

OBITUARY.

The death is announced of Mr. H. Ross, lumber dealer, of Sherbrooke, Que. He had been a sufferer from asthma for some years.

Mr. Adam Shaefer, of Tavistock, Ont., died recently as a result of injuries sustained while operating a rip saw in his planing mill. Deceased was born in Germany in 1845 and emigrated to Canada in 1852, settling on a farm. He learned the trade of a carpenter, and for twenty-eight years was engaged in the furniture business. About five years ago he purchased a saw mill in the Parry Sound district, which he sold last year. He then purchased a furniture factory in Tavistock, which he operated up to the time of his death.

CHARLES HAMILTON.

Chas. Hamilton, for more than twenty years a prominent lumber operator in the province of New Brunswick, died at St. John early in November, at the age of eighty-five years. Mr. Hamilton retired from active business several years ago, but his only son, James S. Hamilton, owns a large saw mill near the city of St. John. Deceased was born in Sago, Maine, and before removing to St. John was actively engaged in the lumber and pulp business in that state.

HON. RALPH A. LOVELAND.

Hon. Ralph A. Loveland, a conspicuous figure in the white pine lumber industry of Michigan, died in Saginaw on November 9th. Mr. Loveland was born at Westport, N.Y., in the year 1819, and had been connected with the lumber business since 1857, when he formed a partnership with D. L. White and S. W. Barnard under the firm name of White, Loveland & Company, wholesale dealers, with headquarters at Albany, N. Y. Mr. Loveland's health becoming impaired he removed to Janesville, Wis., in 1863, and in 1869 established a lumber yard in Chicago under the firm name of R. A. Loveland & Company. This enterprise was a marked success, but the failure of a large concern which owed the firm considerable money swept away Mr. Loveland's fortune, and in 1876, at the age of fifty-seven, he started out to begin life anew. He purchased a small mill in Montcalm county, Mich., and later some timber lands in Isosco county estimated to cut 150,000,000 feet of timber. The logs from this tract were rafted to a mill on the Saginaw river near the city of East Saginaw. This limit was logged continuously until 1893, since which time the mill has been supplied from pine lands purchased in the Georgian Bay district of Ontario.

Mr. Loveland, in 1881, organized the Saginaw Lumber & Salt Co., whose annual output has been 30,000,000 feet of lumber and 50,000 barrels of salt. Mr. Loveland was also a member of the firm of Loveland, Roys & White, which purchased a large tract of pine lands in the Parry Sound district, where board timber for the Quebec market was taken out. Of late years they have taken out a considerable quantity of logs which have been manufactured in lumber at Midland, Ont., under the superintendence of Mr. D. L. White, jr. Deceased was also interested in the Michigan Log Towing Company, as well as several other important enterprises.

WILLIAM PETER.

Before the last issue of THE LUMBERMAN had reached the reader, news was to hand of the death of Mr. Wm. Peter, who, through his operations in the Georgian Bay district, had become prominent in Ontario lumber circles. Mr. Peter's death took place at his home in Columbiaville, Mich.

From the American Lumberman we learn that Mr. Peter was born at Bavaria, Germany, in the year 1824, and as a young man came to America as an emigrant. After working on a farm for a time he, in 1851, took up his residence at Columbiaville, Mich., then a little saw mill hamlet on the Flint river, where he has resided ever since. He was employed as a laborer around the little Mulay saw mill at the point, which had a daily capacity of 3,000 feet, but within a month was advanced to the position of sawyer. Shortly afterwards a rise in the river swept the dam away and the mill was shut down for want of power. Here came about Mr. Peter's first business opportunity. In the stream above the broken dam of the mill were left stranded a considerable quantity of large logs intended for sawing. These he purchased with such capital as had been accumulated. He contracted to repair the dam, and then employed the mill

owners to cut his logs. The lumber was hauled by team to the Saginaw river 30 miles away. On this venture he cleared about \$1,900, and this speculation was the foundation for the big fortune which rewarded his subsequent efforts. For many years following Mr. Peter invested every dollar of his savings in white pine timber lands. He became one of the largest operators in Michigan and held that position for many years. In the year 1860 he established a saw mill at Bay City, Mich., by which he produced many million feet of lumber. He became the owner of timber tracts in Wisconsin, but these he sold without operating on them.

Recently Mr. Peter's holdings of white pine timber in Michigan have become exhausted, and anticipating this, some years ago he purchased the timber limits of the Midland and North Shore Lumber Company in the Georgian Bay district, comprising 212 square miles, together with the saw mill of the company situated at Parry Sound. He at once set to work to make improvements, and put in a double band mill with a daily capacity of 100,000 feet. He has since operated his mill there every season, notwithstanding the very general depression in the lumber trade, which resulted in the closing down of many mills. Mr. Peter was one of the first Michigan lumbermen to secure a mill on the Canadian side of Lake Huron, and his establishment has been a great benefit to the town of Parry Sound.

