

## THE NEWS.

## ONTARIO.

—A steam saw mill has lately been fitted up in Owen Sound.

—Mr. A. Oetzel is building a new planing mill at Waterloo, Ontario.

—Mr. R. B. Armstrong is talking about erecting a large shingle mill at Parry Sound.

—One of A. Caldwell & Co.'s men was drowned in the first drive of lumber on the Clyde.

—The fires in the pineries along the Central Ontario Railway are still burning furiously.

—The Cedar Mill at Deseronto is now in full blast and everything points to a busy season.

—The Longford Lumber Company's new shingle mill near Orillia, is now running at full capacity.

—Park's new planing mill at Stouffville, Ont., is in operation and employs a large gang of men.

—The L'Original saw mills have already closed down, having sawed up all the logs and timber on hand.

—The firm of Watt & Carr, planing mill proprietors, Wickham, has been succeeded by Watt & Little.

—James Benrock has been admitted as a partner to the firm of Scrimgeour Bros., sash and door manufacturers, Stratford.

—Mr. John Knight's mill at Hobart has commenced operations, and will cut about 3½ million feet of logs this season.

—Mr. Joseph Maunder has placed a new twenty-five horse power boiler in his planing and shingle mill at Little Britton, Ontario.

—Some of the drives on the creeks and smaller streams of the Upper Ottawa have commenced and high water is anticipated.

—A meeting of creditors has been called to consider the affairs of Wm. Latch, wholesale lumber merchant of Toronto, who is in difficulties.

—The lumbermen at the Chaudiere have now begun running full blast night and day, and if the logs hold out will continue to do so from now on.

—Mr. A. Wing is running the Lynden, Ont., saw mill full blast on custom and bill lumber. He intends shipping principally to Brantford this summer.

—The Rathbun Company's mill at Campbellford has resumed work. New coal and lumber sheds will be built on their property in the town.

—The different saw mills on the Penetanguishene bay are being put in trim for an early start. A big cut will be made here during the ensuing season.

—Booth and Gordon's saw log drive on Indian river has been in progress for some time. The first of the drive reached Pembroke about the tenth of May.

—Mr. O. J. Phelps, lumberman, member for West Simcoe in the Local Legislature, is, it is said, likely to be made sheriff of Lincoln. He formerly lived Merriton.

—The steam barge Kincardine has been bought by P. C. & J. J. Pearson, and will be used with the schooner Phebe Catharine in the Georgian Bay lumber trade.

—No definite approximate idea can yet be obtained of the total log cut of the Ottawa river and its tributaries, but 600,000,000 feet is the figure generally put down.

—Mr. George Smith, contractor, with a large gang of men is busy at the foundation of the new building for the Terra Cotta Lumber Company's works at Deseronto.

—Amongst others who will use the railway to facilitate shipment will be Timmins and Gorman, who have this season made a large timber cut on the Whanapitee river.

—Shipments of square timber by the C.P.R. to Papineauville will shortly begin. The timber will be dumped off at Papineauville, and there rafted for the Quebec market.

—A new tug has been built by the Owen Sound Dry Dock Company for the Michael's Bay Lumber Co. She is strongly built, well fitted up, and will be known by the name of *Avon*.

—Bronson & Weston's saw log drive on the Schyan is in full blast. The number of logs made by the firm on this stream this year will about equal last season, but the quality will be superior.

—The Manotick mills are again running, after being closed for some time on account of the spring floods, during which time the mill hands were busily engaged in fitting up for a good summer work.

—Large quantities of saw logs are now being shipped over Mr. J. R. Booth's Noshousing Railway between Nipissing and Noshousing lake. Thence they go by water to the mouth of the Mattaw. River.

—Messrs. Bronson & Weston, of Ottawa, have engaged a gang of men employed at their lumber yards at the Deep Cut, completing the lines of tramway over the entire yard which were commenced last summer.

—The saw mill belonging to the estate of Henry Bros., Randwick, Ont., was recently sold for \$1,800 to Mr. J. B. Smith, of Toronto, who will remove the machinery to North Bay where he has timber limits.

