

Chips.

THE Chippewa, Wis., Lumber & Boom Co.'s mill, in two days last week, sawed 856,000 feet of lumber, in an actual running time of twenty-two hours.

THE Empire Lumber Company, of Winona, will erect a new mill that "will occasion the expenditure of about \$100,000 in the further development of the manufacturing interests of Winona."

THE state of New York has not escaped devastation by forest fires. A tract twenty miles in diameter near Carthage was burned over, the estimated loss of timber lands being three hundred thousand dollars.

THE Orillia Packet says:—On account of the lowness of the water the Severn mills have been cutting rather below the average. Should we not get very heavy rains soon the probabilities are the mill will be stopped.

THE building trade is showing signs of activity in Bristol and the West of England. Masons and carpenters are more busy than they have been for the past two years, and there is a decided improvement in the demand for timber.

THE St. Croix, Wis., boom has been closed for the season. A little over 200,000,000 feet of logs have passed through since navigation opened. The Stillwater Gazette says the total amount got out this season exceeds that of any year in the history of the boom.

SANDS & MAXWELL, of Pontwater, Mich., have shipped to C. C. Thompson & Co., of Chicago, a clear pine plank, sixteen feet long, forty inches wide and four inches thick. The same firm has also shipped one of the same size and grade to the St. Nicholas Toy Company.

FROM a tabular statement in L'Echo Forestier we gather that fifty-four vessels entered the port of Dieppe, France, during the month of August, with timber cargoes, the greater number arriving from Harnosand and Sundwall (Sweden), Riga and Kotka (Russia).

At the French seaport town of Honfleur they cannot be said to be protectants in the timber sawing business. Instead of only raw wood being sent thence as formerly, to be worked up, a great deal of timber is now brought already worked, to the detriment of many Honfleur saw mills.

C. L. STINE, Bucyrus, Ohio, who has a mill four miles west of that town, has sawed 1,500,000 feet of hardwood this season, and expects to add 1,000,000 to it by shutting down time. Walnut is worth \$45 in that locality; oak \$20; ash \$21—all right from the saw. The market is active, and the timber supply limited.

THE Chippewa, Wis., Herald says the Chippewa Lumber and Boom Company's mill has cut thus far this season, 41,000,000 feet of lumber; 12,500,000 lath; 200,000 pickets, and 9,250,000 shingles. It is estimated the mill will cut by the 10th of next month 50,000,000 feet. This is about 15,000,000 more than it has cut in any previous season.

SAMUEL JELLISON, of Belfast, and the spool factory company of Searsport, Me., have recently purchased a township, known as No. 4, in range 8, in the north part of Penobscot county. The township contains 33,000 acres. The east branch of the Penobscot river, and a tributary, run through the township, affording excellent opportunities for logging. The forests are largely white birch, which is the material used in the manufacture of spools. A large gang of workmen are now on the grounds getting out spool stock.

WHEN the Stillwater, Minn., boom was shut down on account of the recent high water, over 220,000,000 feet of logs had passed through during the season thus far. The total amount got out this season exceeds that of any year in the history of the boom, the largest run heretofore, which occurred about five years ago, having been 204,000,000 feet. At a meeting of the Lumbermen's Board of Trade held recently, it was decided to send a crew of men, under charge of James Rooney, to Taylor Falls, with instructions to bring down every log between that point and Stillwater. This, it is said, will make the cleanest sweep ever known.

FIVE ACRES OF LUMBER BUANT.

THE Oswego Palladium gives the following graphic account of the appearance of the recent conflagration in that city:—"We are sure that none who saw this picture when the fire was at its height over saw a grander or more impressive of the kind. About five acres of lumber all in a blaze, fanned by a gale of twenty miles an hour, makes an elemental combustion seldom seen. Seizing on a lumber pile the fire would wrap it in an instant and pour from every interstice from top to bottom a devilish looking blue flame, which streamed from the cracks in a sheet resembling molten metal forced out under high pressure. There were, as said, about five acres of these mighty forests, all flaming at once, and when they lost their individual forms and settled down into less shapely heaps they glowed and fused like ore. Apart from the sense of danger and damage going on, it was a stupendous spectacle. The reflection of the fire lighted the cloudy sky with a sickening glare which had an awful look, and for miles around the country was lighted up almost as by the sun at noon. Through it the towns of Oswego and Scriba the people were awakened by the unearthly light, and looking toward the city believed it to be all on fire. Many hitched up their teams and drove to town, and several carriages came down from Fulton, where the fire looked as if the whole city were involved."

