

—The Lakesfield Lumber and Manufacturing Co.'s saw mill at Lakesfield is now lighted up by electricity.

—Mr. Robins, of Wyebridge, has put a new stationery engine in his shingle mill, which he has fitted up and has it ready for a good summer's work.

—Letters patent have been issued incorporating the C. Beck Manufacturing Company, of Penetang, capital \$250,000; also the Hawkesbury Milling Company, capital \$15,000.

—There was quite an exciting time at Britannia a few days ago. In spite of the heavy wind which sprang up at mid-day a large raft of square timber had been going down the Deschenes rapids, which are now magnificent in their tumultuousness. One of the cribs missed stays and collided with the little island which divides the southern from the main channel, going to pieces at once and compelling the raftsmen to jump for their lives. All three made the island in safety, but then the question was to get them off this timely refuge, for they were in a perfect hell of water. They remained there all the afternoon as no boat could hope to reach them while the wind was so high. Happily soon after sundown the wind abated somewhat and a *bonne* having been dragged overland from the deep water below, a gallant and successful attempt at rescue was made, three sturdy raftsmen getting into the *bonne* and having picked the men off the island going down through the raging rapids in magnificent style amid the applause of the excited spectators.

—The lumber business has become one of the main industries of Huntsville, in the Muskoka district. Messrs. Brennan & Son have a large mill at the foot of Hunter's Bay, fitted up with all the latest improvements, employing about 40 hands, and cuts per day, during the season, from 35 to 40 thousand feet of lumber, besides many thousand shingles. Heath, Taft & Turnbull take out every season a stock of about 5,000,000 feet, and cut 40,000 feet of lumber and 100,000 shingles daily and employ over 60 hands. Thos. Whaley with a force of 8 or 10 men cuts about 40,000 feet of shingles daily. McConchie & Calder do a lively trade in lumber and shingles. J. Whiteside, owner of the old Ambler mill, employs 25 hands, who are kept busy cutting and shipping lumber and shingles. The old Fetterly mill at the locks is now operated by Messrs. Hobson & Vilson who have made great improvements in the mill and are now turning out large quantities of lumber and shingles. It is the only water mill in Huntsville.

QUEBEC.

—President Harrison has appointed C. L. Knapp, of New York, Consul-General at Montreal.

—T. W. Holmes & Co., lumber, Montreal, have dissolved; T. W. Holmes will continue the business.

—A dealer at Stanstead, has secured 275 car-loads of birch logs, costing \$10,000, to be used for veneering.

—One of Messrs. Fraser & Co.'s drives on the Upper Pettewawa has been abandoned. The other one is in Long Lake. They have put on their full force on this one and expect to get it out.

—The transshipment of lumber from rail to boat in St Johns is assuming considerable proportions. The lumber is brought from Ottawa via the C. P. R. and is laden upon barges, to be conveyed to southern ports. Most of these barges bring in coal and take out lumber.

—The *Pontiac Advance* says a larger quantity of timber is coming down the river than has been brought down in any one season for the past ten years. Mr. D. M. Rattray of the Rattray House, has thirteen stages making three trips a day between this village and Bryson carrying the timber drivers.

—Ross Bros., of Buckingham, commenced sawing on May 27th, and Messrs. McLaren & Co. followed shortly afterwards. The season's cut was large, the drive was accomplished without difficulty, and ahead of all previous years, in point of time. Two years since the mills did not start until two months later.

—Mr. E. B. Eddy, of Hull, has discharged a majority of the hands at his shook factory, and it is reported that his mill will close down on account of the increased valuation of box shooks by the United States customs. It is reported that he will dispose of his plant and machinery to some gentlemen who propose starting a box shook factory at Reuses Point, N. Y.

—An official statement shows an extraordinary increase in revenue of the Quebec Crown Lands Department from woods and forests for the current year expiring on June 30th, as compared with the two past years. According to this statement the revenue from woods and forests amounted to \$582,718.07 for the year ending on the 30th of June, 1888; while for the current year it has reached the sum of \$994,089.33 or an increase of \$411,371.26 over last year.

—The changes in the cutters' staff contemplated by the act of last session will take effect on July 1st. About eighteen cutters will be retired, each of them receiving a pension of \$200 a year. The appropriation for this service has been reduced from \$48,000 to \$18,000, provisions being made for eight timber cutters and one stove cutter at Quebec, two cutters for the Montreal and Sorel district and one at Three Rivers. Corresponding with the diminution of the staff, there will be a decrease in the office staff at Quebec and Montreal.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—The Port Blakely saw mill at British Columbia is said to be the largest in the world.

