

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—The mills at Byng Inlet are doing good work this season.

—Mr. H. Page, Bobcaygeon, is erecting a new planing mill.

—Mr. James Holditch has erected a steam shingle mill at Sturgeon Falls.

—The machinery in the Rockwood shingle mill has been seized for debt.

—Considerable lumber is being shipped from the Algoma district to Goderich.

—Graham & Horne's saw mill at Vermillion Bay is running at its full capacity.

—Rathbun's "big mill" at Deseronto is cutting on an average 2,500 logs a day.

—Moiles Bros., mill, on the Georgian Bay, has begun operations, and is doing nicely.

—Mr. White's new saw mill at Muskoka Falls is in running order and doing good work.

—Mr. Whaley's mill at Huntsville, has so far this season averaged about 40,000 shingles a day.

—James Robertson, lumber dealer, Windham Centre, has made an assignment to Sheriff Deedes.

—Messrs. Barnes & Co., Ottawa, are running their mill night and day, and a large staff of men are kept busy.

—James Kenrick, of Kagawong, is putting up a shingle mill. He expects to have it running in a couple of months.

—Messrs. McCormack Bros., are running their mill at Lemieux, night and day. They have a large quantity of logs to cut.

—Messrs. Gillies Bros, of Braeside, intend cutting a lot of logs and dimension timber at their Coulange depot the coming season.

—Mr. J. H. Larkin, Terranova, is making preparations to build a new saw mill, and Mr. Robert Hunter is putting in a new shingle mill.

—Graham, Horne & Co.'s lumber mills at Fort William are working extra time to fill orders for material required for building operations.

—Mr. T. Batman who bought the saw mill at Sheguindah has thoroughly fitted it up and is now turning out a large quantity of first class shingles.

—The Bronson & Weston Lumber Co., Ottawa, are extending their piling grounds in the vicinity of Pooley's bridge along the waterworks aqueduct.

—Mr. Fitzpatrick of the Ontario Crown Lands Department has gone into the disputed territory in Algoma for the purpose of settling all legitimate grievances.

—Large quantities of lumber, especially cut for the South American market are now going forward from Ottawa to the United States for export to Buenos Ayres.

—Thorburn & Fraser's mill, Gore Bay, turns out about three quarters of a million feet of lumber each year. About half of this is shipped outside to Canadian ports only.

—Keewatin and Rat Portage are in need of logs. The drive on Rainey River is not a success. A portion of the log crop in that district will be hung up until the river rises.

—Among the new companies recently incorporated is the Barrow Bay Lumber Co., Ltd., with headquarters in Barrow Bay. The capital stock of the new company is understood to be \$50,000.

—Messrs. Hurdman & Co. have succeeded in getting the greater part of their logs out of McDonald creek, a tributary of the Magnicppi river, although at one time they were very doubtful of being able to do so.

—Owing to the favorable stage of the water in the Ottawa, lumber forwarders report an exceptionally busy season. Many of the boat owners say that they have enough orders now on hand to keep them busy till the close of navigation.

—Messrs. Pierce & Co., have just placed a new double edger of the latest improved pattern in their No. 2 mill. This firm will shortly commence running their mills night and continue in this way till the close of the sawing season.

—The Picnic Island mills, at Little Current, owned by Messrs. J. & F. Conlon have been in operation since the 10th of May and have already cut 1,500,000 feet of lumber and are at present cutting about 100,000 feet per day. They employ about 100 men. The mill is 154x50 feet with engine and boiler attached, and consists of two circular saws and gang saws. The firm export large quantities of pine lumber, using a steam barge and consort and steam tug for that purpose.

—Mr. J. D. Shire, of Bracebridge, has got out his full stock of logs, about four million feet, which will take a good season to cut. He has the work well forward, however, and if it be possible the whole will be run through before the snow flies.

—The logs for Peters & Cain's mill, Midland, 36,000 pieces were towed from Parry Sound and only one log and piece of timber were lost, showing that the booming and towing were carefully done. They now have all the logs they can cut this season.

—There is no necessity for saw mill men to waste beech slabs, as they contain the best part of the wood, and when three inches thick, or even thinner, they can be used for sawing into plain stock. There is a growing demand for good beech for this purpose, and it is scarce.

—The bulk of the square timber which came down from the Upper Ottawa lumbering districts this spring, was sold before it left the bush to speculators on the American side. Mr. William Wade got away with his raft on the 10th. It consisted of 150 cribs and was sold to Quebec parties.

—The building for the Ross, Hall & Brown mill at Rat Portage is completed, and the machinery is being put in as fast as possible. The main building is 150x75 feet with a basement for the running of shafting and pulleys. It is now being fixed for one circular, which is already in position, as is also the fly wheel and engine.

—The imports for the 11 months of the current fiscal year reach the large total of \$96,192,804, as against \$89,113,605 during the corresponding period last year. The duty collected amounts to \$20,857,535, as against \$19,362,226 last year, an increased revenue of \$1,500,000. The exports this year totals \$76,219,665 against \$76,501,099, last year.

—The North Pacific Lumber Company (limited) has been incorporated with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars. The incorporators are: Frank Ross and John T. Ross, of Quebec; James MacLaren, of Buckingham, Que.; David MacLaren and James B. MacLaren, of Ottawa county, Que.; Alex. MacLaren of Buckingham (manager) and Leonard G. Little of Montreal.

—There are three firms engaged in the lumber business at Goderich: H. Secord, who gets his stock at Serpent river and Johnston Harbor; N. Dymont, who gets his stock from his mill at Thessalon, and Joseph Williams who gets his supply chiefly from Blind river. If the dealers carry out their intention about fifteen million feet will be brought to Goderich this season.

