very wealthy men to-day.

—Currency is given by the local press to the following: Messrs. Gilmour & Co., who operate extensive mills at Campbellford and Trenton, have in contemplation at the opening of spring, the building of a railroad or the laying of an endless chain from one lake to another in the Nipissing district, where they recently purchased timber limits for the large sum of \$703,699. The railroad or endless chain will be two miles long, and with its accomplishment the company will be able to run all their logs down by way of the Otonabee river, through Peterborough, into Rice Lake and the Trent River, to Campbellford and Trenton. It is said that their limits in the Nipissing district are so extensive and thickly wooded that operations can be carried on for fully thirty years. These mills have, therefore, a long future in store for them.

—W. D. Whyte, accountant for the Conger Lumber Company at Parry Sound, was found dead in his room in the St. James Hotel, Toronto, a fortnight ago. He was on his way to Elmira, N.Y., where he was to take a position in the company's business at that point. A good deal of mystery surrounds the unfortunate affair. Whyte was highly respected by his employers and had been with them for some years. The most plausible theory points to suicide, as a 32-calibre revolver

was found near where the lifeless body was found. No reason can be given for the rash act. He leaves a wife and child. Confirming the suicide theory in his pocket was found a gold watch and inside the watch was a note which said that it was to be given to little Davie, his son, when he grew up. A man named Ostrom who was last seen in his room cannot be found.

—In the case of Eddy vs. Spratt Judge Melhiot, of Aylmer, has given a decision in favor of the defendant. The dispute was in regard to certain land in the township of Eardley, covered with valuable timber. Eddy claimed that section which gave to him the more valuable timber and put a number of men on the property to cut the timber. Spratt had Eddy's men driven off by force, wherefore Eddy sued for injunction to stop the use of force and permit a peaceable acquisition of the timber with the result now noted.

QUEBEC.

—Mr. Charette, of Charette & Melanger, sawmill operators of Point au Chene, has transferred his interest in the mill to Mr. Alcide Lafortune, of Gatineau Point village, who will take an active working part in the business.

—There is an agitation in the lower St. Lawrence for further shipping facilities at Rimouski. The following figures will show the amount of business done by the several lumber firms in the Rimouski district, and along that portion of the Intercolonial railway during the past year: Messrs. Price & Co. handled 123,000 logs or 375,000 deals at Metis, 100,000 logs or 300,000 deals at Amqui, and 35,000 logs or 105,000 deals at Bic. Besides this, King Bros. & Co. handled 75,000 logs, or 225,000 deals at Cedarhill, while Shell, McPherson & Co. had 40,000 or 120,000 deals at Sayabec, making 1,125,000 deals to be shipped at the port of Rimouski.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

—The liabilities of McKellic & Dillingham, lumber, Wawanesa, Man., are \$3,600 with assets about equal. They commenced business in July, 1890, with a cash capital of \$1,000. A letter states that the stringency of the money market and the difficulty in collecting accounts precipitated matters.

NOVA SCOTIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

—A good business is being done by A. McMullen at Folly Lake, N.S. Two camps are at work and the crews of men are yarding about 300 logs per day. At another part four crews are logging. The deals are all sluiced to Acadia Mines. McMullen is after five million feet of lumber this year.

—The shingle business in Restigouche county, N.B., is becoming a great industry. There are about 60 machines now in operation and the number is steadily increasing. In winter many portable mills are operated at points not many miles from the railway and the product is hauled to railway crossings or stations. The whole product goes to the United States.

LUMBER DECISION IN COMMERCIAL LAW.

FAIRCHILD v. FERGUSON.—R., manager of an unincorporated lumbering company, gave a promissory note for logs purchased by him as such manager, commencing "Sixty days after date we promise to pay," etc., and signed it "R., manager O. L. Co." An action on this note against the individual members of the company was defended on the ground that it was the personal note of R., that the words "manager," etc., were merely descriptive of R.'s occupation, and that the defendants were not liable. Held, by the Supreme Court of Canada, affirming the judgment of the Supreme Court of the North-West Territories, that as the evidence showed that when the note was given both R. and the creditor intended it to be the note of the company, and that R. as manager was competent to make a note on which the members of the company would be liable, and as the form of the note was sufficient for that purpose, the defence set up could not prevail and the plaintiffs in the action were entitled to recover.

