

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—The box factory at Waubashene is again in operation.

—The Parry Sound Lumber Co. are building a new shingle mill.

—John Harrison's saw mill, at Owen Sound, has been burned.

—Mr. T. P. Pearce, Marmora, is building an extensive lumber mill at that place.

—Mr. C. H. Harrison, Norwood, is about starting an extensive sash and door factory.

—Betty's sash and door factory, at Pembroke, recently destroyed by fire, is being re-built.

—Cedar blocks, for paving streets, are being manufactured quite extensively at Norwood.

—The sash and door factory belonging to John Leath, Ridgetown, has been destroyed by fire.

—The Big Mill at Deseronto has closed down for the season, having been running since April 21st.

—A new sash and door factory at Campbellford, built by Mr. Jas. Benor, is nearly ready for work.

—The Midland and North Shore Lumber Company's mill at Parry Sound has been closed for the season.

Considerable progress is being made towards the organization of a Lumber Board of Exchange in Ottawa.

—The railroad ties cut this season by the Rathbun Company's mill, at Campbellford, are being shipped to the State of New York.

—Work on the new shingle mill, at Deseronto, is being pushed forward. It is a substantial three-storey building with cupola.

—Messrs. Bronson & Weston, the well-known Ottawa lumbermen, are seeking incorporation as the Bronson & Weston Lumber Company.

—It is reported that Mr. Booth, of Pembroke, has sold his limit, known as the old Mackie limit, to Mr. W. R. Thistle, of Renfrew, for \$25,000.

—Messrs. Thompson & Ellis, of Fenelon Falls, have sustained a heavy loss by the sinking of two scows loaded with provisions for the shanties.

—Mr. George Brooks, of Barrie, is building a saw mill at Melville Bay, on the Lake Huron shore, about 12 miles above Providence Bay.

—Mr. A. Irwin, Blenheim, during the months of September and October manufactured 100,000 barrels for the flour, apple and bean trade of that town.

—Jacob A. Shaver, of Ancaster, writes us that he is doing a brisk trade, and that the only trouble is short stock. He cuts about 8,000,000 feet per year.

—H. & J. D. Smith, of Stratford, are erecting a new saw mill in that city, which will, it is expected, be in operation about the beginning of the new year.

—On Nov. 6th, 1000 cords of firewood, a lot of lumber and a large barn, owned by Kerr & Davis, near Beamsville, were burned. The saw mill near by was saved.

—John Armstrong, of Chaffey, has secured the contract from the Northern and North-western railway to supply 10,000 ties. This looks as if the Northern was improving.

—Both the Gilmour and Rathbun mills at Campbellford, have closed down for the season. The latter had been running scarcely five months, and every log has been sawn.

—Mr. Harman Mutchensbake, a young man 16 years of age, sawed 42½ M. feet of 16 inch shingles in 11 hours, at the new shingle mills at Rosseau Falls. Can this be beaten?

—Mr. Robert Harrison, Cavan, is adding a sash, blind, door and chair factory to his lumber mill, and is building a 50x30 foot extension to his works to accommodate his enlarged business.

—Mr. E. W. Rathbun, the well-known lumberman of Deseronto, recently delivered an able address in Oswego, strongly opposing Commercial Union between Canada and the United States.

—Owing to the excessive lowness of the water in Chats Lake, Messrs. McLachlin Bros. have been compelled to shut down their steam saw mill which will lessen their cut by at least a quarter.

—The lumber firm of McCraney & McCool, of Toronto, has admitted Mr. Robt. S. Wilson as partner, and opened a branch at Ottawa, where Mr. Wilson will be resident manager. The firm has mills at Oakville, Burlington, Bronte, and Huntsville, and makes a specialty of long bill stuff and dressing and the higher grades of pine. The style of the firm is now McCraney, McCool & Wilson.

—Mr. H. J. Russell, for many years Inspector of Crown Timber agencies and Collector of Timber Dues, died at Ottawa, during November, aged 82 years. He was the father of Mr. Lindsay Russell, Surveyor-General of Canada.

—Scott, Scott & Co. have just completed a very successful season's sawing at their Medonte mills, the output being four millions. Shipping is being proceeded with vigorously, and they have got well into the bush work for next season's stock.

