

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—The lumber in Trenton is chiefly shipped to Boston.

—Arthur Arnett, lumber dealer, Harwich, has assigned.

—The Rathbun Company's mill at Cambellford has closed down for the season.

—Mr. Rainey's mill, at Severn Bridge, turned out ten million shingles last year.

—Mr. McLaren has sold his mill at Riceville (lumber and grist) to Mr. Percy for \$2,000.

—The firm of Milne & Son, Huntsville, has received an order for 200,000 broom handles.

—The Western Lumber Company, of Rat Portage will get out 11,000,000 feet of logs this winter.

—Thompson & Avery, of Sharbot Lake, have purchased 300 acres of lumber land south of Olden.

—A. & W. Mohr, lumber merchants, Mohr's Corners, Carleton, are said to be in financial difficulties.

—Button Bros., Sundridge, have two broom handle machines at work, turning out 3000 handles per day.

—Mr. D. Brown's new saw mill at Forrester's Falls, to take the place of one burned last August, is about completed.

—Mr. Joseph Leech, of Bluevale, has sold his saw mill business. R. N. Duff and Thomas Stewart are the purchasers.

—The Hawkesbury Lumber Company will cut 300,000 logs and 400,000 pieces of square timber on the Dumoine this winter.

—There are three lumber camps in the neighborhood of Axe Lake this winter. The weather has been most favorable for cutting.

—Mr. J. R. Booth, Ottawa, is placing a new gang of saws in his mill, in order to increase the sawing capacity of the mill next summer.

—Robert Gorman, of Ottawa, has bought a timber limit on White Fish lake for \$25,000 from H. Egan, and will go into the lumber business.

—The creditors of Campbell Bros., lumber dealers, of Toronto, have accepted a compromise of 50c on the dollar—40c cash and 10c on time, secured.

—Lumbering operations are not so brisk at Trading Lake as last year. Mickle, Dymont & Co., and the American Co., are operating to a limited extent only.

—Perley & Pattee, lumbermen of the Chaudiere, are constructing sleighs for their new traction engine which they intend to work in the woods this winter.

—Mr. D. Myers, of Parry Sound, is going to start a portable saw mill at the mouth of Blair's Creek on the Sound. It is his intention to cut hardwood lumber.

—Mr. J. E. Murphy, Hepworth, is shipping large quantities of saw dust to Montreal and other points. It is used for packing ice and other purposes in the cities.

—A number of shantymen working in the Madawaska woods were discharged on account of insufficiency of work. They were reengaged to work in the Opeongo woods.

—Reports from the shanties state that the work accomplished in the bush this season so far, has been very satisfactory. The weather has been very favorable for shantying purposes.

—Mr. Perry has set a gang of men at work in Macaulay, near High Falls, getting out the next season's supply of timber. The cut next year in Mr. Perry's mill will be about 2,000,000 feet.

—Lumbering business is brisk at Burk's Falls, and lumbermen and others are complaining that they cannot get cars. Large quantities of pulp wood would be shipped if cars could be obtained.

—Lumber, amounting to \$3,631,199, was exported from the Dominion during the first four months of the current fiscal year, October showing an increase of \$800,000 over the same month in 1888.

—Messrs. Maitland & Rixon, Owen Sound, will erect a saw mill at that place with a capacity to cut 5,000,000 of lumber a year. They will equip their mill with the machinery now in their mill at Tobermory Harbor.

—Board timber is reported as being in good demand in the neighborhood of Perry, Muskoka. Parties are buying up all the good pine timber they can get hold of. Several parties have contracts for getting out square birch timber.

—Simpson & Cartwright, lumber dealers, Carlisle, have dissolved partnership. Mr. Cartwright will continue the business. Mr. Simson has removed to St. Annes and entered into partnership with Neal Hunter, where they intend carrying on the lumber business.

—Gorton & Co., of Buffalo, N. Y. who carried on a lumbering business in Romney township, Ont., have failed for over \$500,000. Dr. King, of Kingsville, and C. G. Fox, of Gosfield South, are heavy losers by the failure.

