

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—Kingston is to have a new dry dock.

—R. Bell & Co., Toronto, builders, have assigned.

—John Patterson's saw mill at Hollen has been burned.

—The making of egg barrels is a new enterprise at Fergus, Ont.

—The Government is being petitioned to increase the duty on axes.

—Perley & Pattee's saw mill at the Chaudiere commenced running July 12th.

—Mr. James Benor is about erecting a new sash and door factory at Campbellford.

—Robert Campbell, of the firm of R. Campbell & Son, Eganville, Ont., is dead.

—The Parry Sound Lumber Co.'s tramway recently fell, injuring several employees.

—Charles Conrad, lumberman, of St. Thomas, has compromised with his creditors.

—The sash and door factory belonging to Hunter & Ezard, Milton, was recently damaged by fire.

—Large quantities of square timber are coming over the Grand Junction for shipment at Belleville.

—The saw mills at Crow Bay, owned by Messrs. Gilmour & Co., have a capacity of 14,000 feet per day.

—Jones & Beaudet succeed A. G. Jones as owners of the sash and door factory at Rochesterville, Ont.

—Joseph B. Weller, a lumber merchant, Belleville, has been committed to gaol as a dangerous lunatic.

—An immense amount of property has been destroyed by a fierce bush fire at Wilbur, Addington County.

—Mr. Wm. Smith, of Beaverton, has added a new planer and matcher to the wood-working department of his business.

—Mr. John Goodman, of Minden, is putting new machinery in his mill and expects to have it again in operation this season.

—About 60,000 feet of lumber belonging to Mr. Grier, of Ottawa, was burned on July 4th. The loss is estimated at \$1,000.

—Fred Paul, a young fellow working in the Cedar Mill, at Deseronto, had three fingers of his left hand lacerated by a saw recently.

—Henry Bros., Randwick, have sold their saw mill to Mr. J. D. Smith, Toronto, who intends removing the machinery to North Bay.

—The saw mills owned by McLaren & Edwards, Carleton Place, are running at full force, and expect to cut 25,000,000 feet this year.

—On July 18th Suttaby's steam jointer and planing mill, at Gravenhurst, caught fire, and in a very short time a loss of from \$4,000 to \$8,000 was incurred.

The amounts passed in the estimates for slides and booms in the Pembroke district were: River Coulonge and Black River, \$2,800, River Ottawa, \$4,000.

—At Brockville, Manhard & Co., lumber, have admitted Thos. Doddridge a special partner, contributing \$10,000, from May, 30, 1887, to May 30, 1890.

—The schooner Aurora landed at Owen Sound the first consignment of the twelve million feet of lumber which will be brought there for shipment over the C.P.R.

The milling company, at Medonte, under the management of Mr. John Knight, will cut four million feet of lumber this season. This is about the average output.

—The Str. E. B. Eddy left the Chaudiere recently with a tow of twelve barges loaded with lumber for Quebec. This is considered one of the heaviest tows of the season.

—The planing mill owned by Mr. George Cormack, of Whitby, was recently destroyed by fire, together with most of the machinery, patterns etc. Mr. Cormack's loss is about \$9,000.

—Pine drives on the Gatineau and Ottawa are progressing favourably, and the mills are all cutting up in full time. The demand for the lower grades of lumber is good in the U.S. market.

—Messrs. Dowd & Co., of Oscoda, Michigan, lost a large quantity of square timber by fire recently on the Pickerel River, supposed to be the result of carelessness on the part of the employees.

—Martin Hanmore, an employee in the saw mill of R. Traux & Co., Walkerton, met with an accident a few days since, from the effects of which he died in a few hours. It appears that the man who works the rip saw allowed a piece of wood to fall against the saw, which flew with terrific force, striking Hanmore in the ribs burying them into his lungs.

Messrs. McLachlin Bros. and Mohr Bros. are putting their drives of saw logs and dimension timber through the slide at Eganville. The drives consist of nearly one hundred thousand pieces.

