

THE NEWS.

ONTARIO.

—Mr. Van, of Foxmead, is about starting a new shingle mill.

—Joseph Wheeler has erected his shingle mill in Freeton. It is now in full swing.

—The Macklem saw mill, at Kincardine, will shortly recommence operations.

—Wilson Little and Alex. Morrison, of Donegal, will engage in lumbering at Wiarton.

—The Georgian Bay Lumber Co., are putting in a new engine and other machinery.

—Laurin & Capistrand, planing mill operators, Penetanguishene, have dissolved partnership.

—Hamilton Bros. of Ottawa are sending an unusually large number of men to the woods this winter.

—The sash and door factory belonging to A. J. Jones, Rochester, was recently destroyed by fire.

—Robert Harrison, of Cavan, is adding to his saw mill a chair factory and sash, door and blind factory.

—It is stated that McLaughlin Bros., of Arnprior, intend to take out about 400,000 logs this winter.

—A jobber for the Conger Lumber Co. has skidded over 1,000,000 feet of logs since July, with two teams.

—A former resident of Peterborough, Mr. Perchard, is running the mill for Mr. Sills, at Meyersburg.

—Mr. S. Cummer is building a new saw mill at Arranville, on the site of the old mill that stood for thirty years.

—An Ottawa newspaper estimates the output of logs on the Ottawa region alone at about a thousand million of feet.

—Manhardt & Co., lumber dealers and brokers, of Brockville, have decided to remove to Cape Vincent, N. Y.

—The loss occasioned by the recent burning of the Gilmour shingle mill, at Trenton, will be \$12,000. It was insured.

—Mr. Hadden, of Foxmead, has his planing machinery ready for operation. He also intends erecting a shingle mill during the present winter.

—Perley & Pattee, lumber merchants, are the leading promoters of the new company for supplying Ottawa with natural gas.

—A wood pulp mill is being built at Kingston, on the Hudson river, to draw on the supply of pine in the Ottawa region.

—The Parry Sound Lumber Co.'s barge, *Corisande*, met with a mishap recently, which has rendered it unfit for use until repaired.

—The Canada Pacific Railway is now practically finished from Algoma Mills to Ste. Marie. The men on the contract have all returned east.

—The firm of Christie, Kerr & Co. has several camps at Oakley, and in order to feed the men send herds of cattle there. They intend getting out 12,000,000 feet this winter.

—The mills of Messrs. B. Caldwell & Son, at Carleton Place, closed down for the season last week. Their cut this year amounts to 9,000,000 feet, the largest for some years.

—A large quantity of wrecked timber has been shored on Lake Huron, near Kincardine, and the Government has instructed the local Customs collector, to protect the same.

—About a million feet of lumber has been washed ashore on Lake Huron, between Point Clark and Inverhuron, and it is reported that the farmers in that vicinity have been confiscating it.

—There was an auction sale of lumber and shingles at Young's Point, on Dec. 13th, comprising pine, oak, elm, ash, basswood, maple and hemlock also a large quantity of dimension timber.

—The lumber laden barges Hinckley and Harmon, which were wrecked on Point Albion, Ont., have proved a total loss. The outfits were lately taken to Port Colbourne and all hope of releasing them given up.

—The machinery for the new mills of the Parry Sound Lumber Co. and the Midland and North Shore Co. has been received at Parry Sound, and the work of erecting the mills is being pushed forward rapidly.

—It is reported that Mr. Horace Shaver, and Henry Shaver, of Ancaster, have been making extensive purchases in the district of Muskoka. It is their intention to have the lumber and wood shipped to Hamilton station.

—Peter McLean, of Pembroke, has been appointed detective officer to look after the persons who steal logs along the Ottawa. The *Standard* says Peter is the right man for the place, and that he will make matters hot for the harpies.

—Mr. Thos. Greenlaw, of Vasey, Midland district, having rented his farm is going to build on his swamp lot in Tay and commence the manufacture of shingles. He has the lumber on the ground and will commence operations at once. We also hear that some parties from Penetang, have purchased the timber on the Simpson-Mealey lot and are going to build a shingle mill at once.

—The lumber manufacturers interested in the Madawaska river and its tributaries, held a meeting in Ottawa, Dec. 14th, for the purpose of taking into consideration the improving of that stream from Bark Lake to Chain Rapids. It was decided to proceed with the necessary improvements at once, John Harvey, of Arnprior, being appointed as superintendent. This work will give employment to a large number of men during this winter.

