

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—An extensive furniture factory is being erected at Berlin.

—Mr. J. B. McNaughton, lumber dealer, Menford, has assigned.

—All the mills at Parry Sound are cutting and the lumber trade is booming.

—James Thompson's saw mill, at Orkney, is cutting 15,000 feet of lumber daily.

—Thomas Batman, of Green Bay, has bought out the Shegulandah saw mill.

—Johnston & Blair's shingle mill at Whitoff burned some time ago is being rebuilt.

—Complaint is made of the interfering with navigation at Bracebridge by saw logs.

—Mr. James Dollar, of Bracebridge, has over 1,000,000 shingles ready for shipping.

—The first of this season's cut of saw logs arrived at the Belleville boom on the 13th.

—Messrs. Brennen, of Sandridge, have about one and a half million of logs at the falls.

—The large saw and grist mills of George Marks & Co., at Bruce Mines, were burned May 8th. Loss heavy.

—Mr. A. Seaman has purchased the Sill's mill site at Warton, on which he intends building a large saw mill this summer.

—The grist and lumber mills belonging to Mr. George Marks, Bruce Mines, Algoma, were burned recently. Loss not stated.

—Mr. Wood's mill, Fesserton, has started up for a good season's work. The other mills are expected to commence work soon.

—Caldwell's big lumber mill at Clyde Forks was burned May 8th. The mill was valued at \$60,000; insurance upon mill and lumber \$33,000.

—The saw mill owned by Mr. J. Doolittle, near Centerville, Middlesex county, caught fire while the men were at dinner and was totally destroyed.

—Boyle & McCracken, have leased MacLaren & Co's saw mill at Green Sboals, a point five miles below Gatneau Point, and will start up for the season.

—Cradser Kraner, a German laborer, was instantly killed in Cameron & Kennedy's saw mill at Rat Portage, by the saw breaking and cutting his head off.

—A lad named James Found, slipped and fell on belt in a saw mill at Long River, P. E. I. He was thrown upon the circular saw and literally cut in two.

—Sutherland's stave mills at Harwich station were totally destroyed by fire May 7th. The machinery used was the only sample of the kind in Canada. Loss heavy.

—Mr. Thos. Allen, of Perth, has bought the portable saw mill formerly used in Dickson's mill near Pembroke. Mr. Allen intends taking the mill to near Sharbot Lake.

—McLachlin Bros., of Arnprior, have erected a large iron crematory for burning the refuse at their saw mill. It is over 160 feet high, 30 feet in diameter at the base, and 18 feet at top.

—The Messrs. McLachlin Brothers, of Arnprior, are having a handsome new tug built in their lumber yard, which they will use in towing logs from there to the mills at Goodwin's Bay.

—Carswell, Thistle & Mackey's mill at Calabogie has received a thorough overhauling. One of the many improvements is a machine for loading logs on the cars out of the water.

—John Longeway's saw mill in Logan township, seven miles north of Mitchell, has been burned. The loss is fully \$3,000, covered by \$500 in the Perth Mutual, and \$500 in the Waterloo Mutual.

—Shipping by boat from the Chaudiere is brisk and the export trade has fairly commenced. Considerable lumber is being shipped by the Canada Atlantic railway to different points in the States.

—R. W. Mutchmore's little saw mill, at Providence Bay, is making first-class lumber this season and has this spring cut about 700,000 feet of pine lumber. His stock of logs will make 2,000,000 feet.

—Robert Lane, owner of a saw mill near Teeswater, while making shingles slipped on some material that had accumulated beneath the machine and fell against the saw, severely lacerating his left arm.

—A man named Marie was severely injured while working at a circular saw at Duncansville, May 4th, necessitating the amputation of his right arm near the shoulder. He suffers likewise from internal injuries.

—Mr. Campbell, of West Toronto Junction, has opened a lumber yard in that thriving burg; and in addition he is erecting a large planing mill south of the C. P. R. depot, which will give employment to a number of men.

—J. B. Smith & Sons, saw and planing mill at Southampton, burned on May 7th. The building was entirely destroyed and a quantity of lumber was also burned. The loss is estimated at \$3,500; insured for \$1000. Cause of fire unknown.

—Mr. J. T. Harvie, having cut out all his stock of timber in the vicinity of Doe Lake where his mill was situated, has now removed it to Germania, where he last year purchased additional limits, sufficient to keep his mill in operation for several years.

—Mr. Parker Davis, of Nogey's Creek, near Bobcaygeon, lost his shingle and lumber mill by fire. The mill was a good one and well supplied with machinery. The property was valued at between five and six thousand dollars, and was insured for \$3,000.

—Mr. Milton Knox, of Messrs. Perley & Pattee's lumber concern, has returned from Lake Temiscamingue. He says a good winter's work has been accomplished in that district. The Temiscamingue Colonization Co., is wonderfully improving the appearance of that section.

—Six men in the employ of Messrs. R. H. Klock & Co., had a narrow escape from drowning. In running the Toon Rapids their boat was swamped, and had not a boat's crew of Hurdman's men been in the vicinity some of them would most undoubtedly have met a watery grave.

—Drumbo Record: Messrs. W. I. Reid and John McNab, of Ayr, have bought thirty acres of timber on the farm of Mr. Walter McEwan, lot 8, Con. 5, Blenheim, consisting of excellent pine, cedar and oak. A saw mill will be erected and the manufacture of lumber begun shortly.

—The new planing mill at Midland will be run by a joint stock company. The following gentlemen form the company: D'Alton McCarthy, barrister; John Eyer, lumberman; J. F. Paterson, banker; and William Pratt, mechanic. The company will be known as the Midland Manufacturing Co.