—Some rafts of square timber belonging to Messrs. Klock passed through Long Sault rapids last month. The first portion of the raft came through all right, but the second detachment struck a rock and went to pieces, the men managing to get ashore. The pilot immediately after handed together eight cribs and took them down safely, a performance that has never been done before.

—Crown Timber Agent Margach has sent out from Rat Portage, two exploring parties in charge of Mr. Geo. Barnes, to examine and report upon the country with a view of issuing permits to meet the local requirements for the season. Permits will be continued as heretofore for this season, but after it closes, it is understood that it is the Ontario Government's intention to put up all timber limits for public competition.

—The cedar industry is a prominent factor in the rapid advancement of that smart little town in the Manitoulin district, known as Gore Bay. This class of wood is not only plentiful but is of a superior quality. It is said, however, that at the present rate of taking it out, and the slaughter prices obtained therefor, the supply cannot last but a few years longer. Care should be taken not to exhaust the supply of this timber prematurely, as with the increase of population invariably comes a proportionate demand for the products of the forests.

—The Algoma Advocate. Much stir was caused in the village of Thessalon on Saturday of last week when it was reported that Messrs. Rayburn & Son had failed and left the country. They had been engaged in lumbering operations during the past winter and evidently had got behind. Constable McLeod received instructions on Saturday last to proceed to the camps and make a seizure of all effects available. Owing to this failure a number of our merchants and others are involved, some for heavy amounts. It appears that the horses and plant used by Messrs. Rayburn & Son were purchased by T. Nester & Co., and this mortgage which was given never had been fully paid off, hence the seizure. This is now the last chapter in the records of the lumbering operations during the past winter, which resulted so disastrously. The effect upon the District has been serious, as many men are unable to get their wages. The

proceedings all through were of the most disgraceful character, and appeared to be taken with the express intention of defrauding the poor workmen out of their wages.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—Lumber business is good at western points.

—The lumbermen of Morden are doing a good business.

—George Rogers has gone into the lumber business at McGregor.

—E. K. Roberts, of Detroit, is about building a grist and saw mill at Silverwater.

—Cameron's saw mill, at Minnedosa, commenced their season's cutting June 24th.

—The Strathelair saw mill is shipping considerable manufactured lumber to Winnipeg.

—The steam saw mill, at Port Ellis, with the necessary outfit for running, was sold by tender on July 15th.

—A large amount of valuable timber has been destroyed by fire along the line of the C. P. R. from Donald to Banff.

—The Rat Portage News reports various damage to standing timber from bush fires, throughout the Lake of the Woods district.

—O. R. Jones and T. D. Cavanaugh are establishing a lumber business at Elkhorn, under the name of the Elkhorn Lumber Company.

—The new mill at Emerson, which has been idle for some years, has recently been put in operation. The logs come from the Red Lake district of Minnesota and are floated down the Red River to Emerson.

—There is a push in lumber on the Pacific slope. On a section of the Northern Pacific road, 145 miles long, applications were received for spar tracks to accommodate 70 saw and shingle mills. This beats the record.

—Some fine timber lands are now being worked 35 miles below Donald, on the Canadian Pacific. Some of the white pines measure 60 inches through, from which five to six logs can be cut, free of knots. Douglas fir is also found in large quantities, frequently measuring 10 feet in diameter.

—The Edmonton Bulletin: The damage done to the spruce forests in this district by fire this spring has been terrible. On the eastern side of the Beaver hills the timber is reported entirely ruined. Some of the timber limits up the river are also reported to be seriously injured.

—Winnipeg Commercial. The very dry season has seriously interfered with the lumber industry, and a good many logs are hung up, owing to low water. About one-half of the logs which were to be cut at the Lake of the Woods mills, have not yet been moved, and unless good rains are experienced, there will likely be a shortage of lumber this season. The most of the mills have some logs on hand from last year, so that they have been able to do some cutting. A good deal of lumber has been brought in from the Lake Superior district, and a considerable quantity has also been imported from Minnesota, but the latter has been mostly poor, cheap stuff, such as 3rd common and culls. This comes into competition with the Lake Winnipeg spruce lumber. Trade has been good up to recently, but of late the demand has fallen off very materially.

QUEBEC.

—The C. A. Railway are freighting large quantities of lumber from the Chaudiere to the American markets for export to South American points.

—Last winter's lumber cut is treble that of previous years, and with the reduced staff of cutters at Quebec, business interests are beginning to suffer.

—The capital invested in joint stock companies in the Province of Quebec from 1867 to 1888 amounts in the aggregate to \$37,693,383, divided among 372 companies.

—The revenue of the Crown Lands Department for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth day of June is said to exceed one million dollars, considerably over Mr. Duhamel's estimate.

—There is an active demand for ocean tonnage at Quebec, which is likely to be brisk for some time. The scarcity of stevedores and longshoremen is likely to cause considerable delay in loading vessels now in port.

—Messrs. R. Hurdman & Co., and the Bronson & Weston Lumber Co., ship thirty cars of green lumber daily to the Shepard & Morse Lumber Co.'s yards, situated on the Hurdman property across the Rideau. The lumber thus shipped is principally stock for the export trade.

—There has been considerable activity in the freight market during the past month. Rates are now running, at: Quebec to Liverpool, deals 68s 9d; timber 28s; Quebec to Bristol channel, deals 70s; Quebec to cork, deals 71s 3d; Montreal to Buenos Ayres, lumber \$18.