

—Pierre Aumond, a French Canadian, lost his life last month in Mr. P. Donnelly's saw mills, Montreal. He was engaged in oiling a shaft when he slipped and to save himself from falling seized the shaft around which his clothes caught and he was whirled to death.

—To meet the anticipated demand and to keep up with the times, Mr. Lawrence, of Lawrenceville, has disposed of his old saw mill machinery and is getting in one of the improved mills with rope feed, &c., manufactured by the Jenks' Machine Co., of Sherbrooke. He is also getting one of the new adjustable tooth-saws manufactured by the Montreal Saw Works.

—Mr. John Poupore reports that the cut of logs in the Ottawa district was very large this winter. The operations of the lumbermen have been facilitated by the heavy falls of snow and everything indicates that driving will be successful. Mr. Poupore says not only do prices remain satisfactory, but very extensive sales have been made by our merchants in England during the past winter.

—In April the Land Surveyors of the Province of Quebec held their first annual dinner at the St. Louis Hotel, Quebec, under the most auspicious circumstances. A large number of prominent guests were present, and numerous speeches were made. In the course of his remarks the Commissioner of Crown Lands stated that it was his intention, as soon as the resources of the Province would allow, to have the whole of the valuable lands surveyed inch by inch, so as to place the government in a position to know exactly the enormous resources of the Province, and turn them in the near future to the treasury.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—The Brunette Saw Mill Company, of Westminster, B.C., will add a plant for the manufacture of sash, doors, etc., to their mills.

—Mr. W. P. Sayward's mill property in Victoria and his timber limits on the northern coast have been sold to a syndicate of local capitalists for \$265,000.

—S. C. Dodge and Hughes, president and vice-president of the Los Angeles (California) Planing Co., were in British Columbia recently, looking for a suitable site for a planing mill.

The Department of the Interior advertised some time ago for tenders for 25 square miles of timber limits in the Rocky Mountains, B.C., slope. The successful tenderers were, Mackenzie & Holt, of Beaver, at a bonus of \$100 per square mile.

—Vancouver World: It is believed there are more new buildings in process of erection in Vancouver at present than ever before in its history at one time. They are not by the dozen, but by the hundred, and in every quarter and section of the city.

—W. D. Robinson, whose elevator was recently burned at Carberry, is completing arrangements to start a saw mill at Ottentail in the Rocky Mountains with a capacity of 20,000 feet per day. He will also rebuild his elevator at Carberry, but will increase its capacity to 60,000. Building operations will begun in July.

—Mr. G. O. Buchanan is selling out his mill business on the line of the C.P.R. and removing to Lower Kootenay Lake where he will open out a complete saw mill establishment and make all kinds of house building material. The demand there is entirely local in connection with the mining camps at Toad Mountain, Warm Springs and Galena Bay. The mill will be located at an intermediate point and will have easy water communication with each of these camps. The quantity of gold, silver, copper and lead ores in sight at these mines is immense and four railways are projected which will have their terminus at the Lake. There is no arrangement by which Canadian goods or machinery (except express parcels) can be bonded through, nor is there any road except a pack trail through Canadian territory. Mr. Buchanan has therefore been compelled to buy machinery in the United States and pay Canadian duties upon it. The supply of timber is small in the country having been badly burnt, but Mr. Buchanan has enough in sight to supply the local demand for some years.

—The Columbia River Lumber Company intend building a saw mill at the Beaver, B. C., with a capacity of 80,000 feet a day. The company has put in a boom across the Columbia river, driven piling for a flume to convey water across the railroad track, and erected the frame work of the mill building. Part of the machinery is on the ground, and some 50 odd men are now employed by the company. The main mill building will be 147 feet long by 42 feet wide, and two stories high. It will contain two circulars and a gang saw, besides other machinery. The motive power will be furnished by three 30-inch water wheels, each having a capacity of 142 horse-power the wheels being driven by a 40-foot head of

water. Its capacity when completed will be from 125,000 to 250,000 feet of lumber or dimension stuff a day. The company own timber limits on the Columbia and its tributaries, from which it is estimated 300,000,000 feet of lumber can be cut; the last limit acquired being one of 24 square miles on the Blackwater. The company expect to fill a contract for 300,000 sawed ties, and will put in three tie machines, each having a capacity of 1,500 a day.—*Truth*.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—If the lumber gets safely down the streams, there is the prospect of a brisk summer in the North, and an unusually large quantity of deal will be shipped from Miramichi this season.