—Mr. D. McPherson, whose mill on the town-line near Comber, was burned a short time ago, is reported to have left for parts unknown. After collecting his insurance he departed, leaving a number of mourning creditors behind.

—The Moiles Bros' mill, which was moved away from Detour, last spring, to the island at the mouth of Spanish river, Canada, and over which so much litigation has arisen, cut 7,500,000 feet for Stephen Baldwin, of Detroit.

—Mr. Thos. Whaley, Huntsville, has purchased the saw mill and timber limits of McConachie & Calder. The mill will be fitted up with new machinery, and Mr. Whaley will run both lumber and shingles strong next summer.

—Hon. Mr. Hardy, Minister of Crown Lands, says the damage to Ontario pine regions by fire this year will not be so heavy as in former years. The lumbering business in Ontario this season has not been greater than in former years.

—The Steamer *United Lumbermen* has had a most successful season, having made fifteen round trips, thirteen being from Georgian Bay to Tonawanda, and two trips to river ports. This beats all previous records between Georgian Bay and Lake Erie ports.

—W. W. Carter and Murney Deans have purchased 200 acres of well wooded land in the township of Huntington, near Crook's station on the C. P. R., upon which it is intended to cut 2,000 cords of wood, 3,000 telegraph poles, besides posts, ties, etc., this winter.

—The shipping of lumber by rail from the Chaudiere is very dull at present. It is accounted for by the fact that purchasers laid in a heavy supply previous to the close of navigation. Not much change is expected till after New Years when as a rule the shipping becomes brisk.

—A number of lumbermen met recently and appointed a committee to wait upon the Government at Ottawa and press upon them their view that the export duty on logs should be abolished on the ground of its clumsiness, the annoyance it causes, and that it is unnecessary.

—Telfer, Ainslie & Smith, of Comber, have purchased the timber on the Point Aux Pines, and are removing their saw mill from Colchester to that point. The firm expect to be able to cut for the next two or three years, and intend erecting the mill at Raglan where a water front has been purchased.

—The shingle business is booming at Burk's Falls. The steam shingle mills are piling up for want of cars. R. H. Menzies' mill is expected to run all winter; Holbert's Grass Valley mill is still cutting and shipments are being made as fast as cars can be obtained. Shipments will be heavy during the winter.

—Peter McLaren, of Perth, purchased recently the Douthal survey, containing 84,000 acres of timber lands, lying in Alleghany county, Va., from Philadelphia parties for \$300,000, one-third cash, the balance in three annual installments, bearing four per cent. interest. The property has on it fine timber and valuable minerals.

—The following lumber firms are now operating at Little Current.—J. & T. Conlon, McKinnon & Walsh, Howrie & Son, Charleton & Co., W. Potter & Co., and McLaren & Co., and between them they have over 600 men employed in the woods this winter, and these men draw their supplies largely from Little Current. Howrie alone has over 200 men in his camps.

—At the Chancery Court sitting in April next, the case of La Banque Nationale vs. Alderman O. Latour, lumber merchant, will come up. It involves something over \$360,000, which the Bank claims. Mr. Latour claims that the Bank realized over \$100,000 on the sale of his limits and the work he performed for them, and he intends bringing an action against them for that amount.

—Lumber, amounting to 480,773 thousand feet, and valued at \$5,893,286, was exported from the Dominion to the United States during the nine months ending with September, 1889. During the same months of 1888 the exports of lumber amounted to 432,128 thousand feet, valued at \$5,209,390. The amount of customs duty paid upon Canadian lumber going into the United States in the first nine months of 1889 was about \$800,000.

—The following is the statement of the number of loaded cars sent out by the Rathbun Company over the line of the Bay of Quinte railway during the week ending, Saturday 14th inst:—Monday 25 cars; Tuesday 41; Wednesday 41; Thursday 43; Friday 37; Saturday 30; total 217. This is the largest number of cars ever loaded by the company in one week and shows the vast proportions to which their business has extended during late years.

—About twenty million feet of logs were rafted on the Rainy river during the season, fifteen from the Canadian side and five from Minnesota. The stock of lumber in this district to be wintered over is not large, but it is well assorted and likely to supply the demand till next season. Heavy timber for railway work and bridging is now a specialty. A large quantity has been supplied to the C. P. R. and the North western Central for the past season.

