

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—Mr. T. B. Pearce will, it is said, build a large saw mill at Marmora.

—Messrs. Moffat Bros., of Carleton Place, have bought a planing mill at Renfrew.

—Joseph O. Labelle, a lumber trader of South Indian, has assigned to Mr. Larmonth.

—Mr. Mooney, of Minden, Ont., is erecting a steam saw mill on the shore of South lake.

—Dickson Co's mill, at Harwood, is doing big work, sawing and turning out first class lumber.

—Messrs. Huston & Co. purpose erecting a new shingle mill at Ruskview for next winter's work.

—Canada has 13,325 miles of railway. Last year the railways carried 3,000,000,000 feet of lumber.

—Bulmer's mill, at Norman, has been shutdown for want of logs. The new planing mill is nearly completed.

—Alexander Leishman, formerly of Arnprior, has gone into the wholesale and retail lumber business in Woodstock.

—A rarity in the shape of a raft of 25,000,000 feet of white pine timber passed down the St. Clair river a few days ago.

—The Casselman Lumber Co. is now running full blast night and day under the able management of Mr. E. Hargreaves.

—Mr. A. McCormack, of Pembroke, has purchased a fine new tug in Montreal for work in towing his lumber across the lake.

—The Ontario government is advertising for 62 pieces of white oak timber, to be delivered at Lindsay on or before September 20.

—The Beck Mfg. Co. mill, at Penetanguishine, is doing good work this summer—turning out upwards of a hundred thousand feet per day.

—As the Rathbun Company have not been running the Eagle Mill at Rossmore this year there is a decline in the population of that village.

—Mr. Joseph Williams has established a factory at Goderich for the manufacture of patent barrels, and is turning out 700 of these a day.

—Twenty-five men left Peterboro', on Aug. 4th, for British Columbia, to work in the mills and the limits near Bearmouth, owned by the Columbia Lumbering Company.

—The firm of Greensides & Hurlburt, of Mitchell, saw millers and lumber dealers dissolved some time ago. The business is now carried on by H. J. Hurlburt who is doing a very good business.

—A raft owned by Mr. John Bryson, M. P., containing 93 cribs of square timber recently passed down the Ottawa in tow of the tug John. The raft will be loomed at Quebec until the market improves.

—Mr. D. Morrison, agent for Cook Bros., lumber merchants of Algoma, left Ottawa, on Aug. 7th, for Cook's mill, on the Canadian Pacific railway, with seventy-five men for the winter operations.

—A drive of saw logs belonging to the Dickson Co., numbering ninety thousand pieces, passed Young's Point on Aug. 6th. They will be cut up into market lumber at their saw mills in Harwood.

—The building used by the Longford Lumber Co., as a woodenware factory at Orillia, is advertised for sale, the intention being to remove the business to Longford, to be nearer the supply of raw material.

—The Messrs. McLachlin Bros.' Little Bonnechere drive of saw logs has been abandoned at Currier's, above Round Lake, it being found impossible to drive them on account of the growth of weeds in the river.

—Mr. R. English, customs officer at Manitowaning reports that the combined receipts of Little Current and Manitowaning for the year ending 30th June, 1890, amounted to \$11,400. The bulk of this was collected in export duty on saw logs.

—A raft of very fine timber came down the Ottawa last month, belonging to Barnet & Mackie. It was taken out at White Trout lake on the Pettewawa containing 207 cribs of square and wancy white pine, of wonderfully fine quality and large average.

—The Western Lumber Company, at Rat Portage, have received about 300,000 feet of logs and intend starting sawing again at once. They have a lot more near at hand and the management think they will be able now to have steady running for the balance of the season.

—Christopher Wagner, a Toronto lumber dealer, who runs a planing mill in the west end, assigned to Messrs. Campbell May, July 23rd, for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. Nicholas Dymont, of Barrie, is the principal creditor. The cause of the failure is attributed to building speculations.

