

—A planing mill has been added to Bulmer's mill at Rat Portage.

—It is stated that Mr. Klock has so far run the largest amount of square timber.

—The Rathbun Company have a number of men at work at Tainworth Station taking out 16,000 railway ties.

—The deaths by drowning amongst the lumbermen and raftsmen in the province have been very numerous this season.

—The Western Lumber Company, of Rat Portage, is adding a new tug to its plant, for service on the Lake of the Woods.

—The saw mill employees of Norman ask that ten hours constitute a day's work, at the same pay as at present for eleven hours.

—A raft belonging to Messrs. Thistle, Carswell & Francis became broken up at Britannia, and the boom had to be cut to prevent its total destruction.

—The Georgian Bay Lumber Company, at Waubushene, shipped over four and a half million feet of lumber to the States in one week last month.

—Masson's saw mill, at Mechanicsville, which was closed down all the summer, has commenced running and now employs between seventy-five and one hundred hands.

—James Playfair & Co's mill, at Sturgeon Bay, has closed down for the season. Their shingle mill is still in operation and will probably continue cutting until late in the fall.

—The large circular saw in the mill of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company, at Waubushene, broke a few days ago, when running at full speed, but fortunately no one was injured.

—Mr. Cornelius Young, of Young's Point mills, was a few days ago fined \$20 and costs under the Fisheries Act for allowing mill refuse to enter the Otonabee river from his premises on August 12th. Inspector Gilchrist prosecuted.

—A stick of timber 120 feet long and three feet square is to be exhibited by the British Columbia Exhibit Association at the Toronto Exhibition this month. The specimen will be cut into two pieces, each requiring two flat cars in transportation.

—Four rafts passed down the Chaudiere slides on August 20th. One of 102 cribs belonged to Messrs. Hurdman Bros., and for quality it is said to be the raft of the season. Another raft belonged to Barnett & McKay. Two rafts of Messrs. Hurdman came over the Deschene on August 22nd.

—The Emery Lumber Company has engaged Thomas Pickard, of Saginaw, to cut 30,000,000 feet of logs annually for five years in the Georgian Bay district. The logs will be cut by mills at Bay City and Saginaw. The timber is on the Wahnapiat river, from whence the big barge Wahnapiat takes its name.

—A big wind struck Lake St. Peter last week, the result being that McMaster & Rayside's raft, which was just ahead of Caldwell's raft, had a hard time. Every band on the raft was smashed except the cookery band and some fifty pieces of fine timber were lost. The crew had to work hard to save the logs, and several narrowly escaped drowning. At the Long Sault Mr. McMaster nearly lost his life through a band breaking.

—The log drives in the Lake of the Woods country has progressed very favorably this season. Early in the season there was a slight mishap by a lot of logs in the Rainy river having been swept down by the heavy current, but were recovered at the mouth of the river. During the summer a couple of small rafts were broken up on the lake, causing some delay and extra expense in picking up the logs. Otherwise everything has gone smoothly in moving the logs.

—Considerable excitement was created on the Ottawa river some days ago in the vicinity of the Queen's wharf when the barge Jumbo, belonging to Mr. George Harris, tipped over and dumped about 150,000 feet of pickets, which were piled on the deck, into the water. The barge, along with a number of others, was in tow of Mr. Harris' steam tug, and was just leaving for Burlington when the accident occurred. The pickets, which were tied up in bundles when loaded, were spread around the river in all directions, many bundles breaking while tumbling off the deck. A number of men were set to work immediately to gather them up in row boats, and were kept busy all day in doing so. Many of them were found below Gatineau Point. Fortunately none of the barge hands were on top of the load at the time.

#### QUEBEC.

—It is estimated that 3,500 cords of pulp wood have been delivered to the E. B. Eddy factory at Hull during the season.

—It is said that Eddy's mill, at Hull, will cease operations for the summer shortly as the supply of logs is becoming scanty.

