

QUEBEC.

—The Eastman Mill Company have started their drive of logs from the landing at the Cartoon.

—A large raft belonging to the Collinsby Rafting Co. was broken to pieces while going through the Lachine Rapids.

—The Pulp mill, at Buckingham, sold recently to an American firm is doing a large business. Mr. Scott is the manager.

—Price Brothers, of Quebec, the famous lumber kings, have cut no less than 160,000 pine logs in Montmagny woods during the past season.

—A timber raft belonging to Calvin & Co., Cardinal, Ont., went to pieces during its passage down the Lachine Rapids on 3rd ult. Fourteen men were on it and had a narrow escape from drowning.

—Considerable lumbering has been done this season at Glen Sutton. A large quantity of hewn birch has been taken out to be shipped to England.

—The contract has been let for the building of a new paper mill, at Sherbrooke, Que. The pulp mill at the same place is being overhauled and enlarged.

—Plans are being made by Architect Ellsworth, of Holyoke, Mass., for a new mill to be erected by the Royal Pulp and Paper Co., of East Angus, during the summer. The mill will be erected on the St. Francis River and will be on the direct line of the Quebec Central Railroad. The company has a capital of \$300,000, and the general manager is James D. Finlay, formerly of the Winona and Wauregan paper mills. George Van Dyke, president of the Connecticut River Lumber Company is a director.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

—Lumbermen are anxiously looking for rain to bring the winter's lumber cut out of the streams.

—Grants for 36,669 acres of Crown Lands were issued by the Crown Land Office of Nova Scotia last year.

—The Pulp Mill, at Mill Village, N. S., is now running night and day, giving employment to twenty-five men. Mr. J. Hughes, of Halifax, is manager.

—There is no freshet in either of the great branches of the Miramichi, N. S., and the lumber drives are making very slow progress. Rain and warm weather are wanted.

—Mr. A. Gibson has in use at the Nashwaak, N.S., seven scows of 110,000 carrying capacity which will be used in loading deals and do away in at least part with the wood boats that heretofore did the work.

—Mr. W. H. Murray, the well-known lumberman, of Fredrickton, N.B., while on his way to Quebec a few days since had \$1,500 stolen out of his sleeping berth. The act was afterwards traced to the colored porter and all the money save about \$100 was recovered. The thief was arrested at Halifax, N. S.

—Some scoundrel who should be severely punished cut away the boom at Cameron Bridge, Black River, N. S., in such a manner as to leave it apparently safe, but yet ready to break with a very slight strain. The boom-stick which holds the strain at the centre of the bridge span had been cut almost through with an axe, but enough wood was left intact to hold it in position.

—The annual report of the crown lands department, New Brunswick, shows that during 1890, there was cut:

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Spruce and pine logs.....	95,529,612
Hemlock logs.....	12,139,948
Cedar logs.....	4,716,201
Hardwood logs.....	890,462

In addition there was cut a large quantity of cedar poles, cordwood, etc. The total stumpage charged in 1890 is \$111,475.37. There is an increase of about \$3,000 in the stumpage receipts, and of \$8,715.59 in the total territorial revenue.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—The Bulmer Mills, at Rat Portage, Man., are run by Cameron & Moffatt.

—J. McConachie's shingle mill at Rat Portage, Man., will run night and day this summer.

—A new boiler and engine has been placed in the mill of J. Whiteside, Rat Portage, Man.

—Carven & Kennedy have put in 45 lights 32 candle power each in their mill at Norman, Man.

—All the mills at Norman, Man., some six or eight large concerns, are doing a brisk trade.

—The Western Lumber Company, of Rat Portage, Man., has opened a yard at Brandon, Man..

—Joseph Davis, of Winnipeg, lumberman, is a regular purchaser of lumber at mill points along the Northern Pacific, making shipments to points over the line.

—C. A. Larkin, of Brandon, has sold his mill to L. J. Ashley.