—Mr. W. H. Higgins has started a new logging camp on Deep Cove, North Arm of Burrard Inlet. He proposes to cut some 8,000,000 feet of logs during the year.

—Mr. Sutton, the Cowichan lumberman, in company with capitalists, is building a dam across the Cowichan River, in order to be able to bring logs down from his limits on Cowichan Lake.

—The Columbia River Lumber Company (limited) has been incorporated. The incorporators are James Ross, of Sherbrooke, Que; Wm McKenzie, Kirkfield, Que; Fred. Robinson, Beaver, B. C.; Nicholl Kingsmill and Alex. Catnach, Toronto, with a capital stock of \$30,000.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—Mr. R. Shive's mill will soon be in operation day and night.

—Campbelltown is looking up. Business, which had been more or less stagnated for some time on account of the slow rate at which lumber came down the Restigouche, is now taking a brisk turn for the better.

—A large number of logs were got out in Kent county last winter. Bowen Smith's mill, at Cocague, and Irving's steam mill at Bouchetouch are both busy. The higher price of deals has greatly encouraged the millmen, and all kinds of lumber has advanced in sympathy.

—Mr. Smith, of Kent county, who has the contract for the Cape Tormentine wharf, is making ready his first shipment, 7,000 trees from 20 to 33 feet long, and averaging at the top 15 inches. Half of this quantity will be squared and then all will be rafted and towed to the Cape, a distance of 100 miles.

—With but one exception the lumbermen of the Miramichi will be enabled, with extra hard work and expense, to get their winter's cut to the booms. The drives in the more difficult streams, such as those of Rocky and Trout brooks, are hung up and will remain so until there is a considerable rise of water.

—The Kent lumbering Co., have built a fine new mill at Richibucto, and many of the old mills up the Restigouche have been repaired and refitted. Many vessels have been chartered ahead; 26 have already been fixed for Campbelltown. Mr. W. A. Shives mill at Campbelltown will cut shingles as well as lumber.

—The numerous steam mills on the Miramichi have resumed operations. Within a radius of four miles there are no less than eight mills, which give employment to about 1,000 men and boys. Mr. Snowball has 10,000,000 feet of sawn lumber on his wharf while the other seven operators are not far behind. The lumber cut has been large.

—Business on the North Shore is much better than usual this summer owing principally to the advance in the price of deals in England. Most of the mill owners held over large quantities of deals and these they sold at an advance of \$2 or \$3 on last year's prices. The operations in the woods during the winter were pretty large and all the logs are coming out well.

—Most of the spruce logs which were cut last winter on the River Benjamin, the tributary of River Charles, up near the head of Restigouche, and other rivers in the county of Restigouche have been "hung up" for want of sufficient water. Unless there are very heavy falls of rain during the summer the logs must remain in the woods until another season. The cedar logs for the shingle mills happened to be cut near the mouths of the rivers and have all been got to the mills.

—The property at Shulee, belonging to Aaron Grant, comprising from 8,000 to 12,000 acres of valuable timber, with wharves, buildings, etc., has been purchased by Dr. C. W. Hewson, W. T. Pipes and J. H. Morrison of Amherst and J. & J. W. Seaman of Barronfield, for \$24,000. Dr. Hewson takes half the property, J. & J. W. Seaman $\frac{1}{4}$ and W. T. Pipes and J. H. Morrison $\frac{1}{4}$ each. The Dr. had a large tract in the vicinity valued at \$3,000, proportionate shares of which have been purchased by the others. This property is estimated by some to be yet covered with about 100,000,000 feet of lumber and the fine harbor of Shulee, which it includes is one of the best on the Bay Shore, and is open

nearly a month earlier in the spring than the other harbors along the Bay.

NOVA SCOTIA.

—About 27 cargoes of deals have been shipped out of river Herbert this spring to St. John and Parrsboro, and they are still going almost daily. B. Young has shipped one cargo pine boards to Jamaica, and one cargo of laths to Boston. One schooner is loading piling, making in all about 30 cargoes out of the river.