—The Hawkesbury Mill Company shut down on Aug. 12th, having got through with their necessary cut for this season.

—The shipments of lumber, ship timber and railway ties from Cookshire to the United States have been unusually large this year.

—McLean & Son's saw-mill, near the C. P. R. track, has been bought by Gilchrist, Greene & Co., of the Union Furniture Factory, Winnipeg.

—A fine raft of square white pine timber recently left Montreal for Quebec. It consisted of over 100 cribs, comprising about 130,000 cubic feet.

—The final drive of the Gatineau River saw logs and timber for the present year has arrived at the Cascades. There are about 35,000 logs in the Cascades boom.

—The Royal Pulp and Paper Company, East Angus, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$300,000 for the manufacture of paper pulp, paper lumber, etc.

—Arnold's mill at Spanish River is turning out 120,000 feet a day, and it is expected that the season's cut will amount to 15,000,000. The company have enough logs cut to last till September, 1891.

—Z. D. Wilson's new saw-mill at Glen Sutton is reported as working to perfection. He is shipping his timber to Vermont. Lumbermen in this section are already making preparations for next winter's work.

—Mr. John Poupore, a London operator in the Ottawa Valley, attributes the stagnation of the square timber trade to the enormous output of last winter. It was twice as large, he said, as that of any other year known to Ottawa Valley lumbermen.

—W. H. Petrie, of Toronto, has received the order from the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, of Toronto, for an automatic engine with boiler, etc., to be erected upon their beautiful grounds at the Island, to be used driving an electric light plant, pumping water, etc.

—Mr. Frank L. Vandusen, foreman in Messrs. Bronson & Weston's lath mill on Victoria Island, has invented a most serviceable machine for the manufacture of lath. It turns out 59,000 laths a day, while two other machines in use by the firm for years past, only make 60,000 during the same time between them.

—The largest tow of logs ever brought down the Georgian Bay was towed by the tugs *Resolute* and *Superior* to Parry Sound a few days ago. It contained about 40,000 pieces, most of them being very long. They were from Whitefish river and made up at Little Current. The logs were taken out by Howrie & Co., of Michigan, and will be cut at Peters & Cain's mill.

—The final drive of the Gatineau sawlogs and timber for the present year recently arrived at the Cascades. There are about 35,000 logs in the Cascades boom, and after the drive passes the boom about 16,000 of Gilmour's logs will remain in the pocket booms. The logs will remain there until Bingham's sweep gets past the Gatineau mills, when they will be sent down to the Chelsea boom.

—During the past year 2,953 loads of cordwood, 1,865 car loads of lumber and 558 cords of square timber were hauled over the Quebec and St. John Railway. New steam mills have been built during the year at St. Raymond and Lake Bouchette, and others are in course of erection and projected. The produce of the logs made along the line during the past winter will give about 40,000,000 feet of lumber for transportation. The company's charter provides for a western extension to Lake Temiscamingue, which would make the lumber business of the St. Maurice and upper Ottawa tributary to Quebec, and is therefore of immense importance to the city.

—Ald. Crannell, of the Bronson Weston Lumber Company, in a recent conversation with a *Free Press* reporter, said:—"I don't think any of the mills will continue to run night and day, as has been the case hitherto, and it is probable we will shut down the 1st of September. The cut this season I don't think will exceed three quarters what it was last year. We are employing on the average about 800 men in our mill and are running just as usual. There won't be anything like the amount of logs and timber out this winter that there were last. There is a large quantity of lumber unsold, and by shutting down early in the season, there will be a still larger quantity left over, rendering it unnecessary to cut so largely during the winter. On this account therefore there will not be so many hands required for the woods. Is there any prospect of an improvement in the market? No! at present but there is a possibility. The Argentine Republic is able to throw off trouble very easily. They are in trouble now, but the very minute money begins to circulate and things quiet down, there will be a demand for lumber. There is no section of the world gets over trouble so easily as that country does.

