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LARGE tracts of valuable cedar have been burned in the vicinity of Kincardine, Canada.

THE schooner Regina, from Quebec for Buenos Ayres, with lumber, which put in to Gaspe damaged, had jettisoned a portion of her-

THE saw mill, lumber yard and grist mill of F. S. Hall, at Southport, Chemung county, N. Y., were burned September 8. Loss about \$18,000.

THE village of Pinconning, Mich., was surrounded by forest fires, Sept. 17, and was in great danger of being burned. All business was suspended.

REPORTS from Port Huron, Mich., Sopt. 17, stated that forest fires were burning fiercely west of the town, and unless rain came its safety was threatened.

THE gang in the mill of the Conger Lumber Company, Parry Sound, Ont., broke twice within a week recently. The mili will probably be closed for the season September 20.

THE lumbermen around Ottawa are commencing to engage men for the shanties. An unusually large number will likely go to the woods this season owing to the low price of hay and grain.

FIRE totally destroyed the sash and door factory of T. Lowis, Trenton, Unt., on the morning of Soptember 13, together with several other buildings. Total loss \$4,000. Lowis had no insurance.

J. Yonum, working in Williams Bros.' mill. at Saginaw, Mich., was recently struck by a heavy piece of timber under the chin. It cut clear through and severed his tongue half an inch from the end.

THE big Casino mill, owned by W. H. Watson, near Cottonwood City, Meagher county, Mon., was burned September 5, together with the surrounding buildings and a quantity of logs. Loss, \$60,000.

Forest fires which have been burning for a veck are causing much alarm in the villages of Ballston and Pleasant Mills, on the borders of Atlantic and Burlington counties New Jersey.

THE barge Conard Reed, lumber laden, was towed into Amherstburg, Canada, September 13, being waterlogged. It will be necessary to piscuargo her cargo and pump her out before the leak can be repaired.

J. M. Holt & Co.'s saw mill at Loch Lomond two miles north of Philipsburg, Pa., burned September 10, together with several million feet of lumber, with shingles, lath, etc. Loss estim ated at over \$100,000; insurance, \$75,000.

THE tug Sherwood, owned by Messrs. Rathbun & Son, Descronto, was burned in the Bay of Quinto on Sept. 17th. There were six men and a woman aboard. Those who could swim got on shore, and by shoving out rails managed to safe the others. Everything aboard including the books were burned.

J. R. Sutherland & Co.'s extensive saw mill at St. Boniface, Man., was burned on Sept. 25, with its contents and a large quantity of lumber destroyed. The fire brigade from Winnipeg were quickly in attendance and prevented the spread of the flames. Cause of the fire unknown. Loss not yet estimated, but expected to exceed \$15,000 or \$20,000. Well insured.

THE exports of lumber from Montreal in August last amounted to 6,626,000 feet. Of this total nearly 3,000,000 feet in twelve steam ships, went to Liverpool, 1,831,820 feet in four steamers, to London, the remainder to Glasgow, Bristol, Sharpness, Gloucester and Penarth Roads. All were steamens except two barques and a brig, the total number of crafts lumber laden, being 29.

THE latest news from Pinonning, Bay county, Mich., says the danger from forest fires is over for the present. The wind has subsided and the progress of the flames is checked. Fire fighting is still kept up, however, on all sides. The village of Arenac is in about the same condition. The danger seems over unless the wind changes and increases in velocity.

A MEETING of the creditors of the lumber firm of S. S. Mutton & Cc., Toronto, has been called. The liabilities are heavy; the assets are not yet ascertainable. The direct cause of the trouble lies in certain of the firm's notes going to protest while in the hands of the Standard Bank, which is said to be interested. Last year the firm was stated to be worth \$70,000 with \$17.080 liabilities.

