

## THE NEWS.

## ONTARIO.

Hillock & Kent, lumber merchants, Toronto, have dissolved.

—The mills at Severn Bridge will soon be shut down for the winter.

—Jeffray Graham, Novar, offers his saw and shingle mill for sale.

—C. Anderson, saw mill operator at Little Current, is offering to sell out.

—J. P. & J. J. Pearson, lumber dealers, Owen Sound, have assigned.

—Conlon's mill, at Little Current, recently cut 120,000 feet of lumber in one day.

—N. Z. Mousseau, Belle River, is putting another boiler and engine in his mill.

—Knight Bros., sash and door factory, Burk's Falls, are very busy filling orders.

—Ainslie's stave mill, at Comber, which has been shut down, has resumed operations.

—Leishman & Son and S. Brown, Bracebridge, have closed down their mills for the winter.

—The shingle department of the Cedar mill, Deseronto, is running full blast in order to fill orders.

—T. H. Thompson, lumber, coal and wood dealer, Toronto, has sold out his lumber business.

—The Georgian Bay Lumber Co., have transferred their pay office from Gravenhurst to Waubushene.

—Messrs. Geo. Copeland & Son, Penetanguishene, are putting in a circular saw in their water power saw mill.

—The Georgian Bay Lumber Co. recently filled a contract for square timber for England consisting of 837,071 feet.

—James Johnston, lumber dealer, Skead's Mills, is said to be embarrassed, the bailiff being in possession of his property.

—E. B. Colboy, Hepworth, is doing an extensive business shipping telegraph and telephone poles to the American market.

—Graham, Horne & Co., of Fort William, are putting in a new boiler and other machinery in their mill at Vermillion Bay.

—Burland & Co., lumber dealers, Toronto, are shipping considerable quantities of hardwood lumber to the United States.

—Mr. Ned Moore has purchased from R. Hurdman a timber limit of 42 square miles on Garden River a tributary to the Kippewa, for \$65,000.

—The Thunder Bay River Boom Company has rafted to the various lumber and shingle mills at Alpena, Mich., this season 1,115,104 logs which scaled 111,848,640 feet.

—James Dollar's shingle mill at Brunel closed down on Sept. 30th, having run 10 months and 10 days without losing an hour, and the cut from start to finish averaged 29 1/4 M per day.

—It is reported that the Ontario government will rebuild the dam at the outlet of the Lake of the Woods, on the Winnipeg river, which was carried away a couple of years ago.

—It is rumored that a company are contemplating building extensive pulp mills at South River, Algoma, as there is a large quantity of pulp wood in that neighborhood and within easy reach of the river.

—Wages for work in the woods in the Ottawa district are, for scorers, from \$35 to \$37 a month; liners, \$40 to \$42, while a number of hewers have been engaged at \$60. General hands are offered \$20 to \$25.

—Davidson & Hay's new saw mill at Cache's Bay has commenced operations. It is beautifully situated on an arm of Lake Nipissing, and is one of the best equipped mills in Canada, being fitted up with the most approved machinery.

—The Crescent Manufacturing Company, of Detroit, Mich., owning limits in Lambton County, Ont., have since the first of July succeeded in getting from the stump to the tramway by tracks six thousand logs, aggregating 1,050,000 feet of lumber.

—The Rathbun Company have recently secured about eighty-five square miles of valuable timber limits on the head waters of the River Trent. The company have also made purchases of large quantities of wood and other material along the extension of the N. T. and Q. railway.

—The claim of the St. Catharines Milling and Lumbering Company against the Dominion Government for damages on account of the Government's failure to maintain them in possession of certain timber limits, will be tried before Judge Burridge in the Exchequer Court on the 5th of his month.

—An Arkansas firm is advertising at Ottawa for 100 men to go into the woods in that state. The wages offered are for choppers and teamsters, \$22 a month and board; liners and bladders, \$26 to \$28, hewers \$40 to \$45. The firm offers to furnish railway tickets from Detroit to Corning, Ark.