—Every department of the Cedar Mills, at Deseronto, is reported as enjoying a boom. Large shipments of ties, lumber and shingles are daily made to all parts of Canada and the United States.

Chew's lumber mill, at West Gravenhurst, was burned June 30th. The weather was calm and consequently the fire did not extend to the lumber or other buildings. The mill was insured for \$2,500.

—Great quantities of telegraph poles, hoops and staves, are being shipped from the vicinity of St. Thomas to the United States the present season, the value of the exports from that city exceeding \$62,000.

—All the drives in the Parry Sound district are coming down slowly and none of them will be "hung up" this year. Some of the companies are still cutting logs in the bush and intend to keep their camps going all summer.

—The Terra Cotta Lumber Company, of Deseronto, celebrated the Queen's Jubilee by starting their works on that day. They have already commenced the manufacture of their products. The new industry will give employment to many hands.

—The *Intelligencer* says that the Rathbun Company have constructed a simple, yet effective machine on their property adjoining the Grand Junction lock at Belleville, for loading railway ties on flat cars. With this machine, which is operated by steam power, a car can be loaded in fifteen minutes.

—Prices of pine lumber at Ottawa do not vary much from last quotations, good lumber of all kinds but strips rating about \$2, and strips from \$1 to \$1.50 less than last fall. For ordinary and coarse lumber prices remain about the same. Freights by boat to Albany \$3 and to New York, \$3.25.

The steam-barge Scotia, from Kingston, Canada, with its consorts Gaskin and Oriental, loaded about 40,000 cubic feet, or 480,000 feet, board measure, of timber for shipbuilding at Montague, Mich., recently. The timber was to be subsequently put on a raft, sent down the St. Lawrence, and shipped to England.

—THE LUMBERMAN regrets to announce the failure during the past month of the well-known and popular wholesale Toronto lumber firm of Hargreaves & Co., which was brought about, it is said, by the depression in the lumber trade. The liabilities are placed at \$15,000 and a surplus of \$4,000 is claimed by the firm.

—Messrs. A. & P. White of Pembroke, have opened the steam saw mill purchased from Mr. W. B. McAllister. The mill has been thoroughly overhauled and the old machinery replaced by new or made over. An extension has also been made to the building and on the whole it is now one of the best saw mills in this section.

—Attorney-General Mowat left for New York on July 13th, sailing from there by the Sardinian. It is understood his principal business in the old country is to settle whether the case of Queen vs. St. Catherine's Mill and Lumber Company regarding timber in the disputed territory shall be carried before the Privy Council or not.

—Mr. W. H. Siesmith, of Ottawa, is having built two large barges capable of carrying 300,000 feet of lumber at McRae's ship yard, opposite the Queen's wharf. The new barges will be two of the largest on the river. Mr. Siesmith, who has been for a number of years connected with the forwarding firm of Blanchard & Co., intends establishing a new and independent line of barges and tugs.

—The Terra Cotta Lumber Company, of Deseronto, manufactured their first lot of materials three weeks ago. Experts pronounced them first-class and indeed superior to any they had seen elsewhere. This is most encouraging. The Company have made contracts with several parties for their wares. The works attract crowds of visitors who seek to satisfy their curiosity about the new lumber.

—The *Burk's Falls Arrow* says:—Mr. Monroe of William Hamilton Machine Works, Peterborough, called upon us on Monday. He was on his way home from North Bay, where he had concluded a contract for a large steam saw mill which they are to build and turn over complete for operations. He inspected the W. Train & Son's mill here, and was much pleased with the manner in which the millrights had put in the machinery.

The William Hamilton Manufacturing Company, of Peterborough, is building band-mill machinery for the Victoria Lumber Company, at Victoria Harbor, in the Georgian Bay region. The mill is the Allington patent, an invention of D. K. Allington, of Saginaw, four of which are now being put

into mills on that river. The Victoria Company will have two gangs and a band-mill in its establishment, and will be prepared to do business in the latest style.