—A lumber yard has been opened at McGregor, Man., by J. W. Thompson.

—Messrs. Arthur & McRae's mill will saw a million feet of lumber at Berth, Man., this season.

—The Malcolm Thompson cut of logs at Rapid City, Man., will be sawed by Messrs. A. & W. Stewart.

—C. A. Christie, of the Brandon saw mills, has seven million feet of logs coming down the river for his mill.

—Selkirk, Man., is to have a paper mill. Mr. D. MacArthur, of Winnipeg, proposes erecting one on his property recently occupied by the large saw mill there.

—A lumber yard has been opened at Alexander, Man., by Alex. Carman, late manager for Dick, Banmy & Co., of Portage la Prairie, Man.

—The government contract for the supplying of timber for the works at the locks at Peninsula Creek has been awarded to Whiteside & Young, of Rat Portage, Man.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—A saw mill will be established at Sycamouse.

—Murray Bros. have opened a lumber yard at Mission City, B. C.

—Collett & Hunter are about to establish a saw mill at Nicola.

—British Columbia lumber dealers are doing a good Australian trade.

—Two beautiful sticks of lumber, 84 feet long, were cut at the Brunette mills.

—The Brunette mills are making heavy shipments of dressed and rough lumber weekly.

Morse's mill, at Vancouver, will be improved, and the capacity largely increased to about 200,000 feet per day.

—The Mechanic Mill, at North Arm, is running full time, and the firm are making a specialty of fine interior finishings.

—The Brunette Mills Company, at New Westminster, are building a large scow and a fine boat for their lumber trade.

—Logs over five feet in diameter and perfectly sound and good have been cut at the Brunette mill, New Westminster.

—A shingle mill is in course of erection at False Creek by W. L. Tait, of Winnipeg, Man.. It will have a daily capacity of from 35,000 to 40,000 ft.

—Mr. Jas. Treiheny, of Mission, is about to erect a saw mill on Elk Creek where he has acquired a fine tract of land with a good water power situated conveniently.

—At E. Ward's shingle mill, North Arm, a large steam boat, 60 ft by 14 ft beam, is being built for Mr. Ward, to be used by him for towing purposes.

—The business of the Royal City Planing Mills Company, Limited, at New Westminster and Vancouver, and the Hastings Saw Mill Company, Limited, of Vancouver, have been acquired by the British Columbia Mills Timber and Trading Company, and will in future be carried on under that name.

—The Moodyville Saw Mill Company are preparing to put twelve new boilers in their mills. They have been designed by S. J. Randall, machinist for the mills, and are of a shape especially adapted for utilizing the heat obtained from sawdust and mill refuse.

—The Port Discovery saw mill has stopped work, owing, it is said, to dullness in the foreign trade. According to mill men, the war in Chili has had a depressive effect on the industry, and they look forward to brighter times when that trouble shall have been settled.

—The capacity of the Rock Bay saw mill at Victoria, is to be increased to 80,000 feet per day. This will necessitate the putting on of a night gang and running night and day. An electric plant has been put in for the purpose of lighting the mill.

—Negotiations are on foot for the formation of a company with extensive capital, to construct and operate a line of sailing ships in connection with the Chemainus saw mills, whose output is expected to reach every quarter of the globe. This company is separate and apart from the saw mill company, which will also have its own ships.

—At Golden the Upper Columbia Navigation & Tramway Company are building a saw mill, with a capacity of 60,000 per day. In connection with this is the Kootenay mail line of steamers, which run from Golden to Windermere and tap East Kootenay, which is known to be the richest country in minerals and also for ranching in British Columbia. The company is an English one, with a directorate composed of Lord Norbury, Hon. T. B. H. Cochrane and E. P. Armstrong, and will expend this season about \$100,000 in tramways and other improvements generally.

—Messrs. Johnson, Walker & Flett, of Victoria, have disposed of their planing mill in that city to a Seattle firm for a consideration of \$40,000. The Seattle people will continue the operation of the planing mill, and Johnson, Walker & Flett will erect a large saw mill on the premises adjoining it.

