

THE WOOD INDUSTRIES OF CANADA.

supply. This is most advantageously situated, being only about 50 miles from Quebec by water, and having a railway through it, the length of which is 30 miles, running from Lyster Station, on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway, to St. Jean des Chaillons, on the banks of the St. Lawrence. The timber is, therefore, available both by railway and water for the market of the United States, and for the English and European markets by way of Quebec. The territory furnishes at present timber for three mills, two of which, one at Kingsburg and the other at Broussaus, on the line of the railway running through it, known as the

on the line of the Quebec Central Railway, shipments from which are made mainly to the American market a small portion being produced for the English market, which is shipped by Quebec. The capacity of these mills may be estimated at 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 ft.

In addition to the above, King Brothers have the control of the output of several other small mills situated at different points.

The business has recently been converted into a joint-stock company, the shares of which are all held by the family. We may add that King Brothers are also largely



W. & J. SHARPLES COVE AT SILLERY, NEAR QUEBEC.

Lotbiniere and Megantic Railway, and one at Hadlow, in the port of Quebec. The combined capacity of these three mills is about 16,000,000 ft. B.M.

At Lyster, on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway, about forty miles from Quebec, is another mill, with an annual capacity of 7 to 8 million ft. B.M. The supplies for this mill are drawn from King Brothers' own private lands, from limits of the Crown, and from the lands of proprietors who get out and furnish the logs.

Three other mills, owned by King Brothers, are situated

interested in the asbestos business, owning mines of this material in the well-known Thetford district, from the principal one of which, the Hampden Mine, is furnished the finest asbestos fibre in the market.

W. & J. SHARPLES is the oldest firm in the square timber trade, having been established in 1830 by Mr. William Sharple, of Liverpool. The business was afterwards taken over by his son, Mr. Henry Sharple about 1842. Richard Wainwright & Charles Sharple, and then the late Hon. John Sharple next conducted the business and sub-