—The Rathbun Co., of Deseronto, are continually shipping to London large quantities of ash, birch, and other native woods of Canada; also doors, sash, acetates and other products of the chemical works and other factories. During the past year they secured a valuable property in London, England, in order to give better facilities and additional accommodation for their increasing business in Great Britain. The dock in connection with this property has been named "Deseronto" Dock.

—It is computed that over eight thousand men went to the shanties from Ottawa and its vicinity during last fall, and the number sent up to make square timber this winter is nearly double that employed last year; fully fifty per cent. more of that material will be taken out. The square timber men are also being paid better wages than last year, the figures being: Hewers, \$60; liners, \$40; scorers, \$36; general hands, \$22. The supply of hands for this work was just barely enough to meet the demand.

—We give below a statement, furnished by Alex. Waters, Harbor master, at Belleville, of logs separated at the Belleville boom during the season of 1889. No return is given of square timber brought by rail and rafted, of which there was a large quantity; only the return of stuff brought down the Moira river is given. Statement of logs, etc., separated at the Belleville boom during the season of 1889: Logs, 555,570; floats, 1,979; cedar, 28,588; posts, 15,930; lots, 76,170; ties, 3,339; long logs, 6,041; timber, 485; telegraph poles, 269. Total number of pieces, 688,371.

—The merchants, lumbermen and traders at French River and Byng Inlet have formed a joint stock company, subscribed the necessary stock, and have given an order to the Owen Sound Dry Dock Company to build a first-class steamer by May 1, 1890, and it is intended she shall make tri-weekly trips on the Georgian bay, calling at Midland, Collingwood, Parry Sound, French River and Byng Inlet. She is to be 126 feet long, and is to be elaborately finished and to provide good accommodation for 60 cabin and 75 steerage passengers. The cost will be about \$40,000. It is the first venture in the building of a passenger steamer by merchants on the north shore.

—The Emery Lumber Co., of Wahnpiac, have made arrangements with the C. P. R. for a large shipment of square timber from Sudbury to Papineauville. The C. P. R. transport about 2,000,000 cubic feet of pine timber from the Nipissing district every year to Papineauville, where it is put in the Ottawa river and floated to Quebec, from which point it is exported to Liverpool. Shippers that send their timber by rail have a decided advantage over others that float all the way to Quebec in the matter of an early market. They can reach Liverpool before parties that use the water route get to Quebec. Moreover their timber is in much better condition than timber that has to run through rapids.

—The following estimates of the Ottawa Valley cut the past season, may be relied upon, as they are from the best of authority, and are as near correct as can be had.

J. R. Booth, Ottawa	35,000,000 b.m.
McLachlin Bros., Arnprior	35,000,000 "
Bronson & Weston, Ottawa	80,000,000 "
Perley & Pattee, Ottawa	70,000,000 "
Pierce & Co., Ottawa	60,000,000 "
E. B. Eddy & Co., Hull	60,000,000 "
W. C. Edwards, Rockland	60,000,000 "
Hurdman & Co., Hull	40,000,000 "
James McLaren & Co.	40,000,000 "
Gillies Bros., Braeside	40,000,000 "
McClumont	25,000,000 "
Edwards, Carleton Place	50,000,000 "
Caldwell	50,000,000 "
Gilmour & Co., Gatinou	40,000,000 "
Local mills above Braeside	50,000,000 "
Total	795,000,000

—The Memphis *Daily Commercial* of Dec. 15th, says:—"Thomas Ouellette and David Sicklesteel, of Gordon, Ont., two of the heaviest lumber dealers in Canada, are in the city for the purpose of buying timber for the Canada markets. Their business is an extensive one and purchases of timber here will be made on an almost colossal scale. At present they are negotiating with Mayor McGinnis of the Land Department of the L. N. O. & T. and the general offices of that company for the immense track of the Yazoo Delta timber lands. They will go south over the L., N. O. & T. in a day or two to make an inspection of the lands in question and will close the deal on a cash basis. It is also expected they will extend their field of operation into Arkansas and will make heavy purchases of timber lands in that state."