—Bronson & Weston tested a new hoisting machine at the Rockcliffe piling grounds on Oct 12th. A scow with 10 car loads of lumber was sent down from the mills and the lumber safely and satisfactorily lifted from the scow to the level land above, an incline of 400 feet. The height from the surface of the ground is 40 feet.

—Messrs. McCraig & Mowhead, of Ottawa, have purchased Mr. E. B. Eddy's limits, with plant, &c. at the head of Lake Temiscamingue, comprising about 135 square miles of territory, situated partly in Ontario and partly in Quebec. They will commence at once the work of taking out square timber. The price paid for the limit is in the neighborhood of \$40,000 cash.

—The Big Mill of the Rathbun Company, Deseronto, recently cut in six days 609,000 pieces of lath, an average of 101,500 pieces a day. The largest cut made in one day was 109,000 pieces. All previous records were broken by cutting 49,000 pieces on a single machine in one day. The largest output in six days last year was 409,000 pieces, being an average of 83,166 pieces.

—A monster raft consisting of 550,000 feet of timber, owned by Mr. J. B. Grier, of Ottawa, was recently shipped from that city to Kingston, via the Rideau canal. The raft was principally composed of hemlock, and will be used in the construction of the dry dock being built at Kingston. The trip occupied five weeks' time, and the raft was the largest that ever went through the Canal.

—The value of exports to the United States from the Port of Deseronto for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1885, was \$153,981, made up as follows: barley \$3,611; charcoal \$2,485; cedar, \$107; flour \$85; fish \$109; household goods \$930; heading \$1,484; lath \$7,125; lumber \$93,342; mouldings \$1,708; pickets \$174; personal effects \$150; posts \$6,135; telegraph poles \$119; strips \$12,566; slats \$338; shingles \$10,604; ties \$12,999.

—A company is being formed at Orillia to manufacture special machines which are the invention of Mr. Robert Lloyd of that town. These comprise two improved shingle machines; two other machines designed to utilize the waste of large mills by converting it into shingles, headings and box stuff; an improved saw carriage for lumber mills with steam feed for same; a new automatic cut-off steam engine, and another engine designed for either stationary or portable use.

—Hepworth, for a small town, has been doing a lively lumber business this season. During the season there has been shipped from the station 11,000,000 feet of sawn lumber, 7,000 cords of tanbark, 10,000 cords of cordwood, 9,000 telegraph poles, 2,000 cords of cedar block paving, besides slabs and dimension timber, or an average for every day in the year of 25 cars. Business men claim that through the inability or indifference of the railway company to furnish cars, the volume of business would be much greater.

—The White Fish River Improvement Company, with a capital of \$15,000, is applying for an act of incorporation for the purpose of constructing slides and booms and other improvements to render possible and facilitate the passage of timber and logs down the White Fish river, in the Algoma district which enters Lake Huron near La Cloche island. The obstructions to be overcome consist of seven rapids and cataracts, with an aggregate fall of 167 feet, all within 10 miles of the mouth of the river. John Charlton, M. P., Thomas Charlton, J. C. Wells, Allen Francis and J. H. Francis are the provisional directors.

—Lumbering operations in the neighborhood of McKellar, Muskoka, have been quite brisk this season although not quite so brisk as last year. S. & J. Armstrong are getting out about three million feet for the Midland and North Shore Lumber Co., and John Thompson about one and a half million for the same firm. The Georgian Bay Consolidated Lumber Company are getting out a large quantity of board timber. Burton Bros. and Chew Bros. are putting in camps. The farmers have good crops and hopeful of good markets with the lumbermen. S. & J. Armstrong are making preparations to take out some basswood, black ash and other timber for their own mill.

—The Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing Company are busily engaged in turning out orders for mill machinery. They have orders ahead for ten boilers and three engines, with accompanying saw mill machinery. They are shipping this week the machinery for a large sawmill to Arnprior, and Mr. Wm. Hickey, one of their men, is in Richibucto, Que., engaged in setting up machinery for a large saw mill. The Company are

working now upon an order for an engine and three boilers, and a refuse burner, for a saw mill on the Pacific Coast. The works are running steadily to supply the demand, and some new machinery has recently been added, one piece being a 30-foot lathe from Bertram & Sons, Dundas, the largest of the kind in Canada.

