

THE NEWS.

CANADA.

—McLaren's mill at New Edinburgh, Ont., which has been closed down for a month has commenced sawing again.

—Thos. Hale, of Pembroke, Ont., expects to take out about 150,000 cubic feet of timber from the Kippewa district the coming winter.

—Five million feet of lumber to British ports and two cargoes to South America were shipped from St. John, N.B., a fortnight ago.

—Mr. Andrew McCormick has sold thirty-six miles of his timber limits on the Wahnapitae river to Mr. Alexander Gordon, for \$30,000.

—Mickle, Dymont & Co.'s fine new mill at Severn Bridge, Ont., is about ready for operation. The full capacity of the mill will be about sixty to seventy thousand feet a day.

—Michael D. Lynch, of Douglas, Ont., foreman for John McKay, at Eau Claire, is authority for the statement that no lumbering operations will be carried on at that point this winter.

—The Harbor Commissioners, of Montreal, Que., are asking for tenders for 4,000 cubic feet of square pine timber, 5,500 running feet of round and flat pine timber, and 45,000 lineal feet of round and flat hemlock timber.

—A recent gale played havoc with a number of rafts. The Charlton and Niagara were taking a huge raft of 5,000,000 feet from Georgian Bay to Michigan, but were obliged to cut a \$3,000 tow line and the raft went on the rocks in Georgian bay. It was picked up, however.

—The following are current river freight rates: Quebec to Montreal, sawed lumber, pine and spruce, \$1; tamarack, \$1.25 a thousand feet; Quebec to Burlington, Whitehall and Plattsburg, \$1.50; to New York, \$2.50; from Batiscan to Burlington, Plattsburg and Whitehall, \$1.40.

—The number of vessels on the registry books of Canada last year was 7,007, with a tonnage of 964,129, a decrease in the year of 81,364 tons. The vessels registered by provinces are as follows: New Brunswick, 969; Nova Scotia, 2,778; Quebec, 1,404; Ontario, 1,345; P. E. Island, 195; British Columbia, 246; Manitoba, 78.

—A sale of 32 square miles of timber has been made to the Whaley Lumber Company, Huntsville, Ont., by the M. Brennen Company. The property consists of 18 square miles in Bethune Township and 14 miles in Sinclair Township. The limits have been worked for the past five years. The Brennen Company has two more berths left. The price is said to be somewhere about \$20,000.

—Gilmour & Co., of Trenton, Ont., are making preparations for the coming season's operations north of Minden, Ont. They are removing the old timber slide at Stephen's mill, Stanhope, and intend building a new one at that point; they are also intending to improve the waterway to run their logs and expect to utilize the waters of Hollow Lake to carry their logs through the Gull River waters.

—The quantity of square timber measured and culled at Quebec to date is given as follows: Wane white pine, 2,126,038 cubic feet; white pine, 919,364; red pine, 293,718; oak, 993,769; elm, 555,287; ash, 158,159; birch and maple, 140,909. The figures for 1892, during the same period, were: Wane white pine, 2,220,045 cubic feet; white pine, 1,607,469; red pine, 333,269; oak, 807,672; elm, 644,197; ash, 193,060; birch and maple, 425,164. These show a considerable falling off for 1893.

—The Georgian Bay and Lake Huron Salvage Company is the title of a new organization formed for the purpose of protecting sawmill men from dishonest persons who have been in the habit of gathering stray logs, obliterating the marks of the owners, and claiming the logs as their own. The new company intends patrolling these waters, gathering together all broken up rafts, sorting the logs according to their marks, and returning them to their rightful owners. Mr. Charles Beck, of Penetang, is president, Mr. A. Cadenhead, of Midland, manager, and Mr. A. A. Wright, of Toronto, secretary-treasurer.

—Gilmour & Co., of Trenton, Ont., who have extensive timber limits on the Muskoka waters, will solve the difficulty of getting their logs to the mills at Trenton, over "The Height of Land," separating the Muskoka and Trent waters, by the construction of a system of log jacks, combined with a sluiceway, by which the logs may be expeditiously portaged from one water to another. The work is one of considerable magnitude and calling for a large amount of mechanical skill. The entire length of chain necessary to bring the logs into action is 5,780 feet, or nearly 1½ miles of heavy chains. The system of jacks will have a capacity of 10,000 logs per day,

The Wm. Hamilton Mfg. Co., of Peterboro, are contractors for the work.