The demand for lumber may come this fall, but I think it is very doubtful. Yes, there will be hard times in Ottawa this winter."

#### NEW BRUNSWICK.

—Daniel Lund, grist miller and lumberman, Aboussagan, has assigned.

—New Brunswick advices state that the drives are all coming out this season.

—J. R. Sutherland & Co., lumber dealers, Winnipeg, have sold out to Geo. W. Brown.

—Alma and Point Wolf export about 8,000,000 feet of sawn lumber and 8,000,000 laths a year.

—Robt. Jewett's saw mill located on the river bank above the Government House, Fredericton, will be ready for work in two or three weeks.

—New Brunswick is having a heavy log crop. The drives are all coming in, and along with the new logs there are from 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 feet that were hung up last year.

—As an indication of the extent of Mr. Gilson's business at Marysville, it may be stated that the reported value of lumber, cotton, bricks, etc., shipped from Marysville last month amounted to \$110,200.

—Robert Connors has brought the corporation drive into the booms. Everything has come down with it, and the river and its tributaries above are wholly cleared of logs. Mr. Connors has made money this year.

—Shipments of spruce deals from St. John to the United Kingdom during the first six months of the present year show a falling off of nearly half as compared with the like period in 1889. The totals for the first six months of each year are:—for 1889, 93,451,021 s. f.; for 1890, 50,748,867 s. f.

—Mr. Gibson's saw mill, at Blackville, during the last week has been cutting birch logs, and a large force has been employed. Mr. Gibson having purchased the logs put into Bartholomew river last winter by Messrs. John McLaggan and Jas. Robinson, will have a total of over five millions to manufacture at this mill, which will probably occupy the whole season.

—The lumber shipping business all along the eastern coast, says the *Moncton Transcript*, is in a flourishing condition just now. A few days ago there were 19 square rigged vessels at Bay Verte and on Sunday there were 12 at Point du Chene and six at Buctouche, among the latter being the bark Sagona, which owing to her large size will take in her entire load outside the bar.

—Advices from St. John, N. B., state that there are more logs landed at Indiantown than ever before in the history of St. John. The six tugs of Glasier & Tapley all arrived during the day and each had a large tow, one of the boats, the Lily G., having over 125,000,000 feet of logs. The river continues so high that the tugs are averaging two trips a week—something almost unprecedented.

—It is reported that the St. Lawrence Lumbering Company, now closing business in Hetsiamis, Quebec, and of which K. F. Burns, M. P., for Gloucester, is the local manager, has completed negotiations for the purchase of the saw mills of K. F. Burns & Co., of Bathurst, and also the old Stewart mills on the village side of Bathurst harbor. Mr. Burns, it is rumored, will be manager of the whole concern in the Dominion.

—The rafting record at the Douglas and Mitchell booms last week breaks the record. At the Douglas boom in seven days, 1,661 joints were rafted and at the Mitchell 1,400 making with the 736 joints which were rafted at the Sterling about 3,800 joints for the week at the three booms. At the Douglas boom work was facilitated by what is known as the Elliott patent, an aid to rafting planned and patented by Robert Elliott, the foreman.

—A despatch from St. John says, the judgment of Registrar Linklater in the London bankruptcy court in the case of R. A. & J. Stewart has attracted great attention, as it was the most remarkable case in the history of lumbering in this province or in all Canada. The application of the bankrupt firm for discharge was suspended for five years, and though they were acquitted of the charge of deliberate fraud they were found to have contracted debts without reasonable expectation of paying them, of rash and hazardous speculation, trading with a knowledge of insolvency, and making undue preferences. The most disastrous effect in this province resulting from the Stewart failure was the hopeless failure of the Maritime bank in St. John, entailing heavy losses on every hand, and the failure of George McLeod, a heavy lumber operator in Kent county. The extent of the firm's operations and the immense amount involved make the case one of unusual interest.