

ONTARIO.

—Rafting has commenced at Morrisburg.
 —Only one mill running at Midland as yet.
 —Building prospects at Midland are promising.
 —The two mills at Hespeler are running over time.
 —Successful logging at Coldwater for Trask & Lakin.
 —The mills at Burk's Falls are making ready for work.
 —There is a large stock of logs in Mr. Markle's millyard, Dalrymple.
 —Waubesaene mills are in a good state of repairs and ready for business.
 —The saw mill of Mr. Richard Olmstead, at Waters' Falls, is kept busy.
 —Messrs. Ford & Co. are erecting a large planing mill at Sudbury, Ont.
 —The water in the river at Young's Point has not been so high for years.
 —Mr. Cullis, has floated over 300 logs down the Maitland river at Auburn.
 —The circular saw mill at Hurdman's, on the Ottawa, has commenced work.
 —Mr. McQuaig, Clinton, shipped 16 cars of timber the second week in April.
 —Drivers are being hired on the Ottawa this spring at from \$20 to \$26 per month.
 —W. J. Lackey's saw mill is in full blast and doing a good business at Cheesville.
 —Mr. James A. Sharp is removing his lumber mill from Inglewood, to Sudbury.
 —Mr. Playfair's mill, Sturgeon Bay, has started for the season with a large stock.
 —The Parry Sound Lumber Co. are preparing their water mill for early spring trade.
 —Better wages it is claimed are being paid Michigan lumberers than those in Canada.
 —Railway ties for use in Ottawa and vicinity are being floated down the Castor river.
 —Mr. Aaron Stewart, of Orillia, had his hand badly cut by a saw in his mill a week since.
 —Things are being made ready for the starting of James Playfair's saw mill, Sturgeon Bay.
 —Mr. W. H. Leonard has sold his mill property at Hope Bay, to H. C. Rich, late of Goderich.
 —J. E. Rolston's saw mills at Metcalfe are running full time again and turning out good work.
 —A considerable quantity of timber has been rafted down the Scotch river at Riceville this spring.
 —An enormous quantity of logs have been taken out and laid upon Commanada creek this season.
 —A new planing mill is being erected in Meaford on the site of the one recently destroyed by fire.
 —Shipping by barges has commenced at Ottawa, giving employment to a goodly number of men.
 —Mickle & Dymen's big mill at Barrie has commenced the season's sawing. A large trade is done.
 —The new saw mill at Powasson is buzzing, and a number of new houses are being built in the village.
 —The Rathbun Company recently purchased 250,000 feet of lumber in the neighborhood of Calabogie.
 —Mr. W. J. Fenton, Leitrim, Ottawa section is doing an extensive business in sawing logs for custom.
 —Mr. Wm. Higginson, of Inkerman, has begun sawing this season's logs brought down the creek lately.
 —F. J. Fox, of Wheatly, has thoroughly overhauled and repaired his saw mill and is now running steadily.
 —Messrs. Cluff & Bennett of Seaford are erecting a large new addition to their planing mill and paper factory.
 —Messrs. Conroy Bros.' mills at the Deschenes, Ottawa district, are being put in order for the season's work.
 —The paper and pulp manufacturers are asking the Minister of Customs to place an export duty on pulp wood.
 —The McQuatt mill on the Nation managed by Mr. Toye is now in full blast, and will have a large turn out this year.
 —The Rathbun Company are busily engaged peeling the poles for the new telephone line from Hastings to Peterboro'.
 —The Thomson Bros., of Fort William have set up in the township the new machinery for the saw mill for Grayson Bros.
 —Vansickle Bros., of Barrie, are building a new mill. Mills in this vicinity are commencing to get into active operation.

—R. Adams, of Vine, has the contract to supply 40,000 feet of lumber for summer residences along the shores of Lake Simcoe.

—The schooner *Woodduck* has undergone repairs and will be engaged during the season in the lumber trade on the Bay of Quinte.

—The saw mill at Cranbrook, Grey Co., is running full time. There is a big stock of logs in the yard. The owner, is a pusher.

—Mr. Walter James, of Cottam, is about purchasing 2,400 acres of timberland in Missouri. He is already a large holder there.

—About 300,000 feet of lumber at Midland, the property of the Ontario Lumber Company was destroyed by fire on the 8th ult. Insured.

—McLaughlin Bros., of Arnprior, have a gang of fifty-five men at work on the drive commencing at Alymer Lake on the Madawaska.

—The gangs in the lumbering shanties on the Upper Ottawa have nearly all returned home, having completed their winter's work.

—Large quantities of elm timber have recently been shipped from Craigvale to Thorold where it will be manufactured into fruit baskets.

—It is said the mills at Midland will be run only half time this summer and that the large one at Victoria Harbor will stand still for the season.

—Mr. David Gillies, lumberman, Carleton Place, states that his men had cut about 40,000 feet of logs on the Temiscamingue and the Coulange.

—On 13th inst., Charles Edwin Grove, clerk in the Rathbun Company store, Deseronto, died of pneumonia at the age of 51 years, after an illness of eight days.

—Orr Bros., at Maidstone Cross, have their mill going in full blast now; but owing to the scarcity of snow last winter they have not a very heavy stock on hand.

—Pierce & Co. are advertising their large mills and water-power at the Chaudiere, with a large area of valuable limits, which will be put up at auction there on May 27th.

—Messrs. Gow & Hopewell are fitting up the old saw mills at Johnstone's mills, Ottawa district and will shortly begin operations as a saw mill and sash and door factory.

—The Fairview mills near Barrie have been re-built and plans are laid for a heavy summer's work. An immense stock of logs, chiefly oak, has been put into the yards.

—Some changes in the present arrangement of buildings owned by the E. B. Eddy Co'y are on the tapis. The sash factory is to be converted into a wood and paper box factory.