—The mills are in full operation at Coatsville. Mr. J. E. King, the chief operator, is doing a good business cutting spruce and hardwood deals. Mr. P. King is about to start his new rotary about three miles below here.

—The directors of the St. John River Log Driving Company for the current year are—James R. Warner, president; W. H. Murray, C. J. Woodman, William Tedlie, W. B. Beveridge. J. Fraser Gregory was elected Sec.-Treas.

—The quantity of lumber of all kinds cut on the Tobique river during the past winter is greater than for many years past. It is estimated that 75,000 railway ties will come down the various streams this spring. The cut of spruce logs is said to be one half greater than last year or nearly ten million feet.

—During April there was forwarded from Moncton to U.S. ports 26,700 railway ties and 919 cords pulp wood, of a total value of \$9,358. There was also shipped from Hillsboro in April 496 cords fire wood, from Hillsboro and Alma 68,800 feet piling and a quantity of other stuff.

—The right to drive lumber on the St. John was sold at Fredericton last month, when George Tedlie secured the right at the following figures: From Grand Falls, 15 cents; from Salmon River, 3½ cents; from Aroostook, 14 cents; from Tobique, 6 cents; from Presque Isle, ½ cent; from Beckagumic, ½ cent; from Woodstock, ½ cent.

A few of the mills in the region roundabout Miramichi are in operation. The mill owned and operated by Thomas Ramsay, Esq., of Redbank, commenced work last week and the whiz of the circular makes (we cannot say sweet) music in the ears of the villagers. The mill is now sawing the plank for the new bridge at Redbank, which is being built by T. Killam & Co., the contractors.

—St. John has 18 lumber manufacturing concerns, whose total equipment of machinery is: 21 gangs, 24 shingle machines, 27 lath machines, seven rotaries, six single saws, three mulays, two piling machines, 19 box machines, four clapboard machines, eight stave machines and seven heading machines. During 1888 St. John turned out 157,026,928 feet of deals, 58,340,000 shingles, 105,446,000 pieces of lath, 364,200 boxes, 992,000 pieces of clapboard, 3,411,819 staves and 400,800 pieces of heading. A total of 1,611 hands was employed, and \$395,045 was paid out in wages for the year.

—The *Globe* says: "A memorial has been forwarded to the Government by Mr. Hale, of Carleton County, signed by himself, and by Mr. Temple of York, Mr. Wilmot of Sunbury, Mr. Baird of Queens, and Mr. Gilmour of Charlotte County, praying the government to exempt the St. John river and its tributaries, under Canadian control, from the operation of the law prohibiting the deposit of sawdust in these rivers. The reasons are set out in the memorial, and particular stress has been laid upon the fact that on the tributaries on the American side the mills are in the proportion of six to one on the Canadian. Upon these mills there are no restrictions, they discharge their sawdust into the streams upon which they are situated. The result, the memorial claims, would be, if the law is enforced, to place the Canadian mills at great disadvantage as compared with their American competitors. Mr. Hale has been informed that the Government will give the matter their best consideration."

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—Joseph Riley has opened a lumber yard at Cypress River, Manitoba.

—Log driving on the Little Saskatchewan river, Man., has commenced. It is said there is plenty of water.

—Capt. Grahame, late Dominion Government immigration agent at Winnipeg, intends going into the lumber business.

—D. Ross, of Whitemouth, Man., last winter took out over 3,000,000 feet of logs, and has them all piled on the river bank handy to his mill.

—An investigation by officials of the Ontario Government reveals the fact that the deficiency in the accounts of A. F. Dulmage, Crown timber inspector at Rat Portage, will amount to over \$20,000.