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Butters & Peters, at Ludington, are buying hardwood logs at the rate of 100,000 to 150,000 feet a week. They mostly come from farmers' cuttings.

An increasing quantity of hardwood is being cut in Muskegon territory from year to year. Last season Munroe & Brinen floated down the Muskegon river 1,000,000 feet of ash which brought a good return.

The new mill of the South End Lumber Company is almost completed. It is said that the company has contracted with Fisher & Turner to cut 350,000,000 feet of Canada logs at the rate of 30,000,000 feet annually.

Thompson Smith's Sons, at Duncan City, have closed a deal for 70,000,000 feet of Canadian pine on the Massasauga river about 25 miles north of Thessalon. This firm owns 200,000,000 feet of pine in the Georgian Bay district.

F. W. Reid & Co., of Eagle mills, are going to ship to the World's Fair their prize load of logs, which with the team, teamster and loaders will be on exhibition during the fair. It consists of 28 16-foot logs, scaling something over 28,000.

Richard Nilson wants the A. W. Wright Company, of Bay City, to pay him \$15,000. He was in the employ of the company in 1891, and was struck by the breaking of a chain, inflicting injuries which he deems worth the sum asked. The company will let the courts fix the measure of damages.

The Arthur Hill Company, which is putting in 20,000,000 feet of logs in upper Michigan, will clean up lumbering there another year, unless further timber purchases should be made. The company owns 250,000,000 feet in the Georgian Bay district, and a syndicate, in which Mr. Hill is one of the heaviest concerned, purchased last season 500,000,000 feet in the Ottawa district, that will be manufactured in Canada for the eastern market.

C. K. Eddy & Sons have purchased timber berth 107, on the Spanish river, Ont., including a camp outfit and 5,000,000 feet of logs on skids. The consideration is reported at \$100,000. The berth is estimated to cut 30,000,000 feet and there will be cut off this winter 8,000,000 feet. All of this stock will come to Eddy & Sons' mill at Saginaw. They own a tract of 400,000,000 feet in addition to the last purchase, on Georgian Bay waters.

It is believed that the Spanish River Boom Company, which recently met in Toronto and elected officers, has perfected arrangements for the securing of and early supply of logs for the Michigan mills. As you know the company is composed almost entirely of American lumbermen. E. T. Carrington, the newly elected president of the Boom Company has been secretary and manager of the Rifle River Boom Company ever since its organization, about thirty years ago, and has thereby had sole control; hence he is specially fitted for the position to which he has been elected.

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PERSONAL.

Mr. Callaghan, of the Rathbun Co., Deseronto, Ont., has been visiting the lumbering camps north of Minden, Ont.

Jean Baptiste, of Three Rivers, Que., head of the large lumber firm founded by his father, the late George Baptiste, a pioneer of St. Maurice district, is dead.

A. H. Hemming, artist, is on a visit to the lumber camps of the Georgian Bay and Ottawa for the purpose of writing up and illustrating life in the shanties for Harpers' Weekly.

As certain as the year comes round the LUMBERMAN receives an annual call from Mr. J. D. Barr, of Medonte, Ont. Mr. Barr is one of ye lumbermen, who not only knows how to run a sawmill, but is the possessor of a head for invention, that may some day enable him to rank with the Stephensons, the Howes and others of the world's great inventors. He is busy at present on a piece of invention that he believes will have an important bearing on the running of the modern sawmill.

Of the several American lumber firms operating extensively in Canada, Merrill & Ring, of Saginaw, Mich., are among the largest. This concern, or the members of it, cover a good deal of territory. Thomas Merrill, the head of the concern, has been a resident of Saginaw for thirty years, and is one of the most successful operators in the business. His son, T. D. Merrill, was born within hearing of the circular saw, as was Mr. Ring. They have a considerable interest in lumber in Duluth. Besides, they operate a planing mill and yard at Toledo, where they will probably handle 20,000,000 feet or more of lumber the present year. The firm of Merrill, Ring & Fordney own 300,000,000 feet of pine on Georgian Bay and a mill there of 12,000,000 capacity, the stock of which goes to Toledo, and it is understood they will erect another mill in the same district. On the American side the Merrills own an interest with A. P. Bliss in about 1,600,000,000 feet of timber on the Pacific coast.