

## THE NEWS.

## ONTARIO.

—17,000 railway ties await shipment at Stayner.

—Waubushene mills run ten and a half hours a day.

—F. Baechler, saw mill, Ben Miller, is offering to compromise.

—An addition of 200 feet is being put to the mill wharf, Waubushene.

—The demand for hand saws at the present time seems to be increasing.

—A new saw mill is to be built at the head of Kempenfeldt Bay, Lake Simcoe.

—The Rathbun Company have made great improvements in their docks at Rossmore.

—Peters & Cairn's mill at Midland is expected to cut 4,000,000 feet during the season.

—Mr. W. C. Harrison, Norwood, is putting a 50x15 foot addition to his sash factory.

—William Ellis had two fingers cut off in Shire's mill, Bracebridge, a few days ago.

—Bronson & Weston, of Ottawa, have placed a hand saw in their mill at the Chaudiere.

—C. Young, of Young's Point, has increased the capacity of his shingle mill to 25,000 daily.

—Large shipments of lumber from Parry Sound to Oswego, N. Y., are being made this spring.

—Mr. John Shaw, of Forest, has disposed of his retail lumber business to his son, Fred W. Shaw.

—Extensive alterations and additions are being made to Mr. W. Sparling's planing mill, at Pembroke.

—All the mills at the Chaudiere are running full time day watches, but as yet no night work is being done.

—The Rathbun Co., of Deseronto, have purchased Thompson & Avery's cut of ash lumber of over 300,000 feet.

—Mr. Singleton Brown's new shingle mill at Bracebridge is running and has the prospect of a prosperous season.

—A young man named Fox had all the fingers of one of his hands cut off by a saw in the Gilmour lath mill, Trenton.

—The Rathbun Co., are driving briskly over the Sectt limits. They have over 20,000 logs coming down a new and improved stream.

—A Hamilton firm is about to erect a mill at Falkenburg this summer. The firm will buy and ship cordwood, stove wood and tanbark.

—The sawmill of Messrs. Troup Bros., at Sherkston, near Welland, was destroyed by fire April 21. Messrs. Troup will rebuild immediately.

—Mr. Wm. Parker, of Stevenson, has taken out a million feet of logs this winter. They will be manufactured at his mill in that township.

—Mr. John Munro and his staff are busy at work on the new planing mill, at Midland. It is expected to be ready about the end of May.

—Casey Bros., a planing mill firm, of Hamilton, have made an assignment for the benefit of their creditors. Liabilities about \$8,000; assets, \$3,500.

—The Rathbun Company, of Deseronto, have now three thousand men in their employ. This will give some idea of the magnitude of their operations.

—Vigars Bros., of Port Arthur, have doubled the capacity of their mill by the addition of new machinery. They will cut about 3,000,000 feet this season.

—The Dickson Company, of Peterborough, have purchased from Mr. D. Ulyott the balance of his interest in the pine timber limits of the township of Anson.

—H. Sherman, aged seventy-eight, died at Windsor. He was a wealthy lumberman and cheese manufacturer. One of his sons is professor of mathematics at Dartmouth college.

—Ottawa builders say that lumber of all kinds has risen \$1.50 a thousand feet, caused no doubt to some extent by the large amount of building that is being done at the capital this year.

—The Blind River Lumber Company has made a great improvement in their mill this spring and now have it running and intend doing a large business this season in lumber, lath and shingles.

—A. & P. White, of Pembroke and Deux Riviere, have taken out a full supply of logs and dimension timber this season and are now busily cutting. They anticipate a brisk season's business.

—John Ashcroft's cabinet factory at Wiarton was burned

May 16th. The fire started in the drying kiln. Loss \$5,000; insured. The small G. T. R. hand engine did good service, saving the adjoining property.

—A drive of logs, consisting of 300,000 pieces, is now on its way down the Trent river. It is said to be as large as any one drive that has ever run over these waters, and will take two or three weeks to pass any given point.

—Mr. A. M. Dodge, of New York, President of the Georgian Bay Consolidated Lumber Company, has made extensive improvements to his summer residence at Waubushene, and will reside there for some months.

—Messrs. Hurdman & Co., of Ottawa, have commenced running their new circular saw mill. The firm expect that the little mill will get through a large amount of light work, leaving the gang saw free for heavy cutting.

—Mr. John Church has sold his saw-mill at West Point to the Neebing Lumber Co., who will take it to the neighborhood of Fort William. The company is composed of Messrs. McCuaig, Low, Carter, Richards, Lingham and others.

—Messrs. John Craigie & Son have opened up a box factory and planing mill at Penetanguishene, Ont. They will manufacture upwards of a million feet of lumber in their factory this season, and will give employment to about ten men.

—The Messrs. Brown Bros., Toronto, have sold all their standing pine and oak timber at Limehouse station, near Acton and Georgetown, to Messrs. Taylor Bros., of Toronto, who have erected a steam saw mill, and work will be proceeded with at once.

—Ice fourteen inches thick and covering an extent of 1,500 feet on the Ottawa river at Hull, was thrown high up in the air with a terrific report the other night. Gas generated in sawdust beds at the bottom of the stream is supposed to have caused the explosion.

—The pumping and engine house, the property of the Collingswood Dry Dock and Ship Yard Company, situated at the dry dock, was totally destroyed by fire May 17th. Loss, probably \$1,500; insured for \$600 in the Royal, \$300 in the Royal Canadian.

—Belleville dealers will this year bring from Ottawa upwards of one million feet of lumber. In the past this city has been considered an important lumber manufacturing point, but the quality of the cut has of late years deteriorated very greatly and the best lumber is all sought for the United States market.