—A correspondent writing from Wickham says that the mills thereabouts are now nearly all running, but the usual cut will be reduced about one-quarter owing to the deep snow of last winter and the prevailing low prices.

—Messrs. McArthur & Thompson, of Fenelon Falls, who have been heavy buyers of timber of various descriptions in the back country during the past winter, have already got their drive of logs under way of their mills at Fenelon.

—Stratford *Beacon*: Mr. Peter Megan has taken the contract to cut logs for Mr. Corcoran at Beaver Creek, about 90 miles northeast of Selkirk, on Lake Winnipeg. He expects the contract—about five million feet—will occupy about two years.

—The new iron steam boat built at Pembroke last winter for the Upper Ottawa Towing Co. has been launched. The steamer has been christened the "C. B. Pattee," which does not look quite so handy as the boat herself, but we suppose will do.

—Fifteen doors, fine specimens of workmanship, were shipped from the Rathbun Company's door factory recently for Manchester, England, where they will be placed on view at the great Queen's Jubilee Exhibition to be held in that city during the coming summer.

—The Upper Ottawa Improvement Co. have submitted to the Government their tariff of rates for the ensuing year. It is understood that the rates this season for towing and passing timber through the company's works on the Upper Ottawa River will be considerably lower than last year.

—The great mill of Gilmour & Co., Trenton, Ont., is capable of cutting 350,000 feet of lumber in ten hours. The mill turns out 50,000 feet of ordered stuff for builders every day. The shingle mill attached cuts 125,000 daily. The planing mill has a daily capacity for 80,000 feet of lumber.

—The ice in going out of the lake broke the boom at Thistle & Co.'s mill, Pembroke, and some three or four thousand logs escaped. The logs were carried over the rapids but were caught by a boom lower down. They will be disposed of by Thistle & Co. to other lumbermen farther down the river.

—"The Longford Relief Association" is the name of a society lately organized by the employes of the Longford Lumber Co. Its object is to extend a helping hand and relieve all members, who from sickness or other misfortune may require pecuniary or medical aid. The idea is a good one and should be adopted elsewhere.

—The mill of the Conger Lumber Co., at Parry Sound, commenced the season's operations the same date as last year. The mill of the Parry Sound Lumber Co. has also commenced cutting. The Midland and North Shore Lumber Co.'s mill will commence about the first of June. Prospects for the season are reported as encouraging.

—The Fawcram correspondent of the Orillia *Packet* says: This place has at last settled down to the usual bustle of its milling activity, and by the appearance of the large stock which Trenouth Bros. have boomed in the river it promises to be a busy season for them at least. They have started their shingle mill and are doing good work for the outset.

—A serious accident occurred a few days since to the workmen employed building the Ontario Lumber Company's new mill at Midland. The scaffold fell, throwing Thos. Gowan, Baker, and a young man named Hawkins to the ground. The former two fell on their heads and Gowan is dangerously injured. Baker is also seriously hurt, but will recover. Gowan's recovery is doubtful.

—Bush fires have been raging in the timber limits along the Mississippi and Clyde rivers. The hands at A. Caldwell & Son's mill, Clyde Forks, had to remain up all night to prevent the building from being destroyed. The fire swept over the trees to the river's edge, and only the water intervening saved the property. This is a bad season for fires, as the leaves have not appeared, and every wood is dry and partially dead. It is said that Edwards & Co. will be severe losers.

—Mr. O. E. Comstock, of Arrprior, is reported as saying that the past season has been very unprofitable to the lumbermen. The snow has been so deep that it was impossible to get the logs out and many thousand feet of valuable timber will lie in the woods all the summer, simply because it could not be moved. Many of the lumbermen who had engaged their men by the week sent them home early in the season. The loss will amount to a good round figure, and many of the lumbermen will be almost stranded.

—Within the corporate limits of the town of Trenton a substantial dam has lately been built at a cost of \$70,000, Gilmour & Co., lumbermen, and the town, each expending half that sum. The dam gives a head of 17 feet. The corporation intends to utilize a portion of the power for water works, and will offer the rest to manufacturers on advantageous terms to locate there and establish various industries.

