

—Mr. Spearing is getting out knees for the Maine market around Foxmead.

—The influx of camp men during past week into Burk's Falls indicates that log cutting is nearly at an end for the season.

—Large quantities of ship knees are being shipped from Uthoff to the State of Maine. Standing timber around Uthoff must be worth seeing if the measurements of the following knee are any index to the general cut. Stock, 8 feet long, from heel to toe, seven feet six inches, sided down to eighteen inches, with a face of forty-six inches.

—Mr. Denis Dewney, who owns extensive farms up the Gatineau, and Michael Hayes, of the township of Wright, Ottawa County, Que., returned last month from lumbering in Wisconsin. They state that operations are suspended in the woods of that State owing to the absence of snow, throwing 6,000 men out of employment, fully one-third of the shanty-men being Canadians.

—Mr. Pierce, of Pierce & Co., has returned to Ottawa from England, whither he went on business. From January 1st, Price & Pierce's Liverpool branch ceased to exist. Thos. B. Neale, who has been their Liverpool manager since that branch was opened, has taken over the offices and is now carrying on the business in Liverpool in conjunction with Frank Harrison, under the style of Neale, Harrison & Co. They will act as the Liverpool agents for Price & Pierce and several other lumber firms.

—J. J. Birdsey, representing the cooperage stock house of Sullivan, Innes & Co. at Chatham, Ontario, was in Minneapolis during the week. This firm ships some barrel stock to Minneapolis, notwithstanding the duty thereon which amounts to \$30 per car, and the comparatively high freight rates between their mills and this point. Mr. Birdsey says the outlook is for a light crop this winter in that section as well as in Wisconsin and Minnesota. His company owns four factories of its own and is said to control thirteen more, thus giving it practically a monopoly on the business of the territory in which it operates.

QUEBEC.

—Alfred Trottier, saw mill, Victoriaville, has assigned.

—Mr. D. N. Morgan intends starting his saw-mill at Brome Corner in a few days.

—Millmen in the Lake St. John district, say they will get out about 300,000 saw logs this winter.

—A gang of men will leave Hull for British Columbia to work in the shanties for the Cohen Bros., Feb. 1st.

—It was reported that Smith, Wade & Co., Quebec lumber merchants, were going to assign, with liabilities of \$162,000.

—Wesley Coates of Brookburg has moved to Dunswell; where he and his brothers have a big job lumbering for Milan Bishop.

—Several lumber firms in Quebec will lose by the failure of the well known timber house of Potsman, London, one to the extent of \$10,000, and the other about \$12,000.

—The purchase of ties at St. John's, mainly tamarac, by Mr. Supt. Futvoye, for the C. V. R., means the payment to our farmers and foresters, etc., of some \$40,000 this winter.

—Notwithstanding the statement that the best pine in Gatineau township has been exhausted and the business long since abandoned, James McGuire may be seen passing every day with some fine timbers which he sells to James McLaren, of New Edinburg.

—Mr. McWalour, of Plummer, has purchased a tract of pine containing 8,000,000 feet from Quebec parties, and is now engaged in manufacturing the same into marketable logs. There is a spur being built for his accommodation, from the line recently completed to Lynch's Landing.

—The report of the building inspector shows that there were 937 buildings erected in Montreal last year, valued at \$3,308,606, as compared with 1,033 buildings, valued at \$3,608,500, in 1889, a decrease of \$299,894. The tenements included in these 937 buildings numbered 676, and stores 126.

—There is a probable settlement being consummated very shortly in connection with the failure of P. Whorton, lumber merchant, England, when it is expected that ten shillings in the pound will be paid the creditors. Messrs. John Burstall & Co. and Messrs. Dobell, Beckett & Co., of Quebec are creditors, the former for \$8,000 and the latter \$4,000.