—Messrs. White & Son, proprietors of the flour and saw-mills at Orwell, met with a serious loss some days ago when, without warning, the saw-mill dam gave way, and half a million feet of logs and twenty thousand feet of lumber were swept into the lower dam, which also gave way. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

—The *Intelligencer* says that all the saw logs of last year's drive are now below the lower bridge at Belleville and will be passed through the boom by Saturday. The first of this year's logs will reach Belleville in ten days, as the first of them have passed Stoco Lake and the tail is below High Falls. The water in the Moira is keeping up satisfactory.

—Messrs. H. L. Lovering & Co. have been making large cutting records in their saw mill at Coldwater this spring. Last winter the mill was thoroughly refitted, the machinery being in a large measure replaced by new, and several improvements made by which the mill will now cut more lumber for the number of hands employed than any small mill in the district.

—The shrill note of the steam whistle, and the hum of the buzz saw are now heard in the land, and everywhere signs of the season's busiest operations present themselves. The roll of the truck, the voice of the duckwhopper, the familiar tread of the lumber gang, and various other signs of activity fall on the ear, and all betoken the sway of spring. So says the *Penetang Herald*.

—The Canada Atlantic railway is making a bid for the lumber carrying trade from Ottawa to New York. They offer to carry it to the latter city for \$35 a car, or about fifty cents a thousand feet less than boat rates. This, it is said, will not affect forwarders very much this season, as they have had their contracts made some time ago, but the business of American boat orders will suffer.

—The demand for good, clean square timber seems unusually keen this season. Agents of buyers have been everywhere in the woods viewing the timber on the rollways, and many sales have been made. Indeed it is rumored in well posted circles that of the entire cut of the Upper Ottawa only a couple of lots remain unsold. Figures are not obtainable, but they will doubtless soon leak out.

—Application for letters-patent is made by the Western Lumber company, limited, capital \$300,000, for the purchase of timber, limits and real estate of every description, and the

manufacture of timber into logs and of articles to be made into firewood, etc. The operations of the company are to be carried on in Ontario, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. The chief place of business is Toronto.

—The Maganetawan river, at Burk's Falls, has overflowed and risen to the highest mark attained for years. Wood and lumber piles have been thrown down, houses floating turned over or floated off. The old hull of the "Ada," thought to be high and dry, was carried by the current down the river. A family living near the river have been compelled to remove to the second storey, and get to and from by boat.

—Hardly a week passes by without one or more accidents occurring in one or other of the large mills at Deseronto. In one issue of the local paper of that town we are told that one man was struck in the stomach by a knot hurled from a saw and severely bruised; another, while removing a piece of wood stuck a tie-hook through his great toe; one had three fingers of one hand cut by a jointer in the cedar mill; another had his fingers jammed between the couplings of two cedar cars; and still another had the heel of his boot caught in a piece of machinery, and but for timely assistance he would have been torn to pieces. The people of Deseronto had better get an ambulance wagon and a hospital right away.

—A correspondent writing from French River, says: The Victoria Harbor Lumber Coy's and McLean Bros' drives are down. One of the Ontario Lumber Coy's drives, in charge of J. Brennan, which was hung up last season, is reported to be in safe water, and all the other drives likewise. Tugs have been running on the French for the past two weeks and rafting is already begun. There is every indication of a busy season here, as both the large mills have been refitted and enlarged, and will commence cutting in a few days. There is also a large fleet of fishing boats now stationed here. Shipping has already commenced and the American steamer "Remora" arrived to-day with a full list of passengers.

—Many people in the District of Nipissing, says a local paper, are enquiring why the proceeds of the recent sale of timber berths should not be, at least to some extent, expended in subsidizing the North Bay and James' Bay Railway. They think that the expenditure connected with the opening up of this new territory is a legitimate claim on the proceeds of such sales. The sums appropriated for roads and bridges in this District by the Provincial Government recently, are proper outlays in this direction, but the amounts granted are insignificant in comparison with the income which the Provincial Treasury receives from the sale of our pine timber. Nipissing calls for a subsidy for the North Bay and James' Bay railway, and its people will press the claim.

—Large quantities of spruce timber in blocks four feet long and not less than six inches thick, are being shipped by the Northern railway from Trout Creek station to the paper mills of Ontario, where it will be reduced to pulp and mixed with cotton fibre in the manufacture of paper. The *Nipissing Times* suggests that the people of that district should enquire how far they can utilize their spruce and poplar woods for this purpose. There may be money in this thing. Another important industry has arisen in this vicinity since the completion of the Northern railway. Hardwood lumber, birch and maple chiefly, is being shipped from the south side of the lake by the car load to Winnipeg, for the manufacture of furniture, and satisfactory returns are being realized.

—The total cost of construction of slides and other works to facilitate the descent of timber and sawlogs on the Ottawa river and its tributaries, up to the 30th of June last, has been close on a million dollars, as shown by a return submitted to the House, the figures for each being as follows:

Ottawa River	\$370,062
Gatineau	67,077
Madawaska	104,073
Colouge	62,252
Black	13,822
Petewawa	77,090
Riviere des Prairies	13,840
South Nation	1,188
General expenditure	232,459

Total.....\$942,237  
Of this amount, \$719,247 was expended prior to confederation.

## QUEBEC.

—A new saw mill is being erected at Sawyerville.

—Lumbering operations will be brisk at Buckingham this year, nearly all the mills having already commenced sawing.

—A dynamite explosion in the logging camp of King Bros., at St. Pascome, county L'Islet, is reported. Sixteen men are reported as badly injured.

—We learn that several sales have been made by Quebec shippers to London importers, 3rd and 4th quality, chiefly the latter. Prices are understood to be about the same as last year.

—The Quebec Timber Company's accounts are said to show a debit to profit and loss at the close of last year of £7,705;