—The estimate of square timber made in the Nipissing and Ottawa districts during the past season is, white pine 530,000 feet, waxy white pine 355,000 feet, red pine 485,000 feet; total 1,370,000 feet. The export of Canadian timber to Michigan is expected to be heavy this year. From the Nipissing district it is computed that about 75,000 standards of logs will go into Michigan. The district lumbermen unite in protesting against the increase made by the Quebec Government in the ground rents of timber lands. They claim the new rents to be exorbitant. It is said to be their intention to strip the timber from the areas in Quebec in as brief a space as possible in order that they may thus cease to pay the increase.

—In the afternoon of May 11th, a serious fire broke out in the lath mill of Perley & Pattee, at Ottawa, which at one time threatened to be a very serious conflagration. By the timely arrival of the city fire brigade, however, and a favorable wind, the flames were confined to the building in which the fire originated, which was in a very short space of time reduced to ashes. The fire raged with great fury and the large mill belonging to Perley & Pattee as well as Mr. J. R. Booth's mill was at one time in great danger. The fire originated amongst some tar rope in the store room. The loss is estimated at about \$15,000. The burned mill was nearly new, being only erected a few years ago. It was insured.

—The improvements going on at Messrs. Train & Son's saw mill at Burk's Falls, are advancing towards completion. The two Luffel Wheels have been set in the bulkhead which is compact and strongly built. The change of location of the Luffel's to the middle of the building and directly under the saw, gives an increased power and a saving of time in the work. The flume has been extended to accommodate the new order of things and also adds to the motive power of the mill. They are getting in the timbers and preparing for the machinery which is now here and on the way. A large number of logs are already at the mill awaiting the starting up, among them are a fine lot of hardwood logs for Messrs. Knight Bros.

—During the winter Mr. James Agret and Geo. Campbell have had a quantity of white pine timber take out in the vicinity of Ragged Chute, on the Quyon river. In the cut was one tree which is certainly deserving of note, says the *Equity*. It stood on the property of U. Keeler, near the bank of the stream, and was a well-known monarch of the forest. Mr. Wm. Somerville, of Shawville, having been sent off 20 years ago to purchase it. Unfortunately when cut down last winter, the tree broke off 37 feet from the stump, and again at 55 feet; this middle section (18 feet) of the tree was shattered to atoms, and rendered useless, but the remaining sections were manufactured into blocks of timber of the following dimensions: Butt—37x37 inches, feet long. Top—20x30 inches, 22 feet long. This tree is said to have been the largest on the Ottawa.

With the breaking up of the ice in Deschenes Lake, one of the large cakes struck the reserve boom at Thompson's Bay and broke it. The ice passed out again and went on towards the falls near the Chaudiere. It again took a swerve and struck the boom where some 40,000 reserve logs belonging to the Upper Ottawa Improvement Company were stored and broke it in two places. The boom immediately opened and some 5,000 logs at the outside calculation, escaped and passed over the falls. The logs which escaped will be collected by men all along the river and handed over to the Lower Ottawa Boom Co., and stored at their reserve boom near Carillon. Mr. Green of the Upper Ottawa Improvement Company states that the ice on the Deschenes lake this spring was the heaviest and firmest since the year 1876, when the whole of the Chaudiere was flooded.

—The steamer Kincardine, which arrived in the port of Owen Sound, recently, lumber laden from Dyer's Bay, brings the news of a terrible ride a young fellow had at Lymburne's mill. The mill is built on the shore of the Georgian Bay, at the base of a hill which rises perpendicularly at its back to a height of some 300 feet. Down this hill runs a chute connecting the waters of a spring lake on the top of the hill with those of the Georgian Bay. This chute is used for running logs from the mountain lake to the bay below, and down which they plunge with terrible swiftness, the angle of descension being fully 45 degrees. The young fellow at the time of the accident was stationed at the mouth of the chute starting logs on their mad race, when he slipped, and, falling into the swift-running water was carried with a mass of logs down the fearful course of the chute to the lake below, where he was picked up almost dead. His injuries are so severe that he cannot recover.