—From an official return just published by the Dominion Government we find that in the item of forest products, timber and lumber, exported during July and August, there was an increase of \$2,866,370, or 43 per cent. as compared with the corresponding months of 1885, and 63 per cent. as compared with 1887. The total export of timber and lumber during July and August last was \$9,484,667, or 45 per cent. of the total quantity exported from the Dominion during the 12 months ending June 30th, 1888. Exports of timber and lumber during July and August, 1888, amounted to \$6,618,297, and in 1887 to \$5,827,279. The exports of the forest during July and August of this year, amount to 47 per cent. of the total export of products and manufactures of every sort from the Dominion during the months indicated.

—The following is the last published statement of the Dominion government showing the ratio of timber taken out in each of the several provinces, to every 10,000 acres of area:

	CUBIC FEET.					FEET. PER 10,000 AC.
	WHITE PINE.	RED PINE.	OAK.	TANA-RAC.	BIRCH AND MAPLE.	
Prince Edward Island	11.1	2.5	1.3	82.5	686.5	35.5
Nova Scotia	92.9	26.7	17.0	79.2	410.5	171.9
New Brunswick	75.2	18.3	1.9	147.4	200.3	337.6
Quebec	400.8	54.3	4.0	234.2	130.7	477.7
Ontario	1883.3	283.9	836.7	232.7	94.1	2295.4
Manitoba	0.2	17.9	4.1	1.1	1.8	1.8
British Columbia	89.0	0.8	.....	.....	1.1	36.5
Northwest Territory	0.1	.....	.....	0.1	.....	.....
The Dominion	87.0	11.7	25.5	20.9	10.8	1167.3

—A law suit involving thousands of dollars has just been heard in Toronto between two well known firms in Muskoka, viz: Burton Bros. and the Ontario Lumber Company. Both companies have timber limits on the Georgian Bay, the license of the Ontario Lumber Company covering the Islands, and that of Burton Bros. covering portions of the main shore only. The Ontario Lumber Co. operated on, and removed the pine, from what they claim is an island in their limit. Burton Bros. claim that it is no island, but a point which their license covers, and sue for some \$15,000 damages. Abie lawyers were employed and witnesses were examined and re-examined for several days, and yet the Judge could not determine whether the piece of land in question is a point or an island. To settle the matter, we understand, he and the lawyers will visit the "disputed territory," and see for themselves. So far as we can understand it is both an island and a point, according to the height of the water. It will no doubt be a fine question to settle even after careful inspection.

—In order to facilitate the passage of barges from near the Chaudiere falls, and obviate the booming out of barges to keep them from running on the rocks near Bronson & Weston's dock, Messrs. Murphy & McRae, forwarders, decided to build a dam where the sluice runs out at a great rate of speed from between Perley & Pattie's upper lumber yard, and Bronson & Weston's. A dam of oak was accordingly constructed and towed down to the intended spot. The effect, however, was not what had been anticipated. Instead of the water being headed off, leaving a peaceful haven below, the height of the stream was increased and Bronson & Weston's dock was flooded. Stop logs were put in and Messrs. Pierce & Co., Bronson & Weston, McRay & Co., and Merrill's foundry all closed down to open sluices and stop the pressure of water. It became evident that the dam must be removed, and it was determined to blow it up with dynamite. This was done, and the channel opened. Accident did what design could not. In the operation of blasting, a large mass of the dam swung around to the off side of the sluice and settled down so as to form a breakwater, dividing the currents and completely doing away with the dangerous swirls and eddies.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—Another large lumber mill may be built on the Fraser river next spring. It will be nearly opposite the Ross-McLaren mills and will be as large as any in the province.

—The Brunette Sawmill Company (Ltd), New Westminster, is cutting 3,000,000 to 10,000,000 feet, in addition to which they are turning out large quantities of shingles, lath and pickets.

—The Revelstoke Star says there is a bonanza better than a gold mine for the person who will establish a saw mill at that place. The banks of the Columbia river are lined with cedar, hemlock, fir, etc. pine, etc. Navigable water for floating logs to Revelstoke, etc.