

NOTES FROM THE MILLS.

ONTARIO.

—The Rathbun Co. has established an agency at Smith's Falls.

—Scribgeour Bros., sash and door manufacturers, Stratford, have admitted Jas. Benneck a partner.

—The firm of Hastings & Peterkin, planing mill, Toronto, has dissolved, Wm. Hastings retiring.

—Mauder's sash, door and shingle factory at Little Britain, Ont., is being overhauled and improved.

—Mr. Ed. Bradley has been repairing his saw-mill at Kilgore, Ont., and has put in a new engine.

—Mr. Wm. Hall, late of Stanton, has leased the Shelburne planing mills, and has commenced operations.

—Messrs. Hamilton & McGowan, of Laurel, Ont., have moved their saw-mill to lot 26, con. 5, Amaranth.

—Messrs. John and Thomas Cross, of Chesley, Ont., have purchased Gardner's saw mill at Dobbington, Ont.

—One million feet of oak lumber on Walpole Island has been purchased by the St. Clair steamship company.

—The estimated cut of logs for Mr. J. R. Booth, in the Nipissing District this season is put down at 174,000.

—Lewis and Hiram Vanest have purchased from W. Estis one half interest in the saw and feed crushing mills at Parkham, Ont.

—Pocock & Haynes, sawmakers, recently of Hamilton, have been voted a bonus of \$5,000 to establish their works at Oshawa.

—Work on the new steamer to be constructed at the Rathbun Company shipyard will be commenced in the course of a few weeks.

—Mr. John N. Stewart, an old resident of Ashton, Ont., has removed to Eastman's Springs, where he has purchased a valuable mill.

—The bulkheads and booms at the Chaudiere, protecting the saw mills and slides, have been completely repaired in anticipation of the spring floods.

Messrs. Gilmour & Co., in addition to other improvements, have built a fine new saw mill at Chelsy, and will soon be ready to begin the season's sawing.

—A gang of 28 shanty men were recently sent to the Georgian Bay lumbering district by the Grand Trunk railway to work on the drive and in the mills.

The Kingston and Pembroke Iron and Mining company, with a capital of \$5,000,000, has been formed to develop the iron ore district along the K. & P. Ry.

—Messrs. J. R. Booth & Co., of Canada, shipped in one week recently over one hundred and fifty car loads of lumber to various points in the Eastern States.

—The Terra Cotta Lumber Company are making preparations for the erection of extensive buildings, &c., in the so-called hospital field in the east end of Deseronto.

—Messrs. Perley & Pattee, lumber merchants of Ottawa, have extended their docks around Byth's Point on the Ottawa river. The extension entailed great labor and expense.

—Mr. D. McLeod, of Marsden, Ont., got out about 20,000 ties and a large quantity of birch this year. Morrison & Co., of the same place, expect to have their saw mill running soon.

—The Ontario Lumber Company are making extensive shipments of lumber from Burk's Falls this spring. They have hundreds of thousands of feet piled in the station yard awaiting cars.

—Says the *Orillia Packet*, lumbermen agree that the shanties will yield a very good average cut this spring as the result of the winter's work, notwithstanding the prolonged and severely bad weather.

—The new Paper Pulp Company, at Ottawa, have a large gang of men employed in fixing up the old Thompson mill on the Chaudiere. The old driving water-wheels are being removed and heavy iron ones put in their place.

—Mr. John Ellison, of Port Stanley, has been granted a bonus of \$6,000 by that town on account of the wood bending and turning works which he is erecting there. It is expected that these works will be in operation about April 1st.

—Mr. James, of Pickering, Ont., is opening a large lumber yard in Toronto. He has 25 men at work near Cambridge, Ont., getting out cedar for fence posts, paving blocks, etc., for shipment via the Midland railway to this city.

—One of the largest turbine wheels ever imported into Canada passed through Ottawa last month. It was purchased in Holyoke, Mass., by the Du Lievre Milling and Manufacturing Co., and will be utilized in increasing the power of their phosphate crushing mill at the Du Lievre Basin.