—The timber of Mr. Geo. Simser, of Russell, going over the dam is creating a bigger excitement in the village than a circus. A local paper says that the fair sex are much interested.

—Mr. George Rowland, who was head sawyer at the Warren mill for the last eighteen months has taken charge of a saw mill for the Georgian Bay Lumber Co., at Severn Bridge.

—The first two tows of the season arrived at Ottawa on 22nd when the tug E. B. Eddy steamed to the Chaudiere docks with three light American bottoms to load lumber for Whitehall, N. Y.

—Mr. James Holmes, of the 16th concession of Elma, the other day brought in a pine saw log to the Monkton mill, which was 12 feet long and contained 840 feet of timber. Beat it, somebody.

—The steamers *Active* and *Hope* of Landers Landing with scows are loading hay for the northern logging camps. Hay is getting scarce and is now selling at \$12.50 per ton, oats at \$35, wheat at \$32.50, and potatoes \$20.

—An average of 25 cars of elm logs arrive at Walkerville, daily, over the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad. The logs are dumped into the Detroit river and towed to various hoop and stave mills along the American shore.

—The Huntsville *Forester* says that Heath, Tait & Turnbull want to cut thirty million shingles this summer, and in order to accomplish this big work have arranged to put on two gangs and run night and day all summer.

—Mr. Amos Wood, who had a contract of making shingles for the Imperial Lumber Co., of Warren, has taken Joseph Vincent in as partner in the business and have increased their force to nearly double the number.

—Half a million feet of lumber belonging to three Midland firms was burned on 9th inst.

—A detachment of sixty men have left Ottawa from Bronson's limits on the Madawaska, to bring down "the drive." They are being paid a dollar a day, which is the highest wages paid at present for good hands to bring down timber.

—Mr. Hamilton, of Fergus, has nearly 30 men engaged taking the wood out of the river. He floated down about 1,850 cords from Luther, Proton, &c., and this has to be taken out and piled up before the saw logs and ties come down.

—Never before in the history of Wingham were there so many saw logs in the mill yards of the town. All three of the mills are now being run at their fullest capacity. Messrs. Button & Fessant are sawing maple blocks for the old country market.

—Mr. James Sterling, of Ottawa ward, has returned home from the Michigan lumber woods, where many Canadian shantymen spent a prosperous winter. He states that good wages are being offered for the "drive," which has now commenced in that section.

—Mr. R. Smith, who used to lumber on the Petawawa, has been jobbing for the Ontario Lumber Co., at Commanda Lake during the past season, and up to the 1st of April got out 38,049 pieces, measuring 5,641,413 feet, the finest description and about the best in the market.

—Within the past eight months R. Miller, Wroxeter, has at various points on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway loaded upwards of 140,000 railway ties, representing a total of about 700 cars, besides a quantity of other timber. Mr. Miller is now at work on the Ontario & Quebec division.

—Messrs. I. N. Kendall & Son have opened offices in Ottawa, opposite the C.P.N. wharf, as millwrights, draughtsmen and designers. Mr. I. N. Kendall, senior partner of the firm, has been in this class of business for over thirty-two years, and has built and designed most of the large saw mills in the district of Ottawa.

—The Bigelow saw mill, on Pigeon Lake, will soon have disappeared. Held by the Ontario Bank for debt, it has been disposed of bit by bit. The limits have been broken up and sold to various parties, and the engine, boiler and machinery has been purchased by Mr. Hazlitt, of Peterborough, and removed to his mills at Harwood.

—The William Hamilton Manufacturing Company, Peterborough are interesting themselves in having an American manufacturing concern establish works in Peterborough for the manufacture of shingle mill machinery. The machinery is at present manufactured by a company in the United States, where some 300 men are employed in the works. The company wish to establish a Canadian branch and will bring with them valuable patterns for which they hold the patents.

—The Manitoulin don't indulge in big egg stories. Lumber is their eggs. The boys of the T. Pickard's camps (Sudbury) contractor for the Emery Lumber Co., have been telling of a big haul—a load of logs containing 8,253 feet (18 logs) as the largest load of logs that has ever been hauled in Canada, over an ordinary log road. The Manitoulin *Expositor* goes one better by saying there was hauled at Howry's camps a load that beats this by a dozen tons or so. The lunks on the sleigh were fourteen feet wide, and were loaded eleven tiers high. There were 110 logs, two-thirds of them 16 feet long, and averaging 12 inches in diameter. The team belongs to Howry & Sons and was driven by Bill Haner, of Manitowaning. Snow had to be shoveled into the road in places to make a track. Those who doubt this, can go into Henry Peter's studio and see a photograph of the load and count the butts. Now just hold on, you fellows from Manitowaning until we hear from the Ottawa, or say British Columbia. You never heard an egg story yet that somebody couldn't get ahead of.

—One hundred and thirty men are at present engaged in the construction of Mr. J. R. Booth's new mill at the Chaudiere. This mill when finished in July will be without exception, the largest and finest in the world. It will have the largest capacity, and the machinery will be the most modern and best adapted for turning out lumber in big quantities. The leading improvements in the mill will be the 13 new band saws introduced. The largest number of band saws used in any mill in the world at present is 10 and they are in a mill in Minnesota. These band saws set in position cost over \$5,000 each, making an expenditure for Mr. Booth on these saws alone of about \$65,000. Besides these 13 band saws there will be two twin circulars and two wicks gates used. In the past only one wicks gate has been used. The band saws are being introduced for the great saving they afford in the cutting of the lumber. Where eight boards are sawed now, nine will be sawed by the band saws. An interesting feature of new mill will be the provision made, if necessary, to save the saw dust and prevent its falling into the river. About 1,500 men will be employed by the firm this summer.