

SPOOL WOOD AT MATANE, P. Q.

It is not generally known that a large quantity of spool wood is manufactured yearly on the Lower St. Lawrence, in and around Matane. It is seventeen years since this industry started there, and several million feet are exported to Great Britain yearly. Last year more than 4,000,000 feet were shipped. It has been of much benefit to the people in a country where agricultural returns are small and fishing has gone down to almost a minimum.

But a small quantity of spool wood will be made here this winter, as the spool centers are placing most of their orders in Maine, where there are greater facilities for shipping and disposal of waste, which is great.

However, as white birch becomes scarcer in Maine, the thread makers must look for their supplies elsewhere, as long as they use spools for thread, which will likely be for some years yet.

Spoolbars should be sawn in the winter before the frost leaves the wood, which will then retain its white, fresh appearance, also, it must be protected from rain and weather as much as possible, while drying.

MATANE, 14th Dec., 1895.

INDIANAPOLIS will try red cedar blocks for pavements. Does this not seem extravagant, when they are looking about in Europe for a substitute for red cedar in making lead pencils? It seems wasteful too for such a beautiful cabinet wood to be so trampled upon.

It is said that spruce pulp wood receives injury from worms and decay very rapidly if piled with the bark on. If held over for some time it should be peeled.

PERSONAL.

Mr. H. H. Cook, the well known lumberman of Toronto, is going to California for the winter.

Mr. R. R. Dobell, timber merchant, has been elected president of the Quebec Board of Trade. He held the office 25 years ago.

Alderman Oliver, of Toronto, member of the firm of Donogh & Oliver, lumbermen, will not be a candidate for the City Council for 1896.

Mr. J. E. Jansson, Canadian and United States representative of Messrs. Denny, Mott & Dickson, London, England, has recovered from his illness and is again at work.

Alphonse Renaud, a lumberman, who lived at Wendover, and has lately been working in the shanties for the W. C. Edwards Company, died on the train while on his way to Ottawa.

E. Rochon is petitioning to have Mayor Villeneuve, of Montreal, unseated because of his connection with a lumber firm, which, the petitioner alleges, is supplying lumber to the city.

Mr. Charles Ball has gone to take charge of the Southern States agency and stave yards of the Sutherland-Innes Co., Ltd., at whose Canadian headquarters at Chatham he has been a faithful and valued employee.

Mr. John Charlton, M. P., lumber dealer, was badly injured at Tonawanda, N. Y., recently while alighting from a train, being knocked down on the frozen ground and seriously bruised. He will be laid up for some time.

Mr. W. M. Dobell, eldest son of Mr. R. A. Dobell, the well-known timber merchant of Quebec, and a member of his father's firm, was recently married to Miss Constance Sewell, second daughter of Dr. Colin Sewell, of the same city. The marriage was one of the most brilliant social events witnessed in the ancient capital for some time.

Mr. E. H. Eagles, of St. John, N. B., has been appointed by Mr. T. S. McDonnell, the extensive New York timber dealer, to superintend the forwarding of the cargoes for South America being loaded in the barks Olive Maunt, Barbadian and Eva Lynch. He will afterwards go to New York, where it is expected he will have

a permanent position as inspector with Mr. McDonnell, who is an extensive shipper of New Brunswick lumber to the River Platte.

NEW BRUNSWICK NOTES.

The Todd property at Margarets Bay, not far from Halifax, consisting of a steam mill and about 60,000 acres of timber land, was sold lately to the Messrs. Young, of Parrsborough, for about \$98,000. The growth on this consists very largely of hemlock. The quality of the wood is good, but it is a difficult matter to cure the bark owing to the humidity of the air there.

Mr. Ernest Hutchinson, who lately bought from St. Stephens bank and others the Todd land on the South West Miramichi, paid \$1.75 per acre for the same, \$10,000 in cash, balance on time. We are informed that Mr. Hutchinson paid in cash for the small portion of the three tracts sold, containing about 26,000 acres in all, which was held by others than the bank.

Mr. Alexander Gibson will probably cut on his Nashua land during the coming winter, more spruce saw logs than will be cut on the Middle Saint Croix at St. Stephen. Mr. Gibson's stream, which is only about 60 miles long, and a large part of which had been heavily cut for deal logs for a number of years before he bought the mills at its mouth, has already yielded him more than 600 million feet B. M. of spruce logs. He bought the mills and 7,000 acres of prime spruce land in the first instance for \$28,000. The parties selling were Robert Rankin & Co. The 7000 acres alone were worth much more than the price paid by him for the whole property.

By a recent judgment of the Supreme Court at Ottawa, the province of Ontario is declared to be the absolute owner of certain Indian lands, free of all lien or charge, which the Dominion Government contended should be held subject to certain annuities. The judgment reverses the decision of Chancellor Boyd, Sir N. Casault and Judge Burbridge, arbitrators in the matter, and involves a financial advantage to Ontario of nearly half a million dollars. The lands lie north of Lakes Huron and Superior.

TRADE NOTES.

P. Payette & Co., of Penetanguishene, are supplying the machinery for alterations to W. M. Peter's mill at Parry Harbor. They are also making a new circular saw mill for A. R. Williams Machinery Co., Toronto.

It is the intention of P. Payette & Co., of Penetanguishene, to erect a large extension to their works in the spring. A new lathe and radial drilling machine is now being put in.

The Watrous Engine Works Co., of Brantford, have just completed a new band saw mill for T. G. McMullen, of Ellerhouse Station, N.B., to be operated by water power.

The E. B. Eddy Co. has shipped from its factories at Hull, Que., during the past four months, 362 car loads of its goods, consisting of paper, paper bags, matches and woodenware.

The governments of Canada and New Zealand have agreed on reciprocal tariff regulations, which if ratified by the parliaments of the two countries will result in

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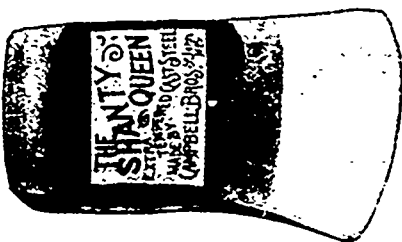


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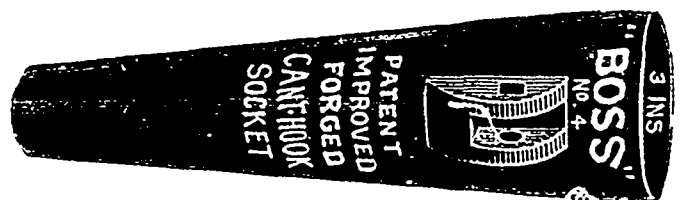
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