

RAMBLING NOTES.

Tid-Bits of News and Gossip Affecting the Lumber Interests. Picked up Here, There and Everywhere.

By Our Travelling Correspondent.]

LINDSAY.

This is a flourishing town, with a population of some 6,000 people, the county seat of Victoria county. It is situated on the Scugog river, which furnishes power for a number of saw, flour, planing and other mills. It possesses good railway facilities, being on the line of the Midland railway, the various branches of which extend in various directions. It has also steamboat communication to different points; has good agricultural surroundings, and more than the usual complement of public buildings, churches, schools, stores, etc.

The Rathbun Co., of Deseronto, have an agency here, and there are also the following firms representing the lumber interests:

Messrs. Killaby & Kennedy, wholesale and retail lumbermen, have been established for the last six years, and ship largely to Toronto and Buffalo. Their saw mill is located at Burnt river.

Messrs. A. W. Parkin & Sons, have been established 17 years; have a shingle mill with an output of eight millions per year; cut from their own limits at Somerville; have a steam tug on the river, and furnish the power for the electric lighting of the town.

Messrs. Green & Ellis is one of the oldest and best known firms in this part of the country. They are manufacturers and wholesale dealers in lumber, their annual output being about five millions. They also operate at Fenelon Falls.

Messrs. Sadler, Dundas & Co., wholesale and retail lumber merchants, established 28 years. They also have a large saw mill, and cut from their own limits, and also do custom work.

Mr. John Dovey has a shingle mill, with an average output of six millions a year, and cuts from his own limits on Burnt and Gull rivers. The boiler in his mill burst recently, when Mr. Robert Poles, his engineer, was instantly killed. The mill is now in full working order again.

Mr. D. B. MacNab has a portable saw mill for custom trade and has been established 15 years. He is doing a good trade.

Messrs. Ingle & Ryley have a sash, door and blind factory, established 20 years. Their trade is principally local. There is also a small saw mill, run by Mr. Rodd.

SMITHS FALLS.

This is a smart little town, of some 4000 inhabitants, and is located on the Rideau river. It has 7 churches, 4 public schools and some good stores. It is in a good agricultural district, and has a very large agricultural implement manufactory in its centre, owned by Messrs. Frost & Wood, who employ 300 hands. The lumbering interest is represented by a small saw mill for custom work owned by Mr. Woods; Messrs. Beckett Bros.' door, sash and blind factory, (who are also contractors and lumbermen and have been established 8 years), and Mr. George Steele's, Jason Island planing mill and door, sash, and blind factory, which has been established 3 years.

NEWMARKET.

The only firm in this town in which we are interested is that of The William Cane & Sons Manufacturing Company, who have been established 25 years as lumbermen, and for past 15 years have operated a sash, door and blind factory, saw mill, and their now widely known woodenware manufactures to their previous industries. This is a very extensive concern employing some 150 hands, where, with the very latest and most improved machinery, they turn out every class of mouldings, etc. for complete housebuilding, as well as tubs, pails, washboards and clothes pegs, and are the only firm in Canada who make a speciality of imperious packages.

CARLETON PLACE

Is a rising incorporated village on the banks of the Mississippi river, which affords water power for its woollen, planing and other mills, and has a population of nearly 4,000.

The Canada Lumber Company, Ltd., is located here,

with Mr. A. H. Edwards as managing director. They have been established 25 years, and do a very extensive business. Their own limits extend over an area of some 800 square miles, and during the past year they cut about 40 millions, all of which, with the exception of that required locally, was shipped per C. P. R. to the United States.

Mr. William Caldwell's Mississippi steam saw mills, are also located here. He is also a wholesale and retail lumber merchant, has been established 20 years, and handled 11 millions during the past season.

Messrs. Moffat & Co., who have been established 18 years, have a sash, door and blind factory, where they manufacture all kinds of timber for building purposes. They also have a shingle mill in connection.

Mr. A. Nichols has a planing mill and sash, door and blind factory, and does local custom work.

Among the other industries of the town are Messrs. John Gilles Bros.' cotton mills, the iron works of the C. P. R., and the Canada Central machinery mills.

UXBRIDGE.

This is a smart, solid little town, with a population of about 2,500, and is situated on Beaver Creek. At one time large quantities of lumber was shipped from Uxbridge, but the lumber of the district having been consumed other industries have succeeded for the benefit of the town, such as flour and woollen mills, tannery, organ and furniture factories, etc. At present the lumbering industry is represented by Mr. R. P. Harman, who has a sash and door factory and turning mill for custom trade; by Messrs. Vickers Bros.' sash, door and blind factory; and by Mr. J. G. Goulds' small saw mill for custom work.

GRAVENHURST.

This was one of the best centres for lumbering in this part of the Dominion; boasted 8 saw and 6 shingle mills, and an immense trade; but the disastrous fire some three years ago devastated the whole town and made it a heap of ruins. But, like Chicago, after the great conflagration of 1870, Gravenhurst is budding forth in greater glory than before, and huge blocks of splendid buildings are arising on every side, and she is nearly "herself again."