—Timber from the Georgian Bay is being shipped in large quantities over the Midland railway to Belleville, where it is rafted and taken to Quebec. From Quebec it is shipped to Liverpool. The Collins Bay Rafting Company have a gang of men employed at Belleville, as 1,000,000 feet of timber is to be rafted during the summer.

—Vessel building, an industry closely allied to that of lumber, has been carried on to more than the usual extent at Goderich last winter, giving employment to a number of men. A schooner of 200,000 feet capacity has been entirely rebuilt and a new one of about 350,000 feet capacity is nearing completion. The latter will be the best of her kind on the lakes.

—Messrs. A. McPherson & Co., Longford Mills, have begun work at both their mills. They pulled down the old shingle mill last fall and built a new one during the winter. Both mills are working well. They have a very large stock of logs and bolts, and they are well down. The firm shipped over one hundred and sixty carloads of lumber and shingles during April.

—Gravenhurst Banner:—Mr. W. Thomson was in town on Monday. After having had a very successful winter in lumbering near Torrance, he has located with his family at Orillia. Mr. Thomson has received from the Grand Trunk Railway Co., the contract of loading all the square timber, to be conveyed over their northern divisions, from Waubausene and North Bay.

—A letter to the firm of R. Hurdman & Co., from George Hamlin, clerk in the employ of the firm, dated from Deux Rivieres, states that three of Thistle, Carswell & Co.'s men had been drowned and three seriously injured while attempting to run the Roche Capitaine slides. These slides are said to be very dangerous to run and lumbermen generally take the open rapids rather than risk the lives of the men.

—Algoma Advocate:—A. Mr. Boyd's camps things are looking brighter, and the men are working hard to have every log in the river before the floods decrease. It is expected that Mr. Boyd and Messrs. Rayburn & Son will have a large balance in their favor when the work is through. All through the winter it has been a difficult matter for the the company's and the contractor's scalers to agree on the measurement of the logs cut. It is reported that a deeply laid scheme to rob the contractors by unjust measurement has been discovered, and that when the Government scaler, Mr. P. C. Campbell,

will have finished scaling, the contractors will be many thousand dollars ahead.

—Norman is a thriving village situated on the main line of the C. P. R., 130 miles east of Winnipeg and about half way between Keewatin and Rat Portage. From a mere lumber camp in 1886 it has grown into a place that will compete closely with Rat Portage or Keewatin. The chief industries of the place are three large saw mills, owned and operated respectively by the Minnesota and Ontario Lumber Co., Messrs. Cameron & Kennedy and Mr. H. Bulmer Jr. The three mills are now in full operation.

—The cedar mill at Deseronto is doing excellent work this season and Superintendent Roach is well satisfied with results thus far and a very successful season is looked for. Mr. Wm. Mitchell has introduced a friction and straight belt for driving of Deseronto will be found more interesting to the casual and the shingle machines and these work satisfactory. The engine and boilers have been thoroughly overhauled and now work much better than formerly. Few, if any, of the establishments observant visitor than the cedar mill.

—Nipissing Times: Lumbermen of Nipissing and Algoma are everywhere expressing fears that the unusually low water which appears in the rivers and creeks this spring will greatly retard, if not quite prevent, the transport to market of a large amount of the square timber and log cut of the past winter. Unless the timber district is favored with a heavy rain, all soon many will suffer heavy loss. Those who are fortunate enough to reach Quebec with timber will doubtless realize good prices on account of the reduction in the supply called for this year. A few seasons like this would have the effect of transferring the chief timber transport of this territory from the waterways to the railways.

—The Orillia Times:—The steamer Longford made a special trip across to Longford having on board the President and Directors of the Rama Timber and Transport Co., who went over to attend the annual general meeting held at their office yesterday. The secretary read a statement of the season's operations, which was very satisfactory. After taking dinner at the Longford Lumber Co.'s boarding house, the officers of the company boarded their tug, Comet, commanded this season by Capt. John Adams, and proceeded to inspect the works at the canal and Portage. Everything was found in good order, and the officers and directors were very much pleased with the look of things. They expect to have a busy season's work, provided all the logs which are coming that way reach Lake St. John. Owing to the scarcity of water it is not unlikely that some of the logs will be "hung up."

QUEBEC.

—Trembley's saw mills at Lyster have been burned down. Loss heavy.

—Messrs. Price Bros. have chartered eighty vessels to export their timber to Europe this season.

—The logs are arriving so rapidly that E. B. Eddy has been compelled to start his lumber mill at Hull running at night.

—Over one hundred thousand feet of square birch have been made along the line of the Lake St. John railway during the past winter.

—Mr. Telesphore Madore, of Quebec, has been appointed general agent for Quebec timber lands of the Ottawa district. Mr. Madore has established his office in Hull.

—Francis McCaffrey's saw mill at Riviere Neuf on the Athabasca branch of the Grand Trunk, was entirely consumed by fire, May 7th. Loss \$5,000; no insurance.

—The Port Neuf pulp and saw mills, belonging to an English company and held for some time past by Messrs. Gibson & Campbell, has been sold to another English syndicate for \$30,000.

—Mr. James Gorman has received the machinery for the new steam saw mill which he is erecting on the Schneil a short distance from Fitzroy Harbor. He expects to have it in running order this season.

—One of the returned lumber merchants says that during the past winter Quebec timber merchants have had the business pretty much their own way in the European markets and they must have very profitable contracts. The yards on the other side are almost bare of timber. A large spring fleet is not anticipated as most of this season's shipments are not yet come to market. There will however be a large mid-summer fleet. A heavy increase is anticipated in steam tonnage which will for the future continue to grow larger. The British Government is going to spend ten million pounds on shipping this year, about half of which will be placed in private yards.