GENERAL.

—Russia makes about 30,000,000 wooden spoons annually.

Sibley & Bearinger, of Saginaw, Mich., are reported to have sold 8,000,000 feet of lumber recently to eastern parties.

—The receipts of lumber at Buffalo for the season have been 166,647,871 feet, being an increase over 1892 of eleven million feet.

—The sawmill of the A. Joka, Minn., lumber Co., was burned a week ago; loss, \$75,000. Four horses were also burned.

Three different lumber firms—from Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, respectively—are now investigating the feasibility of locating mills at Ocosta.

A. C. Ladd, a noted lumberman, of New Orleans and a member of the Mechanics', Dealers and Lumbermen's exchange of that city, is dead.

New York city is receiving a large amount of southern pine lumber. The receipts from Aug. 25 to Sept. 10, were 25 cargoes, scaling, 10,917,052 feet.

The annual meeting of the United Associations of Lumbermen will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, beginning Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 10 a.m., in the Hollenden hotel.

—It is stated that a young woman is employed as a packer in a shingle mill at Getcheli, Wash., and that she can pack as well and as many shingles as the average man.

—It is reported that the big mill of the North Wisconsin Lumber company, of Hayward, Wis., will shut down at once pursuant to the resolution adopted by the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association, at Minneapolis.

—After two years' trial with pine, oak and greenheart in the Suez Canal Co.'s arsenal basin at Port Said, it has been found that while the pine and oak are almost entirely destroyed by the "tarlet," or borer worm, the greenheart has suffered no injury whatever. The wood is a native of British Guiana.

—Lumbermen in the vicinity of Seattle, Wash., believe that the Canadian Pacific will get control of the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern, perhaps in connection with the Northern Pacific, in which event the Great Northern would have formidable competition in the lumber and shingle business of the Sound.

—Fifty years ago 25 per cent of the logs entered at the large sawmills in the state of Maine was returned to the rivers as waste in the state of slabs. Now there is scarcely a foot of it wasted; modern inventions have found a way to utilize everything, and the surplus seldom gets in advance of the demand.

—The great Manchester (England) ship canal is open at last—at least it is open from Ellesmere port and the full-rigged ship, Fort Stuart, of 2,313 tons, has loaded a cargo of salt for Calcutta, thus practically initiating the foreign trade of the canal. This is the canal in which Canadian lumbermen are not without an interest.

—G. Bixbee, president of the Navarro Lumber Company, Cal., says the failure of the lumber concern is a natural consequence of the over-production that has been going on for a number of years. He suggests as a remedy there should be a combine to limit the output of lumber and regulate prices. Competition is now excessive. His views are also entertained by other lumber dealers.

—At its annual meeting the Mississippi River Logging Company decided to curtail its log input from 330,000,000 feet last year to 275,000,000 feet the approaching logging season. Last year over 300,000,000 feet were carried over, making the total amount on hand at the beginning of the sawing season 630,000,000 feet. This year 175,000,000 feet will be carried over, making the available stock next spring 450,000,000.

—September is said to have been the dullest month ever experienced in lumber in the California district. Receipts have been very small; only 45 lumber vessels have arrived. The Puget Sound district, including Portland and the Columbia river, has sent 5,359,491 feet, Humboldt bay 1,239,526 feet, and Mendocino county 1,524,069. But 4 mills out of 14 in Mendocino county are running, and these may shut down at any time.

FIRES AND CASUALTIES.

FIRES.

—The sawmill belonging to W. H. Whinster, Strathclair, Man., was destroyed by fire on 19th ult. It is said the loss is covered by insurance.

—A planing mill owned by W. B. Derbyshire, of West Port, Ont., was destroyed by fire a fortnight ago. Loss about \$2,500; insurance, \$1,500.