CANADA ranked low down in the list of prizes at the forestry exhibition at Edinburgh. Not one first or second class gold medal was awarded to this country. This is attributable to the supineness of our own people, for the only province represented at the exhibition was New Brunswick. Canada, properly represented, should be able to hold its own with any country in the world at such an exhibition.-Outgood

FOSTER, BLACKBURN & Co., of Big Rapids and Baldwin, Mich., September4th filed chattel mortgages to the amount of \$93,022, to secure commercial and accommodation paper covering all their lumber, lath and saw logs at their mills in the vicinity of Baldwin, and a stock of goods at Baldwin. They also gave a trust deed to E. F. Uhl and D. F. Comstock, to secure certain creditors. It is thought the liabilities of the firm will excood \$100,000, and that assets will oxcood liabilities.—Northwestern Lumberman.

Peterborough.

Mr. R. C. Strickland has just returned from the east, having sold to R. R. Dobell & Co. all the waney and square timber of his firm, realizing in the neighborhood of \$90,000. The sale of timber at present is very slow, but the extra quality and average of the timber enabled him to effect a satisfactory sale. He has contracted for another hundred thousand to be delivered next year to the same firm,-Review.

FORESTRY.

Mr. Phippe is busy in the northern forests. We clip the following from the Pembroke Observer:

FOREST PRESERVATION.-Mr. R. W. Phipps the Forest Conservator of the Ontario Government, is up here at present on a tour of observation through the woods. He left Pembroke by train yesterday for Mattawa, and will go on to Lake Nipissing, intending to stop at the various lumber stations, and traverse the intervening country by cance or otherwise. The main purport of his visit to the lumber regions at this time is to get opinions from practical men, and ideas from personal observation, as to the best means of preventing forest fires, and also the most effectual method of preserving the pine forests in a reproductive condition. There is no doubt that if these objects can be carried out, the result will be very valuable to the country.

LOOKING FOR \$75,000.

The Brockville Recorder says :- Benjamain Campbell is the name of the man who is searching for the raft of oak timber, sunk in the St. Lawrence river above Chippewa Point. Mr. Campbell has succeeded in finding what he thinks must be the timber. It seems to be in three parts in forty feet of water. The wreckers are expected this week to raise the timber. Mr. Campbell says his father was engaged in the lumber business before the war of 1812 and had got out a large quantity of oak timber in the town of Clayton, made it into a raft there and started for Montreal with it. When he heard that war had been declared he cut the withs and the floats and let the timber sink. The raft is said to have covered five acres of surface and is valued at \$75,000.

THE FORESTRY CONGRESS.

The following in reference to the Forestry Congress appears in the Montreal Witness:

Hearing that the Hon. Mr. Joly, ex-Premier of Quebec, was at the Windsor Hotel on his return from the Forestry Congress at Saratoga, a Witness reporter waited on him yesterday, and found him taking a hasty lunch previous to his departure for home. In reference to the Forestry Congress, the hon. gentleman stated that it was not attended by Canadians as well as it ought to have been. There were only present from Canada Messrs. William Little and J. K. Ward, of Montreal, and himself. Mr. Ward read a paper on "Lumbering in Canada," which excited great interest; in fact, it was one of the documents which was listened to with the greatest of pleasure by the congress, and no one could wonder at Mr. Ward's success who remembered the magnificent lecture he delivered on the same subject before the Y. M. C. A., in Montreal last winter.

The Congress acknowledged with gratitude the ready compliance of the different Governments of the Dominion, and especially those of Quebec, Ontario and Nova Scotia, with the report made in the Montreal session in 1882, by a special committee, of which the late Hon. Geo. Bryson was chairman, "for the better protection of our forests." A regret was expressed that in the United States the same action had not

been taken.

The meeting had a very practical purpose in the study of the question, which, though for the present effecting only the prospenty of the State of New York, and its great commercial metropolis, was nevertheless one of great interest in Canada, viz., "the effect produced upon the volume of water of the river Hudson by the destruction of the Adirondack forests, whence the river takes its source."