As Mr. Peter accumulated wealth, he invested it for the



THE LATE WILLIAM PETER.

development and industrial advancement of the country. In his native village of Columbiaville he built a large woollen mill, and nearby conducted an extensive farm. At Toledo, Ohio, he had large and comprehensive interests, including a wholesale distributing yard and door, sash and blind factory, and he was the sole capitalist in the Union Manufacturing Company, producers of sewing machines and woodenware. He was also connected with the leading national bank in Bay City.

Mr. Peter was a modest man, very retired, steadfast, and a loyal friend. He left an estate estimated at \$1,200,000. Of this he willed \$10,000 to his son Alvin Peter, of Toledo, who in late years has had much to do with the management of his business affairs, and a like amount to his daughter, the remainder being bequeathed to his widow.

The property of Young Bros., at St. Margaret's Bay, N. S., consisting of saw mills and 80,000 acres of timber land, has been purchased by Peter Ryan, of Toronto, who is understood to be acting for Michigan and Chicago capitalists. The consideration was \$500,000. The purchasers will continue the lumber operations, and will also engage in the manufacture of pulp. A large pulp mill will be erected and additions made to the saw mill, at an expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars.

OTTAWA VALLEY NEWS.

A MEETING of the leading mill owners of the Ottawa valley was held early in November at the office of the Hull Lumber Company to talk over the question of establishing a uniform standard of grades for lumber. The companies represented included the Hull Lumber Company, Hawkesbury Lumber Company, W. C. Edwards & Company, Gilmour & Hughson, and J. R. Booth. The feeling seemed to be in favor of taking some action, and at a meeting of the Wholesale and Retail Lumber Merchants Association held at a later date the question was further discussed. At this latter meeting there were present representatives of Davidson & Thackray, W. C. Edwards & Company, Hurdman & Elmitt, W. H. McAuliffe, D. O'Connor, jr., S. R. Poulin, Fraser & Hamilton, J. McLaughlin, and others. The question of forming a lumber board of trade for the Ottawa valley was also considered. The officers of the Wholesale and Retail Lumber Merchants' Association are: James Davidson, president; Cecil Bethune, secretary; G. I. Dewar, treasurer.

Speaking of the proposed sale of timber limits to be held by the Ontario government, Mr. Alex. Lumsden, M.P.P., who is interested in the lumber business, stated that the public are not apt to take into consideration the large number of mining prospectors in the country, who would just as soon see a country cleared of its timber, as it would then be more advantageous for the prosecution of their work. He also points out that no government can guard the limits from fire as effectively as private owners can. This was not a reflection on the Crown Lands Department of Ontario, for in no department are the officials so assiduous in the faithful performance of their duty, but it just shows that the public are less afraid of prosecution by the government for any damage done than by private limit owners. Mr. Lumsden is inclined to think that under the circumstances the proposed sale is justified and will prove beneficial to the province.

Judgment has been handed down in the Court of Appeal at Toronto in the case of Hurdman vs. Whyte, reversing the finding of Judge Rose, which was in favor of Whyte. The action was for a declaration that a certain agreement between plaintiffs and defendants in regard to timber limits in the Ottawa valley owned by plaintiffs and advances of money made by defendants were in the nature of a mortgage of such limits by plaintiffs to defendants, and for leave to redeem and other relief. The judgment of Justice Rose declared that upon the fulfillment of certain conditions the plaintiffs would be entitled to immediate possession of a one-fifth share of the property, and directed a reference to take certain accounts if the plaintiffs so desired it. The Court agreed with the holding of the presiding judge that the agreement was not in the nature of a mortgage, but directed a variation of the judgment.

Large gangs of men have been sent to the lumber districts of the Ottawa valley this fall, Messrs. Chitty & Company having supplied most of them. The number of shanties on the various rivers and limits is much greater than it was last season. On the Coulonge there are at least twelve more shanties, while the Black river and other streams each have almost as great an increase. Limits are being worked along the Black river which have scarcely been touched heretofore.

It is reported that 200,000 logs are hung up in the Desmoine river.

The value of sawdust in the Ottawa valley has lately advanced, owing to its more general use as a fuel. The manager of the Hotel Cecil was among the first to start burning the sawdust, and now his hotel is being heated altogether with that product. He pays \$1.25 per load of 248 cubic feet. The largest consumers of sawdust in the district are the E. B. Eddy Company. It is said that since they started burning sawdust their fuel bill has been decreased \$10,000 a year.

REORGANIZATION OF THE SNOWBALL BUSINESS.

HON. Senator Snowball is about to make an important change in the lumbering, mill and general business which he established at Chatham, N.B., thirty-five years ago. The business will in future be known as the J. B. Snowball Company, Limited, of Chatham, for which incorporation has been asked. The incorporators are: Hon. J. B. Snowball, W. B. Snowball and R. A. Snowball, of Chatham; F. P. Thompson, of Fredericton, and Geo. E. Fisher, of Chatham. The capital stock is \$1,000,000, of which \$500,000 is paid up.