—Messrs. Hurdman Bros., of Pembroke, deny the report, which has in some way gained circulation, that an epidemic exists in their shanties, in the form of typhoid fever, and that the rumor of any death taking place in such, is entirely false.

—Lumbering is going to be carried on extensively in the Lake Megantic district this winter. Dudley's company alone will take out eight million feet. Beatty & Co. bought a whole township on the other side of the boundary line, and they are busy building now.

—Reynolds & Scord's saw mill at Reynoldsville, on the Twelve Creek, three miles south of St. Catharines, together with the adjoining barrel heading factory and lumber piles, were completely destroyed by fire in the early part of November. Loss about \$15,000; insurance, \$5000.

—Mr. Boyd's lumbering operations in the Haliburton district, back of Peterborough, will be very extensive this year, so much pine having been killed by the fires. He will cut more logs than he can saw, and will have to warehouse them in the woods. The firm will run about eight shanties in this district, says the *Post*, and some of them will employ a hundred men.

—Mr. Norman Barnhart, manager for M. Boyd & Co., of Bobcaygeon, reached Lindsay with a gang of about seventy men from the lower provinces, and at once engaged a special train and was whirled northward to the seat of the firm's lumbering operations in the township of Snowden. It is now probable that the firm will have about six hundred men engaged during the season.

—The last of the mammoth whitewoods growing near Chatham, in Kent county, once famous for big trees, was cut recently on the farm of Mr. C. W. Richardson, measuring sixty-two hundred feet board standard. It was trucked to Blenheim and shipped thence to Chatham via Erie and Huron. Old lumbermen tell the *Planet* that it is the largest tree that has come to Chatham in the past fifteen years.

—The lumber firm of Messrs. Bronson & Weston have obtained, according to the *Evening Journal*, a lease of the small island in the Ottawa river below the Chaudiere docks, and opposite Blyth's Point, and will next spring construct extensive docks over the entire island which will be used in future as a lumber piling ground, for which purpose it is admirably suited.

—For some time past Ottawa lumbermen and others have been petitioning Parliament for the construction of a permanent iron bridge to replace the present suspension bridge across the Ottawa river below the Chaudiere Falls. It now seems that steps are being taken towards that end, the cost of the new structure being estimated at \$40,000. The new bridge when completed will be of great benefit to the lumber trade in particular.

—At the lumber camp of Mr. George Massey, says the *Parry Sound Star*, a jobber for the Georgian Bay Lumber Co., Jno. Armstrong's team during the space of 49 days skidded 5,436 logs. All the different lumber companies are busily engaged in taking supplies to their lumber camps, most of which are now in full running operation. The cut of logs during the coming winter will in all probability be the largest for some years past, and a busy season and good times generally will be the result; particularly so if the demand for lumber and good prices rule next summer.

—Letters patent under the great seal of the Province of Ontario have been issued incorporating the Lakefield Lumber and Manufacturing Company with a capital stock of \$300,000. The first directors are Messrs. Roland C. Strickland, Percy W. Strickland, C. J. Bloomfield, W. H. Casement and F. R. Barlee, all of Lakefield. The objects of the company are to acquire the mills, limits and business of Messrs. R. & G. Strickland, to carry on the business heretofore carried on by them, and to more thoroughly develop the Lakefield water power. The chief place of business will be at Lakefield.

—The following notes regarding lumber operations at Wyevale come to hand: A number of shanties are in full blast here. Mr. C. Varty employs a large gang of men, who under the management of his foreman, Mr. Jas. Crawford, are cutting and delivering logs on the beach. Mr. Alex. Hill has taken the contract of cutting next summer's stock for Messrs. Hogan Bros. It will be the largest since the mill was built. Messrs. A. & R. Flemming have about fifty men employed in cutting and drawing cordwood. They are building a large shanty and intend employing as many men as can be had. Another

wishing to obtain work should come to Wyevale where they will find a winter's employment and good wages.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—John F. Carter's saw mill, at Bathurst, has been burned.

—The saw mill belonging to John Carter, Bathurst, was destroyed by fire Nov. 1st. Loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$2,000.