—Appleyard's sawmill at Keldon, Ont., was destroyed by fire 16th ult.

—Young's sawmill at Warton, Ont., was destroyed by fire the early part of September.

A. C. Gordon's planing mill, Dutton, Ont., was destroyed by fire the first week of September. Loss about \$5,000; insurance, \$1,000.

CASUALTIES.

—A boy named Haines had one of his fingers cut off by a buzz saw in Cane's factory, Newmarket, Ont.

—Peter Lalonde, of Mechanicsville, Ont., is likely to die from injuries received by the bursting of a butter saw.

Zephyr Lacasse, East Templeton, Que., was killed by a falling tree when at work chopping on the Du Moine.

—A young man named Lago had his leg broken in Sheppard & Morse's camp at Bois Franc, being struck with a log.

—A bad accident occurred at Conlon's Camp in the Parry Sound district, whereby Moses Puderil had his leg broken in two places.

—A young man named Collins had his leg badly crushed while rolling logs at Sutherland & Innes' mill, Wheatley, Ont. The limb had to be amputated.

—A serious accident happened to a German boy named Bucher, who was trying to put a belt on a pulley in Carruthers & Shaw's shingle mill, Penetanguishene, Ont. The belt slipped and threw the boy on the saw, cutting his forehead, shoulder and arm.

PERSONAL.

John Watt, of the Brunette sawmill, New Westminster, B.C., was married last month to Miss Jessie A. Drummond, a young lady recently arrived from Scotland.

Mr. Allan C. Mackay, of Renfrew, Ont., son of Wm. McKay, lumberman, of Ottawa, has taken to himself a bride in the person of Miss Maggie Wilmot, of the Capital.

The marriage is announced of Miss Florence A. Shaver, daughter of J. A. Shaver, a well-known lumberman, of Ancaster, Ont., to Rev. W. E. Hassard, B.A., of Bruce Mines, Ont.

Miss Mina Hurdman, daughter of Ottawa's well-known lumberman, Mr. W. H. Hurdman, was married a fortnight since to Rev. W. H. Stevens, pastor of the Methodist Church, Grenville, Ont.

R. A. Stark, nominee for the Commons for North Grey, in the Prohibition interests, is a well-known sawmill owner, and is reeve of the township of Derby. He is an active supporter of the Patrons of Industry.

Dr. Mark, of Ottawa, has shipped to White River, a small station on the C.P.R., beyond Port Arthur, a house, 18 by 12 feet in dimensions, built in sections to be used as a vestry and study for a young Methodist minister who is to take charge of a church recently erected there. The nearest sawmill to White River is 300 miles away and the nearest place where lumber is sold is 169 miles distant. The doctor also sends a bell to ring the people to church.

On September 10, Zaida Diana Arnoldi, beloved wife of Mr. E. B. Edly, of Hull, died at the family residence, after an illness of some duration. Deceased was highly esteemed for her personal worth and many charitable acts in the community where she had been for so many years a resident. She was a native of Bristol, Vermont, where the remains were interred. The expressions of sympathy to the bereaved husband have been many and marked.

Captain W. O. McKay, well-known to every shantyman in the Ottawa Valley, died at Ottawa, on 18th ult. Deceased came of a historic Scotch family, which mingled with the French by inter-marriage. His grandfather was descended from a Highland clan, and was known as Captain Louis Eustache McKay, who fought among the Loyalists in the Rebellion of '37, and who was afterwards awarded a government pension up to the time of his death. The late Mr. McKay was the son of William Adolphus McKay, a widely-known general merchant, of St. Augustine, county of Two Mountains, and was born on March 4, 1845, leaving him in his forty-ninth year at the time of his death. In 1866 he removed to Ottawa, entering the lumber agency of Renaud Bros., as clerk. Afterwards he became a partner of Mr. Ed. Chevrier, subsequently purchasing ex-Ald. Lauzon's present hotel on Murray street. Some time afterwards he sold out to the present owner, and became proprietor of the Richelieu hotel, Sussex street. His hotel was the mecca of many shantymen, both when coming down from the woods and when looking for engagements to go up. The proprietor was known personally to them all.