—Christie, of the new Brandon mill, and Mitchell & Bucknall, of the mill at Millwood, Man., have sent men of the Riding Mountain to bring down their logs.

—The new saw mill at Brandon is now in operation and has a capacity of cutting 30,000 feet per day, employing about 45 men. C. A. Larkin's new planing mill is also in operation.

—The firm of Whimster & Kayll, lumbermen and millers of Strathclair has been dissolved. The partnership has existed eight or ten years, the limits being in Riding Mountain, sixteen miles north of the mills. W. N. Whimster carries on the business while W. Kayll will go into mercantile pursuits at Vinden on the C. P. R.

—The Sturgeon river grist and saw mill, belonging to the Roman Catholic mission at St. Albert was burned last month. The fire started on the north side of the river, burning 1,300 saw logs which had been brought out from the Egg lake timber limit during the winter. It then crossed the river to the mill, which it destroyed with contents and about 300,000 feet of sawn lumber. The outbuildings of the mill were also destroyed, the dwelling house alone escaping. A quantity of grain and flour in the grist mill and the saws, planer, edger, etc., in the saw mill, were destroyed. The loss is variously estimated at twenty to forty thousand dollars.

AMERICAN.

—The *Railway Age* presents tables showing that 666 new railway lines, with an aggregate mileage of 53,436 miles, have been projected in the United States since January last.

—Boston parties are said to have purchased about 36,000 acres of timber land in Maine, near the terminus of the Megantic railroad, and taking in the entire township of Jerusalem. The tract is said to contain over 150,000,000 feet of stumpage, mostly spruce.

—The five masted schooner "Gov. Ames," the largest schooner afloat, sailed from Portland, Maine, for Buenos Ayres May 1st, with a cargo of 1,896,000 feet of spruce and pine lumber valued at \$29,868. This is the largest cargo, with perhaps one exception, ever taken by an American vessel.

—Nicholas Petry, Rockport, Missouri, has invented a device for sawing tenons and gains and to save the time and labor of measuring them, the heads or holders of the frame having slits in which the saws are adjustably held, so that one saw can be dropped below the other, to permit cutting of enons having one side longer than the other, or both saws can be lowered, when the frame will form a gauge.

—It was not many years ago that the cottonwood tree was considered useless for the purpose of lumber. To-day it is crowding white pine out of the market for certain purposes, and large fortunes are being made all along the Mississippi out of this wood, which was once despised as much in that field as a garfish has always been amongst fishermen. In New Orleans white pine is worth \$35 a thousand, while yellow cottonwood brings \$65.

—There are 1000 mills engaged in manufacturing lumber and shingles in Michigan, with an invested capital of \$48,000,000; value of annual product, \$60,000,000; number of persons employed by these mills, 35,000; wages paid them, \$7,000,000 annually; total lumber product of Michigan for 1886, almost 3,000,000,000 feet of lumber; shingles, etc., 283,838,000. The railroads of the state used 3,750,000 ties in 1885, 131,250,000 feet, and at least 1,500,000 ties were shipped out of the State. The timber used in piling, bridging etc., amounts to about one-third of the above. It is estimated that Michigan originally had about 150,000,000,000 feet of pine, board measure, but now has only from 12,000,000,000 to 20,000,000,000 feet left. During the last five years the average cut has been about 4,500,000,000 feet.

—McKenzie Bros., a lumber firm at Courtright, Ont., have assigned.

—The lumber mill at Hinchinbrooke, owned by Jno. Shellington, burned on the 27th. Loss \$4,000. No insurance.

—A drive of 40,000 logs of last season's cut, which was held over at Burleigh, are on the way to Mr. J. M. Irwin's mills at Nassau. Mr. C. Young has engaged the "Mary Ellen" to tow to the Point the logs which his shanty took out this season. These with the timber which he has purchased, will make a busy season's cut.

—The drive of saw logs belonging to The Dickson Co., Peterborough, under the charge of Mr. Fagan, passed Minden some days ago. They are chiefly of a superior quality, and with the excellent gang of men he has under him, he is making good time with his drive.