—Ontario is doing more to preserve her forests than any other province or state in North America. She pays every year a large amount for a force of fire rangers, the lumbermen paying an equal sum. These men, numbering 60 or 70, patrol the forests in all directions, and prevent a large number of fires which would no doubt otherwise occur.

—The Gilmour & Co's mill and other properties have been withdrawn from sale, an arrangement, it is understood, having been effected, whereby Mr. John D. Gilmour, of Quebec, will come to Ottawa and go into partnership with Mr. John Gilmour, and Mr. Allan Gilmour, of Ottawa, will remove to Trenton and go into partnership with Mr. David Gilmour.

—Something went wrong a few days ago with the lever connections on the steam carriage at the Minnesota & Ontario Lumber Co's mill, at Norman, and caused the carriage to go at full speed to one end of the run, badly breaking up the carriage. The two men who were on the carriage at the time, jumped before it struck and escaped without any great injury.

—The Snider Lumber Company, of Waterloo, is applying for an act of incorporation for the purpose of "carrying on a general lumber business to build and operate mills, etc.," at Rosseau Falls and Gravenhurst, in the district of Muskoka, and at the town of Waterloo, and elsewhere in the Province of Ontario. The amount of the capital stock of the company is to be \$40,000.

—Midland has grown with the rapidity of a Western States town and has now a population of over 2,800. It is fast attaining eminence as a lumber town, having now several lumber, shingle and planing mills, while immense quantities of lumber brought from mills on the north shore are handled from vessels to cars and distributed through Ontario and the Eastern States.

—Rathbun & Co's. mill, at Lindsay, gives employment to twenty-five men during a season, and will cut about 75,000 ties this summer. Counting 200 ties to the car load, the season's output will load 375 cars, and large quantities of pine and cedar shingles, lath, etc., are also turned out. The strip taken from the side of the tie in squaring it is shipped off to be made into broom handles.

—A meeting of the creditors of S. & J. Armstrong, general merchants and lumber dealers, McKellar, District of Parry Sound, was recently held in the Walker House, Toronto. The proposition of the insolvents to pay 40 cents on the dollar in instalments payable in 4, 8, 12, and 16 months was unanimously accepted. The liabilities of the firm amount to \$14,859, and the assets to about \$12,000. The firm will continue in business as usual.

—The number of rafts that have passed Deux Rivières this summer is as follows:—Messrs. R. H. Klock & Co., 6; Thistle, Carswell & Co., 1; R. Hurdman & Co. 3; Carswell & Francis, 2; A Lumsden, 2; Estate D. Moore, 1; McCuaig & Moorehead, 1; Wm. Mackey, 1; Rayside & McMaster, 1; Perley, Pattie & Co., 1; J. & B. Bryson, 1; making 20 rafts, which may safely be averaged at 150,000 feet each, making the respectable average of 3,000,000 feet—all destined for the Quebec market.

—Geo. Dunster, lumber dealer and contractor, of Woodstock, made an assignment a short time ago. At a meeting of the creditors the other day it was shown that he owed about \$10,000, while the assets scarcely reached \$3,000. Last January he showed to his banker a surplus of \$17,000, but his books showed a shortage of over \$7,000. M. J. H. Brown, assignee, will wind up the estate. Messrs. D. Peacock, Woodstock, and R. Gillies, of Gillies Bros., Paris, were appointed inspectors.

—At the Algoma sises held at Sault St. Marie the case of Rowan vs. The Blind River Lumber Co. was concluded. The plaintiff John Rowan, took out a contract to get out logs for the defendants from their timber limits. The logs were brought across Lauzon lake by the company instead of by the plaintiff, and the company claim that the logs were improperly and irregularly cut. For these reasons they made a large deduction from the money coming to Mr. Rowan. His lordship refused to allow the greater part of these deductions, and found a total verdict for the plaintiff of \$3,321.83.