—Mr. J. Dovey has arranged to at once build at Lindsay a large shingle mill. The site selected is on the east side of the river, where the Thurston mill stood some years ago. The mill is expected to be in operation by the end of May.

—A consignment of sixteen car loads of laths was shipped the other day to the New England states by Messrs. Bronson, Weston and Dunham, lumbermen of the Chaudiere. The shipments of laths to the other side this spring have been large.

—Messrs. Fox & Co., Toronto, manufacturers and dealers in lumber, sash, doors, blinds, etc., inform us that an unusual amount of building in Toronto is in contemplation for the coming season, and that nothing short of an earthquake or strike among the building trades, which terms are synonymous, can retard or prevent the boom.

—The splendid new iron tug which the Upper Ottawa Towing Company is building at Pembroke is fast nearing completion and will be ready for launching when the ice goes off the river. After the engine and boilers are placed she will be taken to the Lower Allumette Lake by way of the Culbute canal, to engage in the season's towing.

—Mr. W. P. Sweatman, for many years manager of the lumber firm of Messrs. A. & P. White, at Pembroke, is leaving with his family to enter the service of the celebrated Massey Mfg. company at Winnipeg. He was presented recently with a handsome silver tea service and a most feeling address by the congregation of Holy Trinity Church at that place. The workmen also presented him with an address and a gold chain and locket, also a case of silver dinner knives. A deputation of clergymen waited upon him, presenting a beautiful address and valuable present of books as a recognition of their appreciation of his untiring and faithful labors in all good works.

—Messrs. Train & Son are thoroughly overhauling the saw mill at Burk's Falls. The building is being enlarged by the addition of 30 ft. in length, and 10 ft. in width along the whole structure, making the mill to cover 40x100 ft., thus affording an increased power of 2 ft. head, and bringing the two Leffel Wheels nearer their work. They are also putting in a new saw rig and carriage, independent rope feed, trimmers, burner, slush chains and live rolls. This is being supplied by the well known firm of The William Hamilton Manufacturing Company, of Peterborough. The drag saw, shingle machine and lath cutter have been removed to the mill floor for convenience of the workmen and oversight. This mill when completed will cut 30,000 ft. per diem of lumber, and about 25,000 shingles. The firm have now about two and a half million feet to cut, and are arranging for an additional amount. Cutting will begin about the 15th of May, when 25 or 30 hands will be employed. Mr. W. H. Train has the general management of the work at Burk's Falls.

QUEBEC.

—A gentleman, who has recently arrived from River Desert on the Gatineau, states that the roads to the lumber shanties are now impassable by teams, and that it is impossible to take provisions to the shanties.

—An immense iron gang for cutting lumber, with a 54 inch sash, and taking saws 3 feet 8 inches long, weighing in all about 25 tons, was loaded the other day for shipment to the Charlemagne Lumber Co., below Montreal. This monster machine, was made at the Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing Company's Works, at Peterboro' Ont., whose invention it is.

—Messrs. James MacLaren, of Buckingham, lumber manufacturer; Albrecht T. Pagenstetter, of the city of New York, merchant; Warren Curtis, of Corinth, state of New York, paper manufacturer; John Edward Doyle, and John Forman, of Montreal, merchants; will apply to the Quebec Legislature to be incorporated as the Laurentides Pulp Company (Limited), with a capital of \$200,000. A factory is proposed to be built in Montreal.

—*L'Electeur* defends the Mercier Government's action in increasing from two dollars to five dollars the ground rent payable by lumber merchants on their timber limits. It does so on the ground:—1. That the Government requires \$125,000 a year additional revenue to put an end to deficits and meet the interest on the new loan. 2. That for twenty years owing to the low rent, the lumber merchants have been gradually getting into their hands all the best timber lands to the detriment of the settlers, and holding them, not so much to work them as to sell them on the first chance at enormous profits, paying little or no stumpage, and thus robbing the Province of the revenue which it has a right to expect from its forest resources. 3. That it is desirable to protect these resources against speculation; and 4. That it is time the lumber merchants should contribute their proper share of the revenue, and that all the public burdens should not fall on the people. *L'Electeur* adds that there are actually 4,000 square miles under license, and that the increase from \$2 to \$5 per acre will yield an additional revenue of about \$138,000.