—The boiler, engines, large circular rig, etc., for the new saw mill of the North Pacific Lumber Company, at Barnett, B.C., which will be one of the largest on the Pacific Coast is being supplied by the celebrated Watrous Co., of Brantford, and another part of the machinery by the Wm. Hamilton Co., of Peterborough.

—The final arrangements of the sale of the Moodyville mill have been executed. The sale was made to some European capitalists, and includes the mill, the timber limits and all the property belonging to the late company, with the exception of the vessel, Etta White. The amount paid was about a million dollars. The mill will shortly be greatly improved and enlarged.

—The Royal City mills, New Westminster, are building a line of railway from their limits on Mud Bay to Hall's Prairie, where it will connect with the Great Northern. The length of the line will be about six miles. Over this line and the Great Northern, the logs from the Mud Bay camp will be carried to Port Kells, where they will be unloaded into the water, boomed, and towed to the mills in New Westminster.

—There are forty-one saw mills now built or in course of erection in this Province. The capacity of the mills at Vancouver has been increased to 210,000,000 feet yearly and the actual capital invested represents \$1,750,000. For the year the actual cash value of the output was in round numbers, \$1,000,000, and the output in feet about half the capacity, namely 100,000,000 feet. The number of men employed by the various mills at Vancouver is 1,900. The finest growth in timber is on the coast and in the Gold and Selkirk ranges. Millions and millions of feet of timber, locked up for centuries, have now become available for commerce.

UNITED STATES.

—The widest plank on earth is on exhibition in Humboldt, Cal. It is 16 feet in width. It will be among the Humboldt exhibits at the World's Fair.

—It is estimated that the production of hemlock lumber in Pennsylvania will reach 800,000,000 feet in 1891.

—The old log cabin in St. Louis county, Mo., which Gen. Grant erected with his own hands out of timber cut and hewn by himself, is to be removed to Chicago as one of the attractions of the World's Fair.

—A shingle machine that will turn out 90 shingles per minute is awaiting a patent at Dubois, Pa.

—Texas has 45,302,500 acres of timber land, with 67,508,500,000 feet of standing timber.

—According to the Post, of Chicago, the pine stuffed handle in that market last year amounted to 1,900,000,000 feet. It is believed that the present year's consumption will far exceed that of last year.

—In the decade from 1880 to 1890 the value of the output of forest products from the southern states has more than doubled. In 1880 it footed up \$46,977,000 while in 1890 it had increased to \$102,122,000 being an increase of \$55,145,000.

—The big pine trees don't seem to be all cut in Michigan. Rust Bros. found one of these monsters in Clare county during the winter that scaled 5,162 feet, one 16-foot log scaling 1,204 feet.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Andrew Miscampbell, M.P.P., was in town during the past week. Lumbering, he says, is quiet in the Midland district.

A. L. Patching, of Windsor, has been down in Tennessee for some time where he has made large purchases of lumber and mineral lands.

Mr. James Corcoran, of Stratford, managing director of the Canadian Pacific Lumber Company, has been spending the past month in British Columbia selecting a site for a new mill. It was thought that New Westminster would have got the plum, but later reports state the mill will be located at Fraser River.

THE LUMBERMAN had the pleasure of a call on the 27 ult., from Mr. A. McDonald, of Peterboro'. He says a fair trade in lumber is being done this season. The town has taken on quite a boom as a result of the building of the Edison Electric Light Works.

James Quigg, an old time packer and miner, of the Cariboo Mining District, B. C., is dead. Before leaving New Brunswick, in 1854, he followed tow-boating and lumbering for a living, and is said to be an expert river driver. In 1861 he was in Minnesota, and was at Red Wing during the Indian massacre. From Minnesota he drifted up the Red River valley to Winnipeg, and from Winnipeg crossed the plains to British Columbia. He was a well-known character in Cariboo.