As the lumbering interests of Gravenhurst have been previously written up in THE LUMBERMAN I will content myself with but a passing notice.

Messrs. Mickle, Dymont & Son have two saw mills here and one at Windermere. They, like many others, make grave complaints against the G.T.R. for insufficiency of rolling stock in shape of freight cars. They say Toronto is blocked regularly every 14 days during shipping season, and their business is greatly and injuriously effected in consequence. They alone require some 15 cars a day in season and only get an average of two. So they closed their mills much earlier this season, as their stocks are so very heavy and cars could not be had. The firm sent a deputation to Toronto to wait upon G. T. R. authorities, and were told "we are building 1,000 new cars," but what are 1,000 among so many?

Messrs. McBurney & Laycock have a steam saw mill located here, established 13 years, and cut about 5 million feet a year, getting logs from their own limits in Muskoka district.

Mr. John McNeie, has been established 10 years here; manufactures $7\frac{1}{2}$ million shingles and 1 million lumber a year and is doing a successful trade.

Messrs. Thompson & Baker's saw mills are located here. Have been established 12 years; and cut from their own limits and custom work.

There are also a shingle mill owned by Mr. Isaac Cockburn; a planing mill run by Mr. Thomas Gale; and Mr. A. P. Cockburn is also interested in the lumbering business, and the Navigation Company's office here.

Mr. T. B. Tait, who used to operate here has now a large shingle mill at Burk's Falls.

BRACEBRIDGE.

A charming village on the Muskoka river, the North Falls of which (60 feet high) give immense water power for the woollen, saw and planing mills located here. It is also a favorite summer resort of the tourist and sportsman, fish and game being plentiful and close at hand.

Messrs. Leishman & Sons have been established here as lumber, shingle and lath manufacturers for some 10 years and previously in Ottawa. Their output averages three millions lumber and four million shingles each year. They cut their logs from their own limits in the district.

Mr. J. D. Shiers' lumber, lath and shingle mill has been operated here for past six years. Output about four millions a year. It is shut down for the season, and he has 70 men in the camps on his own limits for the season's logging.

Mr. S. Brown has been running a shingle mill here for 6 years past with an output of 5 millions a season, getting his logs from his own limits in Muskoka district.

Mr. James Dollar does a very extensive business here as a lumber and shingle merchant, and possesses a wide knowledge of the operations in lumber in the Muskoka district.

Mr. Thos. Perry also has a small lumber and shingle mill here, but I had not the pleasure of seeing him during my ramble in Muskoka.

FALKENBURG.

A small village, 5 miles from Bracebridge. There is only one small saw and shingle mill here, owned by Mr. M. Moore, who is also postmaster, and has been established about 12 years.

WINDERMERE DISTRICT.

Messrs. Thos. Clarke & Sons have a saw, shingle and planing mill at Windermere, Lake Rosseau, with an output of two million of lumber and about a half million shingles, and are a very old established firm.

The old saw mill at Dee Bank has been condemned and a new one is in course of erection, and will be run next season by Messrs. Thomas Clark & Sons, of Windermere.

Mr. Muchinbachers has a water power saw, planing and lath mill, and a steam power shingle mill at Rosseau Falls, and does a good trade.

Mr. John Hutton runs a steam saw mill on Muskoka Lake.

HUNTSVILLE.

A flourishing village on the Muskoka river, which supplies water-power for the industries on its banks.

Messrs. Hobson & Wilson now run the water-power lumber and shingle mill previously operated by Scarlett & Fetterly.

Messrs. Heath, Tait & Turnbull have an extensive steam saw, lath and shingle mill here; having 3 shingle machines, with an annual output of 15 million shingles, 3 million feet of lumber and 2 million lath. They take all their logs from limits of 70 square miles in Muskoka district, and ship to Toronto, West, and Great Britain. They employ 150 men.

Mr. John Whiteside, has been established here as a wholesale and retail lumberman for past 16 years, and has a steam lumber and shingle mill, cuts his logs from his limits near home and does a custom trade.

Messrs. M. Brennen & Sons, of Hamilton, have a steam lumber, shingle and lath mill located here. Average output per year two and a half millions lumber, two million shingles and one and a half million lath.

The Whaley Lumber Company have purchased the old mill here lately run by Mr. John McConnachie; and are about rebuilding a new mill on the site of the old one, on a more extensive scale to be run by steam power. This firm are taking out now a large quantity of logs ready for working the new mill in the spring.

Messrs. John Milne & Son have a steam sash, door and blind factory here. They also manufacture furniture and broom handles. Messrs. Tutton & Sons, Engineers, of Orillia, have just completed the order for machinery for the broom handle factory and Messrs. Milne & Sons have an order for 200,000 handles to commence with. May they go on and prosper.

BURK'S FALLS.

A snug little village in Parry Sound district, only settled in 1879, but is growing apace, and has a good future.

Mr. T. B. Tate, late of Gravenhurst has re-modeled an old mill here and converted it into a smart steam shingle mill, with an average output of 4 millions, and