—Commencing this date the extensive lumbering and manufacturing business so long conducted by Mr. E. B. Eddy, with headquarters at Hull, becomes merged into and will be conducted as a company. Mr. Eddy remains at the head of the concern, with Mr. S. S. Cushman (long connected with the establishment) as vice-president, and Mr. W. H. Rowley, formerly manager of the Merchants' Bank, as secretary treasurer. The company is incorporated by Act of Parliament, and starts out with a capital of a million and a half. The business, which has now assumed very extensive proportions, was established in 1854, just thirty-three years ago. The house has always enjoyed a first-class reputation for business enterprise and integrity, and in its new relationship will doubtless hold the valuable connections already established throughout Canada, the United States and abroad.—*Ottawa Journal*.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—Spruce logs are worth \$9.25 for American, \$8 for Canadian.

—Freights to New York by water are \$3 to load above Suspension Bridge, \$2.75 below.

—Miller & Woodman's and A. Cushing & Co's mills commenced sawing on the 21st March.

—The ice in the St. John River and lakes is not heavy and there is every prospect of good driving.

—Operations in the woods are done. The cut is probably one fifth short, as the great depth of snow prevented anything like good work.

—Mr. Jordan foreman for Hayford & Stetson will build a shingle and rotary mill on the site of the Warner mill destroyed by fire in December last.

—Hayford & Stetson have built during the winter seven lime kilns close to their Indian Town saw mill, which they propose to fire with their refuse.

—The annual meeting of the St. John River Log Driving Company will be held in the city of Fredericton on the 20th April. The driving rights and duties will be sold at public auction the same day to the lowest bidder.

—The St. Croix, (N.B.) *Courier* says the authorities of the United States have sent men to the upper waters of the St. Croix and Saint John rivers to take account of marks and the quantity of logs got out on American soil with a view of stopping the alleged smuggling of Canadian lumber into Maine ports.

—Advices from St. John's, N.B., states that the cut of logs on the St. Croix river the past winter, was intended to be about 50,000,000 feet, but in reality it will not amount to more than 30,000,000 feet, or less than half of last year's cut. An early break-up of the ice in the streams is anticipated, and driving operations are likely to be very successful.

—A Springfield correspondent of the St. John, N. B., *Star* writes: "Chas. Perkins, of Norton, has given employment to quite a large number of men. He has now under his employ some 22 men. During the winter he has got out some 150 cords of pulp, which is now at Norton station ready to ship to the contractors in the United States. He is now getting lath wood, and expects to ship some 100,000. He says the winter in our country has been very favorable for his business."

MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

—The Minnesota & Ontario Lumber Co., of Rat Portage, have sent men to the mountains to examine the timber limit which the company purchased there recently.

—The contract for supplying tamarac poles for the telegraph line between Battleford and Clarke's Crossing has been awarded to Mr. Tupper, of Victoria; and for the line between Clarke's Crossing and Humboldt to Baptiste Boyer.

—Winnipeg *Free Press*: The winter's cut in the lumber regions of Lake of the Woods will amount to about 32,000,000 feet. The Keewatin Lumber and Manufacturing Co. have had five camps established all winter, and will get out twelve million feet saw logs and 150,000 ties. Some 30 million feet of logs are reported. Immense quantities of ties have been taken out this winter. A Selkirk estimate of the lumber which will be brought in from Lake Winnipeg during the coming summer is:—Wood & Co., one million feet; Brown, Rutherford and Neilson, fifteen hundred thousand feet; Selkirk Lumber Company, four million; Captain Robinson, two million; Drake & Rutherford, two million; Jonasson, Frederickson and Walkley, fifteen hundred thousand; J. Woods, one million, an aggregate of fifteen millions. Apart from this J. Woods will bring in fifteen hundred thousand shingles, and Messrs. Howell & Scarry about 50,000 railway ties. This would make the total lumber output for the winter about 45,000,000 feet—probably an outside estimate. There is, however, no doubt but that the output this year is considerably in advance of previous years, and the prospects for the summer business are fairly bright.