—The Dickson Lumbering Company's mills, at Harwood, started to run July 31st. About 60,000 feet was cut in the afternoon. The Company are making great improvements in the mill property, also repairing and fitting up the houses. The boarding house, a fine building, has been much enlarged. Two large tanks have been erected on the hill to hold water in re-

serve to supply the mills and protect against fire, and as soon as possible the Grand Trunk Railway Company will complete the branches into the mill yard. Nearly all the old hands are employed again which helps to count for such a successful start.

—Official returns show that the total value of boards, deals, plank, etc., imported into Canada from the United States for the year ending June 30th, was \$413,527 against \$405,365 in 1889. During June the quantity of American lumber imported was over double that brought into Canada from the United States during June last year.

—The Amable du Fund is a small stream emptying into the Ottawa on the Ontario side above Mattawa, and is a most prolific lumber region. Messrs. Raymond McMaster, and Mr. John McKay have taken out some excellent lumber this season. The former brought down a raft containing 96 cribs, equivalent to 2,400 pieces or 160,000 square feet. One magnificent piece consisted of 132 square feet. Mr. McKay brought down a raft composed of about 77 cribs making 1,925 pieces or 127,000 square feet. About 75 per cent. of timber in the two rafts is wancy and the other 30 per cent. square. Both were destined for Quebec.

—A raftsman named David McMullen, who was coming down the Ottawa near Deux Rivières on Monday last, had a narrow escape from drowning. He was on a crib of timber belonging to Messrs. McCuaig and Moorhead, in company with four others, when it struck against a large rock in a swift current and was smashed. McMullen was the only one who was in danger of losing his life as he was carried down by the current. He kept himself above water until he drifted against a large rock to which he clung until rescued by his companions. McMullen was badly injured about the body as a result of the accident.

—The water power at Rat Portage is the among greatest in the world; it is practically unlimited. The lake forms a mill dam of three thousand six hundred square miles, twenty two feet above Winnipeg River, and by cutting races through the narrow ledge of rock which divides the two bodies, mill sites can be located almost the whole distance between Keewatin and Rat Portage. Yet, with these excellent facilities for water power, nearly all the lumber mills there are run by steam, owing doubtless to the mills being located with a view to convenience in handling and storing logs. Speaking of lumber mills it was estimated that the cut of lumber this season will exceed one hundred million feet.

—Capt. McKay, Mr. J. Naton, the lumbermen, and several others, went up from Ottawa on Aug. 9th to Dechene's Lake and boarded a crib with the intention of running the rapids and slides. This portion of Gillies Bros.' raft was in charge of Pilot Seraphin Corbeille, an old river man. To their horror the party found, on running down a short distance, that the crib was rushing on to a monster log which had become jammed in the rocks. In a moment they struck full head on. All hands clung to the timbers for dear life, while the pilot and his crew made superhuman efforts to right the crib, which was swirling round half under water. The passengers were washed off for a time, but were rescued and passed down with the loss of a portion of the crib.

—The United States consul at Ottawa has forwarded his annual report of the exports from that district to the United States during the year ending June 30th, to the treasury department at Washington. As compared with last year the following increases or decreases in value of exports of the forest are shown:

	1889.	1890.
Hemlock bark	\$ 23,085	\$ 17,815
Box shooks	234,162	45,266
Lath	57,450	80,456
Lumber	2,672,701	2,687,001
Pickets	19,913	21,748
Shingles	7,082	4,657
Railway ties	16,783	6,246

—The construction of the Parry sound railway promises to open up a rich mineral and lumbering country which has already been partly developed without railway facilities. It will connect the lake system at the Georgian bay with the various systems of the Dominion. It will be the shortest direct route east to Montreal and Boston, Parry Sound being about the same distance from those points as Toronto, and saving also a distance of 100 miles from Collingwood and 120 from Owen Sound. In addition to the passenger and freight traffic of the lakes a large business will developed in hardwood for manufacturing purposes, thus making Parry Sound a base of supply for all lumbering purposes with the western states. Last year there were manufactured in the district about 35,000,000 feet of lumber, in addition to a large quantity of shingles, lath and dressed lumber.