—The lumber shipments from the port of Montreal to the United Kingdom in the past season were 160,650,526 feet board measure, and from Pierreville 10,427,863 feet, a total of 171,078,289 feet. From Montreal to the River Platte, 3,862,699 feet were shipped, and from Lower St. Lawrence to the same destination 3,798,000 feet, making a grand total of 178,738,988. The lumber exports from Montreal for '89 amounted to 179,306,860 feet against 136,767,264 feet in '88.

—The report appended is from William Westby, 426 Commercial St., Portland Me., correspondent of the Sherbrooke Examiner:—The past two or three weeks have been uneventful in lumber circles, for which state of things the season and weather are largely responsible. Most of the winter mills are now sawing and prices seem to be hanging in a balance awaiting the demands, and then probably output of the mills. Salesmen made one round before the holidays, amongst their customers, and report orders scarce, yard stocks low and dealers unwilling to buy, and collections hard to make. Beyond a few sales of frame and random very little is doing. The receipts of birch, maple, &c., are as limited as the price; very little demand and very little offering. In fact the market is so dull that every one has ample time to enjoy the holidays without interfering with their business. Exporters received an electric shock last week in the information that one of the more fortunate had sold a cargo of Spruce for Buenos Ayers, and the rumor was confirmed by the sudden appearance of the vessel to load. This actually makes two vessels loading with spruce for River Platte. But the price—well, there is silence on that point, and there is little use of guessing. There is no demand at all, and when there is no price except the nominal. At this season and time for closing books and stock-taking the prices will show on the stock books as follows:—Scantling \$12.50 to \$13.00; Seconds \$11.00; Rails \$15.00 to \$15.50; Seconds \$12.00; Boards and Plank, 10, 11, or 12 inch., \$15.00 to \$16.00; Seconds \$12.00 to \$13.00, for the South American trade. Spruce frames for the Boston market, \$15.00 for ordinary, and \$16.00 for heavy; random and yard orders \$13.75 to \$14.00. The heavy fall of snow has greatly retarded business and premium on gold at Buenos Ayers still holds at 200 per cent.

NOVA SCOTIA.

—Some State of Maine lumbermen have just purchased 60,000 acres of lumber lands on the Koswick river, York Co., N. S., and its branches. They will cut for the American market.

—M. G. Wall, who is cutting lumber for the Shulee Lumber Co., cut one day this week 35,000 feet of deals and boards with his mill, which is one of A. Robb & Sons heavy portables consisting of 50 h. p. Hercules engine, and 60 h. p. Monarch boiler, medium heavy stay and gang edge. Mr. Wall expects to cut 2,000,000 feet this winter.

—Farnsworth & Jardine, of Liverpool, reported that arrivals from British North America during the past month have been 21 vessels, 14,001 tons, against 19 vessels, 14,774 tons, during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to this date from all places during 1888, 1889 and 1890, has been 410,424,538, 531 and 456,166 tons respectively. They report imports of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce deals, although less than the same month during the past two years, were more than ample, the consumption being small, and the present stock too heavy. Recent sales have been at the lower point recorded during the season. Birch logs were imported moderately, and maintain their value, and the stock moderate. Planks were not imported, there being more inquiry, and the prices show a slight improvement, but the stock is sufficient.

—The following is a comparative statement of the shipments of deals from West Bay, N. S., to the United Kingdom:

Shippers.	1889. Deals, etc., s. ft.	1890. Deals, etc., s. ft.
W. Malcolm McKay	16,997,331	15,978,837
George McKean	6,794,372	11,384,599
B. Young & Son	3,537,853	4,872,868
Farnsworth & Jardine	3,869,893	329,882
Total	31,198,949	32,566,185

The tonnage engaged in last year's shipments was as follows:

Shippers.	No. of vessels.	Tons.
W. Malcolm McKay	18	17,325
George McLean	16	12,792
B. Young & Son	6	5,429
Farnsworth & Jardine	1	412
Total	41	35,958

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—Morrison's mill, at Fredericksburg, began sawing last month.

—The large trade done in New Brunswick birch has almost entirely fallen off.