New Forests Pay in Scotland.

A writer in an English journal says that there have been forests in the neighbourhood of Darnaway for many centuries. The oak forest of Darnaway, which, by the way, is the seat of the Earls of Moray, is acknowledged to be the finest in Scotland, and there are few which can compare with it anywhere in the British Isles. For over a century the oak produced from this forest, which is over 3,000 acres in extent, has attracted attention all over the north of Scotland, and ship-builders and wheelwrights from all parts annually attend the sales. As early as the latter years of the last century the thinnings brought \$5,000 per annum, and between 1830 and 1840 the sale of timber and bark ranged from \$20,000 to \$25,000 yearly. Owing to the low price of both wood and bark, not so much has been cut lately as in former years, but notwithstanding the way it has been reserved, it is said that after paying every expense during the growth of the timber, the revenue of the forest per acre has been double that of the finest asable land in the country. Some idea of the extent of the forest, including the oak and pine woods, may be gathered from the fact that in order to make a tour through them a walk of twenty-six miles has to be engaged in.

THE Menominee, Mich., Herald, in mentioning the slabs and edgings that are being shipped from Saginaw to Chicago, says that the amount of this kind of material destroyed in the burners at Menominee daily would supply a large city with wood steadily. Thousands of cords of edgings are consumed, with other refuse, every season, which if it could be "dropped" in a city like Chicago, would keep thousands of families in fuel the year round. It seems unnecessary to waste so much wood in order to get rid of it, and that, where mills are situated on navigable water, this waste might be profitably shipped for fuel.

MESSRS. GEMMELL, TUCKETT & Co., in their monthly timber report, dated Melbourne, August 1st, state:—"The amount of business carried through during the month has been fully up to the average, and prices have been sustained."

AMERICAN LUMBER.—Market quite bare of w. p. t. and g. ceiling and shelving, and stocks of clear pine are lower than for years past. The only sales were ex Harvard, 43,510 ft. wide w. p. shelving, £11 10s. to £11 5s. per M super; 4,819 ft. 5½ x 1½, 6 x 1½, t. and g. pitch pine (including tongue), 11s. 3d. per 100 ft. lineal.

ZEPRESS.—A healthy man never thinks of his stomach. The dyspeptic thinks of nothing else. Indigestion is a constant reminder. The wise man who finds himself suffering will spend a few cents for a bottle of Zepress, from Brazil, the new and remarkable compound for cleansing and toning the system, for assisting the Digestive apparatus and the Liver to properly perform their duties in assimilating food. Get a 10 cent sample of Zepress, the new remedy, of your druggist. A few doses will surprise you.

The Ottawa River.

An exceptional, not to say extraordinary, lowness of water in the Ottawa River at the present season affords a good opportunity for examining the bed of the stream, and becoming acquainted with hitherto hidden dangers to navigation. All along the river between the Chaudiere and Grenville, rocks and reefs, whose very existence was unknown, have appeared above the surface of the water. Opposite Ottawa three new islands are laid bare, and further down a most dangerous sharp pointed rock has appeared in McLaren's Bay. At various parts on the shores similar obstructions are now conspicuous.

These facts, we should think, ought to induce the Government to take steps for clearing the river of the worst, at least, of these rocks and reefs. A proposition, noted in these columns the other day, has been made to erect a dam at Grenville, and we hope it will receive favorable consideration by the Department of Public Works. But it is equally important to remove obstructions as it is to keep up the level of the water, and, as the season offers exceptional advantages, no time should be lost. A very small outlay, comparatively speaking, at the present time would be of the greatest advantage, and, perhaps, save both life and property hereafter.—Free Press.

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