—The *St. John Telegraph* publishes a long interview with Mr. Alex. Gibson, New Brunswick's lumber king, regarding unrestricted trade with the United States. Mr. Gibson seems to strongly favor such a policy.

—The *Frederickton Gleaner* understands that one of the heaviest lumber operators on the upper St. John is in serious trouble with the American customs' authorities for making alleged false entries at the customs' office, Fort Kent.

—The lumbermen of upper St. John are devising a plan to dam the river a short distance above the falls for the double purpose of holding their lumber in spring till the booms are swung and to assist in driving the lumber in low water. There is talk of a joint stock company for this purpose.

—A great disadvantage under which the lumbermen of the North Shore labor, says the *St. John Sun*, is the distance which vessels carrying lumber to the United States have to pass over before reaching their destination. Were the long and dangerous sail around the coast of Nova Scotia abolished by the construction of the proposed ship railway across the isthmus which connects that province with New Brunswick, all the wood now wasted in the manufacture of deals in the shape of slabs and edgings, could be profitably converted into laths, pickets and other short lumber. As the matter now stands, it does not pay to ship short lumber from the north to the States. On the Restigouche as well as on the Bonaventure there are large quantities of the finest cedars. Hundreds of millions of white cedar of large size on the Bonaventure River.

—The cut of logs at the headwaters of the Kennebec (Maine) this season will be above an average, between 100,000,000 and 125,000,000. Hon. J. Manchester Haynes, of Augusta, will cut about 14,000,000; Bradstreets of Gardiner, 10,000,000; Lawrence Bros., South Gardiner, 8,000,000; Lawrence & Philips, Somerset Mills, 7,000,000; E. Shaw & Sons, Bath, 12,000,000; McPheters, Grenville, 5,000,000; Clark & Milliken, Richmond, 5,000,000; Putnam L. Clason, Randolph, 4,000,000; E. Millen & Sons, Augusta, 4,000,000; Fogg & Co., Bowdoinham, 4,000,000; N. Totman & Sons, Fairfield, 3,000,000; Omar Clark, Carratunk, 5,000,000. The above does not include all the operators, but nearly all the large ones. Lumbermen are now sending their teams into the woods.

—A contributor to an exchange writing from Blackville discourses thus on the life of the hardy woodsman: The lumbermen are once more on the alert. Owing to the large exodus, a reason for which your correspondent does not dare to venture, good woodsmen are scarce, and wages consequently higher than for some years past. Every few days sees the departure of a crew for the "Big Hole," or the "North Pole," or some other bear haunt, and to the uninitiated it is indeed an affecting sight to witness the partings which are to consign man to the forest depths (from whence with a sufficiency of pork and beans, he will emerge in the springtime, a veritable baby elephant) and his better half to wood-cutting and stable work, while the snow endureth. And when the balmy days of March breathe an aroma of returning "bush-whackers," the affectionate wife eagerly scans the snow-covered hills until that beloved form, clad in snow-shoes and whiskers, appears, when she rushes to his outstretched arms with the sentimental expression of welcome—"John have you any gum?"

NOVA SCOTIA.

—The excavation for the Halifax dry dock is well nigh completed, and about 150 feet of the concrete walls have been laid. Every appliance known to modern handicraft in the conduct of large contracts is in operation at these works and progress is very rapid. The coffer dam is a complete success and none of the harbor water can find an entrance into the excavation. The dock will be finished and ready for service within two years.

—Dougald Dickey, nineteen years old, had his left arm caught in a circular saw and torn out at Beckman's mill, Halifax, Nov. 16th. The saw also inflicted a bad wound in his side. The young man lived for only half an hour afterwards. An inquest was held by Coroner Ligney, of Waverly, when a verdict of accidental death was rendered. Dickey belonged to Glenmore, Middle Musquoboiboi.

—R. A. Gregory's mill, at Carleton, after some repairs, has resumed work, which will be continued about a month longer. Adams & Gregory's mill will run until the first of the year, when it will close down for repairs. Hayford & Stetson's mill will only run about a month longer. The Clark mill, it is expected, will run a few weeks yet. Warner's shingle mill is running night and day, giving employment to 25 men.