—Mr W M McKay shipped 106,360,460 s. ft. of deals, &c., from New Brunswick ports to the British and Continental markets during the season just closed.

—During the season just ended 10,014,103 superficial feet of deals, etc., were sent forward to transatlantic ports from Bathurst. This total does not include 198,000 feet of birch deals shipped by the St. Lawrence Lumber Company.

—The demand for shingles at Boston has given an increased impetus to the business in Fredericton. One shingle mill, which closed down for the season, has resumed operations owing to the increased demand. These shingles are sent direct to Boston over the Canadian and Maine railways, and are proving a profitable business to the people interested in Fredericton.

—The lumber shipments from the northern portion of New Brunswick during the season show a falling off as compared with 1889. The present year the shipments amounted to 132,000,000 superficial feet against 162,000,000 feet the previous year, a falling off of 30,000,000 feet. Bale Verte sent in round numbers 11,000,000 superficial feet to the United Kingdom and Parrsboro 32,566,168 feet.

—There is at present about three feet of snow in the Miramichi woods, and yarding is about finished. Lynch, Richards and other extensive lumbermen are now taking on more teams to haul in to the streams. Wm. McCluskey of Boisetown, has some hundreds of cords of hemlock bark piled beside the railway waiting for shipment to the States. Some loggers are talking about leaving the forest as snow is getting deep, and the prices of food for men and horses getting too high.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

—Dean & Heathcote are starting a sawmill south of McGregor.

—Robinson & Co., lumber manufacturers, of Selkirk, have opened a branch of their lumber business in Winnipeg.

—The rumor has been revived that the Keewatin Milling Company will dispose of their business to an English syndicate of capitalists.

—The Messrs. Hedley and Mr. Geo. Patterson are hauling in lumber from Deloraine to Cardville preparatory to building new houses in the spring.

—The Lake Winnipeg Lumber, Trading & Transportation Company is in financial difficulties and will probably go into liquidation.

—Some 25,000 railway ties lying at Tyndall station, the property of A. C. Bryson, Winnipeg, have been seized by the sheriff.

—McArthur & McRae, who have a saw mill north of Shoal Lake, have cut a road to Shoal Lake, and will open a lumber yard there.

—The "Messiah Craze" found its way up to Onion Lake, but Mr. Agent Mann had too much work on hand to give his Indians time to dance. He set them saw-logging.

—Owing to the difficulty in obtaining a suitable building or lumber required to build a new rink, the committee appointed to organize a curling club at Emerson have thought it better to abandon the idea this winter.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—Mr. R. Cunningham is building a shingle mill on the Skeena River.

—The Simmons, Burpee, Elkin & Smith shingle mill on Vancouver, road will shortly be under way.

—Mr. G. F. Slater, proprietor of the Vancouver Shingle Mills, is enlarging his plant and introducing additional machinery for the manufacture of all kinds of lumber.

—The Canadian Pacific Lumber Company, of Vancouver, propose to erect a large saw mill at the mouth of the Amazon river, down which logs will be floated to the mill yard. Ships can load in these waters.

—The McLaren-Ross Milling Co. are now exploring a road from the Mission to their extensive limits on Stave Lake, as it is understood they have large timber contracts with the railroad people.

—A double car of sill lumber was shipped from the Royal City Planing Mills, New Westminster, for the Barney-Smith Car Manufacturing Company, of Dayton, Ohio, last month.

—The Columbia River Lumber Company are operating two saw mills at Beaver, near Donald. There is considerable valuable timber in that region.

—Mr. Angus Fraser has just finished a large contract for getting out logs for the Cowichan Mill Company, and is going to start at once on another one for the same company.

—The first shipment of lumber consisting of seven carloads, from British Columbia for the Boston market, passed through Ottawa recently via the Canadian Pacific railway.

—A new shingle mill is in course of erection at Westminster for Elmer Ward, a young man from Fredericton, N. B. The capacity of the new mill will be about 30,000 shingles per day.