The waters of the Hudson are getting gradually lower every summer, so as to render navigation more and more difficult. It was evidently the opinion of the immense majority of the Congress that the shrinkage of the water or the irregularity of its flow was owing to the wholesale destruction of the forests. In order to ascertain the state of these forests a number of members, including himself, started for the Adirondack Mountains immediately after the Congress adjourned, and their report will be looked forward to with great interest, as the Legislature of the State of New York has taken the whole matter of forests under their carnest | year, at the timber sale of the estate.

consideration. A report of the proceedings of the Congress, which will contain some highly interesting matter, will shortly be published, and copy forwarded to each member.

Speaking of his pleasure trip, Mr. Joly said he had taken his wife with him and they had enjoyed themselves very much. Saratoga was perfectly levely and the weather was charming. When up among the beautiful mountains and lakes of the Adirondacks, he had never felt so delighted with nature's secenery. The party went over a number of lakes at the head waters of the-Hudson and came back, one and all, delighted with the American Switzerland.

TYNE.

The Timber Trades Journal of Sept. 13, says . The arrivals of the past seven days have been on a very much larger scale, and comprise sevoral cargoes of respectable proportions, amongst them being one steamer with an entire carge of Sundawall deals; there is, however, no very heavy importation, and so far all the sawn goods coming forward appear to be finding their way into consumption, and are not preceptibly increasing the stocks. American goods are coming only very clowly to hand this season; few cargoes have as yet been imported, and, as the demand for all except yellow pine deals is very small, and stocks of other goods sufficiently large, it is well they are not coming forward in quantity. Pitch pine timber is still very largely held, and selling at very lew rates, while in hardwood, oak, olm, etc., there is absolutely no sale at all. Pitwood is still a drug in the market, and can be bought at ruinously low

On the 9th inst. Mr. R. Mack offered a cargo of redwood deals and battens by auction at Howden Dock; there were very few buyers, and in consequence the bidding was lacking in spirit. The cargo was cleared at about £3 5s., £7 5s., and £6 5s. for mixed 3rd and 4th deals; battens at £6 5s., £6, and about £5 10s. Not being a first-class parcel the prices must not be accepted as an indication of possible values.

Trade is still very quiet; the housebuilding. vhich has hitherto been very active, is showing signs of slackening, and on all hands the indications point to a very quite winter trade.

RAFTS ARRIVED.

The Quebec Chronicle has the following list of rafts arrived :

Sept. 15 .- Collins Bay Co., pine, &c., Sillery D. D. Calvin & Co., oak and pine, sundry

Collins Bay Co., oak, Ottawa cove.

John R. McRae & Co., staves, St. Michael's

Sept. 17 .- Collins Bay Co., staves, Bowen's (Sillery).
Thos. Buck, elm, &c., Ottawa cove.

John McRae & Co., staves, St. Michael's

Sept. 18.—Price, Bros & Co., spruce deals, Lako St. Joseph.

QUEBEO CULLERS' OFFICE.

The following is a comparative statement of Timber, Masts, Bowsprits, Spars, Staves, &c, -: atch at halles here begueren

measing and cured to date .—			
Wancy White Pine	1892. 2,135,259	1883. 2,670,900	1854. 1,749,647
White Pinc	7,023,350	3,057,814	3,241,033
Red Pine	1,328,803	253,012	208,433
Oak	1,015,525	1,151,280	626,550
Elm	566,470	217,716	C\$4,073
Ash	243,518	153,677	377,105
Basswood	1,273	1,859	8,092
Butternut	2,535	989	1,121
Tamarac	8,234	4,614	18,768
Birch & Maple	263,812	137,249	195,176
Masts & Bowsprite	33pcs	-pcs	—bca
Spars	51 pcs	— pcs	41 pcs
Std. Staves	815,0.3.25	509.5.2.10	88.1.2.25
W. I. Staves	1041.0.0.19	449,1.2.0	78,0.0,2
Brl. Staves	42.8.1.17	87.1.1.27	0.6,2,13
	JAMES PATTON.		

An elm tree has been removed from Mr.

Supervisor of Cullers

Halo's estate at Alderley, Gloucester, 40 feet long and having a girth of 35 in., or nearly 4 yards in circumference, the weight being about 15 tons. It was sold in the early part of the

Quebec, Sept. 19.