—Large shipments of deal and other lumber are to be made from Northport, and other points along Amherst Shore this season. Four schooner cargoes have already gone, and Munn & Co., Harbor Grace, have a brig ready to sail. Brander & Co., are loading a brig for Liverpool. In all there are about 35 cargoes, large and small, for shipment this season, and of these J. S. Hickman will load 25.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—Chicago capitalists are looking over prospects with a view to opening a saw mill at Revelstoke.

—A large addition has recently been built to J. M. Taylor's planing mill at Portage la Prairie, Man., affording one-third more shop room.

—Lumbering on the Saskatchewan is at a standstill; the water is so low that it is impossible to run ferries. Rafts are beached all along the river.

—Moore & Macdowall's new machinery for their saw mill at Battleford has arrived. The fly wheel is very large, and weighs about 4,600 pounds.

—The new schedule of rates on the C. P. R. for lumber and shingles in carload lots from British Columbia coast to Manitoba and the Territories is as follows:

TO	NEW	OLD
Calgary.....	35c	40c per 100 lbs.
Dunmore.....	40c	45c "
Maple Creek.....	42½c	45c "
Regina.....	47c	55c "
Winnipeg.....	50c	60c "

—Shipping of lumber from mills at Winnipeg is still going on actively, and the local demand is on the increase. Prices are steady and as follows: Dimension—2x4 to 12x12, 12 to 16 ft. long, \$15; do, 10, 18 and 20 ft. long, \$16. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch surface. 50 cents per M advance on each foot over the above length to 24 feet long. \$1 per M advance on each foot over 24 feet long. Surfacing, 50 cents per M; Surfacing and sizing, \$1.00 per M. Boards—1st, common, rough, \$16.50, dressed, \$17.50; 2nd common rough \$15, dressed, \$16; Culls, rough, \$11; dressed, \$12; 1st common, stock, 12 in, rough, \$19, dressed, \$20; do, 8x10 in, rough, \$18, dressed, \$19; 2nd common, 12in, rough, \$17, dressed, \$18; do, 8x10 inch, rough, \$16, dressed, \$17. Ten feet long and under, \$1 less per M. Shiplap—10 inch, \$17.50; 8 inch, \$17. 8 and 10 inch flooring and siding at \$1 per M advance. Siding, ceiling and flooring—1st, 6 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$21; 4th, do, \$18; 1st, 5 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$20; 4th, do, \$17; 1st, 4 inch, \$29; 2nd, do, \$25; 3rd, do, \$19; 4th, do, \$16; \$1 per M advance for dressing on both sides. \$1 per M less for lengths 10 feet and under. Bevel Siding No. 1, 1st siding $\frac{1}{2}$ in, x 6 in, \$20; No. 2, 2nd, \$17. Stock No. 1, \$35; No. 2, \$30; No. 3, \$25. Clear, 1 inch—1st and 2nd, \$40; 3rd, \$32. Finishing, clear—1½, 1½, and 2 inch—1st and 2nd, clear, \$45; 3rd, \$40; selects, \$30; shop, \$25. Mouldings—Window stops, per 100 feet lineal, \$1.00; Parting strips, do, 60 cts; $\frac{1}{4}$ round and cove, per 100 feet lineal, 75 cts. Casing—4 inch, O. G., per 100 feet lineal, \$1.75; 5 in, do, \$2.25; 6 in, do, \$2.50; 8 inch, O. G., base, \$3.50; 10 in, do, \$4.25. Lath, \$2.00. Shingles—1st quality, \$3; 2nd do, \$2.50; 3rd do, \$1.50; 4th do, \$1. Dealers are requested to order by number. No delivered prices.

AMERICAN.

—W. H. Howcott, of New Orleans, says there are 2,400 saw mills in the South, mostly cutting Yellow Pine, and that \$50,000,000 have been invested in Southern Pine lands since the last census, and that this is becoming a favorite line of investment with capitalists and managers of fiduciary funds, not only in the United States, but also in England and other foreign countries.

—Surveyor General Alex. Frazer has compiled a report of logs cut from state lands in the Duluth district during the year ending June 1, 1889, showing an aggregate of 59,144 logs, or 9,411,960 feet. This cut will net the state about \$30,000.

—The reports from the tributaries above the St. Paul are to the effect that a large number of logs are "hung up," and the indications are that unless providence comes to the rescue with rain, about 90,000,000 logs will not see the saw this year.