—The lumbering firm of J. R. Booth at the Chaudiere, expect, at the end of this year's cutting in the mills, to have a reserve of logs of at least 40,000, while Messrs. Bronson & Weston expect to have a reserve of 50,000 pieces to begin sawing on next spring. Messrs. Perley & Pattee as well as E. B. Eddy, will have sufficient over to carry on sawing operations in the spring until the first of their drive comes down. The shortage in last winter's cut will only average about five per cent. more than last year, so that no great scarcity of logs is anticipated.

—The drive on the Ottawa above Des Joachims is all on the main stream. It is expected that it will be swept into Des Joachims by the 15th of August. The drive on the estate of D. Moore, on Kippewa, will not be out of the lake for some time yet. It will be too late for the main drive and will very likely be laid up for this year, on Kippewa lake. J. R. Booth and Grier's drives on Mattawa are all out of the Mattawa river. The Dumoine drive is coming along slowly; it is just possible some part of it will not get out this year. The Black river drive is all swept out.

—It is rumored in lumber circles that the biggest transaction which has ever taken place in the trade is about completed, being the sale of McLaughlin Bros. large mill at Arnprior, and extensive limits on the Upper Ottawa, to Hon. J. G. Ross of Quebec, and E. B. Eddy, the Match King, of Hull. The consideration is \$2,500,000. The cause of selling is the ill-health of the managing partner, who has been advised by his physician to seek rest. In the event of the purchase being completed it is said Messrs. Ross and Eddy contemplate building a short line railway from Arnprior through the Townships of Fitzroy, Huntley, March and Napier to Ottawa.

—A dispatch from Ottawa says: The lateness of the timber drive this spring, owing to the long winter, is now becoming apparent. Several of the leading millers have recently had to shut down their mills temporarily several times during the last month or so owing to the scarcity of logs, as many supplies expected have not yet arrived. Experienced old lumber workers also declare their opinion that the lumber cut of last winter will soon prove to have been smaller than supposed, and the mills will not work nearly so long this season as in the past years. If they do they will have to use up the reserve supply of logs ordinarily kept over to begin work in early spring.

—The Georgian Bay Consolidated Lumber Co. at Waukegan, have issued the following notice: "This Company appreciating the stand their men have taken during the recent strikes in the neighbourhood, as well as their loyalty to the Company's interests at all times, and desiring to acknowledge the same, propose until further notice to cease work in connection with the Severn and Waukegan Mills, at three o'clock on Saturday. While some of the men might prefer half an hour daily, this Company believe the interests of the greatest number will be served by allowing the whole reduction of time on Saturday." Would it not be well for other concerns of a like character to join in carrying out the good example set by the above company?

—At the Russell House, Ottawa, on July 2nd, Mr. W. H. Lewis, auctioneer, sold three valuable timber limits on the North Shore of Lake Huron, No. 40, 46 and 47, each containing thirty-six square miles. The river Wabigoon waters all three, and the C. P. R. Company have a station near at hand. Among the lumbermen present were Messrs. Wm. MacKay, R. H. Klock, A. McCormack, P. H. Colton, O. Latour and R. Hurdman. Both 40 was knocked down to Mr. Colton for \$25,000. Barges 46 and 47 were sold to Mr. Joseph Riopelle of Ottawa for \$13,000 and \$7,000 respectively. The terms of the sale were one half cash down and balance in one year. This is the first sale of limits that has taken place in this district this year. Lumber is high now and owners of limits are not anxious to sell.

—Mr. G. B. Greene, secretary of Upper Ottawa Improvement Company, says there is not a particle of danger that there would be any shortness in the lumber this summer. All the mill-owners with perhaps the exception of one, had sufficient logs to keep their mills busy all summer. Asked if there would be any trouble next spring from want of logs, Mr. Greene said there might be some of the lumbermen who had not a sufficient reserve. Messrs. Perley & Pattee had a drive of some 30,000 logs on the Kippewa River which would not reach Ottawa this summer owing to the lowness of the water on that river making the drive float very slowly. This would, of course, leave them short on reserve logs for next year, but he thought if they had enough reserve logs to keep their mills till the 1st of June next year this drive would be down and would keep them till that year's drive was in.