

THE NEWS.

—Gilmour & Company's new mill at Canoe Lake, Ont., has closed down for the season.

—Jacob Lawrence & Son, lumber merchants, of Sarnia, Ont., have opened a lumber yard at Bothwell.

—John McCormack, of Ottawa, is fitting up a small saw mill in Low township for the Asbestos Mining Co.

—Thomas McCamus has returned to his home at Bobcaygeon, Ont., from Lake Temiscamingue, where he has erected a saw and shingle mill.

—It is stated that the Emery Lumber Company are pulling down their saw mill in Michigan and intend removing to Byng Inlet, where in future all their logs will be manufactured.

—George Merritt, of Chatham, and J. H. Hamill, of Toronto, have purchased an extensive timber limit in Georgia, in the United States, and will conduct lumber operations there on a large scale.

—Charles Stewart has purchased W. L. Herriman & Son's mill at Honora, Ont., and is fitting it up for work this winter. Mr. Stewart is a practical mill man, and will certainly meet with success.

—The Rathbun Company are said to own two hundred million feet of hemlock, as well as a large quantity of cedar, in the townships of Grimsthorpe and Anglesea, North Hastings. At the present rate of cutting the timber will last sixteen years.

—A gift was recently made by Mr. E. Le Roi Nellis, of St. John, N. B., to Major Wm. McKinley, president-elect of the United States, of a large rocking chair weighing 175 pounds. It was made of Canadian white ash, and is said to have been much admired.

—William Robinson, lumber valuator, of Bobcaygeon, Ont., has lately returned from the Spanish river, where he spent six weeks estimating the quantity of standing timber on the different berths recently sold by the Ontario government.

—The Crown Lands Department of Ontario have sent a corps of rangers to examine into the value and extent of the pine forests existing north of Lake Wabigoon, with a view to opening the land to miners. The land has never been opened to prospectors, but it is said that valuable mineral deposits are to be found on portions of the territory.

—Several new saw mills are being erected along the line of the Lake St. John Railway in Quebec. Mr. Burns' new steam mill at St. Gabriel has commenced sawing and will be kept in operation all winter. A new mill is being built at Lake Sergeant and another at Kenogeni, near Chicoutimi. It is estimated that over one million logs will be taken out along the line of the railway during the present winter.

—Stehelin Bros., lumber operators, have arranged for the construction of a railway from their limits to Weymouth, N. S. The rails are to be of poles eight inches in diameter, and the wheels are to be concave to suit the rounding surface on which they will run. Probably the only other pole road in Canada is that operated by the Bass River Infusorial Company from their property at Economy to the refineries.

—The Rathbun Company have closed down their lumber and shingle mills at Lindsay, Ont., after a most successful season. During the seven months of operation, there were shipped fifty-one large cars of saw-dust, averaging twenty cords to the car, and making a total of 1,020 cords. Mr. G. H. M. Baker, the local manager, has gone to Manitoulin and the North Shore to arrange for getting out logs during the winter.

—In his budget's speech in the Quebec Legislature, Hon. Mr. Mantel referred to the increasing revenues derived by the province from crown lands. For the fiscal year ending 1886-87 the receipts were \$692,000, and the expenditure in connection therewith \$154,000, while for the fiscal year ending June 30th last the expenditure was only \$185,000, while the receipts were \$1,045,000. He further referred to the high prices realized for the timber berths at the public sale in May last.

—A report received at the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, from J. W. Down, Bath Bridge, Bristol, says: "During the present month I have received many letters from firms in Canada interested in the exportation of timber, and I have placed their communications before the principal Bristol timber merchants. Bristol is a large centre for timber from the Baltic, and from what I can gather there is room here for much larger shipments of Canadian timber, and I trust my efforts in this direction will lead to much larger business being done next season."

—The annual meeting of the Maine Lumbermen's and Land Owners' Association was held at Bangor on the 20th of November. Secretary and Treasurer Wilson Crosby read his reports, which were accepted. These officers were elected; B. F. Davis, Bangor, president; Turner Buswell, Skowhegan, W. W. Brown, Portland, Llewellyn Powers, Houlton, John K. Ames, Machias, M. G. Shaw, Bath, vice-presidents; J. Manchester Haynes, Augusta, S. P. Bass, Bangor, Geo. Murchie, Calais, Geo. B. Dunn, Houlton, Cornelius Murphy, Old Town, executive committee; Wilson Crosby, Bangor, clerk and treasurer; S. H. Boardman, F. H. Appleton and C. P. Webber, Bangor, auditing committee.

—Another dispute as to water rights came up before the Ontario Commissioner of Crown Lands recently. Messrs. McRae and Mackenzie are the owners of a saw-mill on the Bonnechere river, a branch of the Ottawa. A little further down the river and on the opposite side are situated the electric works of the Bonfield estate. McRae

and Mackenzie claim that certain works which the field people are building will deprive them of the use of the water, and they ask permission to lease a lot on the same side of the river as the Bonfield works in order that they may build a dam and secure water power. The Bonfield estate oppose the granting of such a lease, as they claim their works will be injured thereby.



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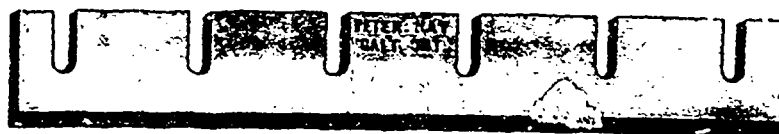
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