—Very considerable transactions in deals are reported. The Gilmour stock on hand and the cutting for 1888 is sold to Messrs. Smith, Waite & Co., of London, Eng., the balance of the Hamilton stock on hand and about half of the production for next year has also been bought by the same firm, the remainder being sold to Messrs. Dobell, Beckett & Co., Messrs. R. M. Cox & Co., of Liverpool, are reported to have purchased Messrs. Perley & Pattee's productions for next year. Prices have not transpired, but are understood to be about the same as ruled for this year's cuttings.

—A company composed of Messrs. E. H. Bronson, E. B. Eddy, H. F. McLaughlin, J. R. Booth, Alex. Fraser, and W. G. Perley, under the name of the Madawaska Improvement Company, have applied for an act of incorporation. The capital of the company is \$60,000, and the object of the proposed company will be to construct dams, slides, piers, booms, and other works necessary to facilitate the rapid transmission of logs down the Madawaska river and its tributaries, and also to improve the navigation and telegraphic connections in the district. The head office of the company will be at Ottawa.

—The Emery Lumber Company is composed of the Emery Bros., of East Tawas, and the members of the Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company, of East Saginaw. This concern owns about 100,000,000 feet of pine in the Georgian Bay district. Two years ago they conceived the idea of bringing the timber from that tract to the mills of the company at East Tawas, and Crow Island, on the Saginaw River, for manufacture, the export duty exacted by the Canadian authorities on logs in the rough being only \$1 per thousand feet. It was finally decided to construct a barge sufficiently large to carry 500,000 feet of logs at one cargo, with appliances for loading and unloading the logs by steam. Accordingly the contract was let for the construction of a craft at Bay City, and she was completed a year ago last spring and called the *Wahnapi*, after a river in the Georgian Bay region. This craft is 275 feet long, and 51 feet breadth of beam. Her cost was \$30,000, and she was put into the log carrying business between the points named, the company having cut 13,000 pieces on their Canadian limits. Several trips were made, but during the season the Canadian authorities increased the export duty on logs to \$2 per thousand feet, and it was found that they could lumber more profitably by manufacturing the log stock cut on the Canadian side. Last spring the *Wahnapi* was put into the lumber carrying trade in which she has proved a bonanza. Her trips have all been made from the Lake Superior country, and had the monster craft been ten inches wider she could not have passed through the Sault canal. She has made six round trips, carrying an average of 2,000,000 feet of lumber at a load, the freight averaging \$4. She is now bound down from Ashland to Tonawanda with a cargo of about 2,000,000 feet. Her up freights amounted to \$7,800 on ties carried into Duluth. Her largest cargo was 2,409,800 feet—the largest ever carried by a lake craft—which was loaded at Duluth and carried to Tonawanda. On one trip between the same points she carried 2,181,000 feet. This cargo was piled 22 feet high and she drew only 11 feet of water. —*Saginaw Courier*.

QUEBEC.

—Lake Magentic and vicinity boasts of at least seven saw mills.

—Contractors are getting out about 40,000 sleepers for the C.P.R. in Saguenay County.

—The lumber mill belonging to E. F. Todd & Son, Milltown, has been damaged by fire.

—James Burbank, of Hatley, has put a saw and planing mill in operation in the basement of his grist mill.

—A Quebec despatch says news received from England points to an advance in the timber market on account of the low stock in hand.

—The barque *Peerless*, reported some time ago as water-logged and towed into Gaspé Basin, has been pumped out, and her cargo of timber and deals discharged and secured for the winter.

—J. B. Scott, Nicolet, lumber dealer and speculator in logs, ties and bark, has assigned, due, it is said, to the recent failure of Plamondon & Augur, Quebec lumbermen. His liabilities are given at from between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

—Here is a modicum of interesting news for Canadian saw mill owners and others. The Papineauville, Que., Council has stated that no tax shall be levied for fifteen years on any person or persons who erect saw mills or other manufactories in that locality. An Arnprior firm, Messrs. McLaughlin, and a Braeside firm, Messrs. Gillies Bros., it is rumored, intend to take advantage of this promise.

—Ross & Co., of Quebec, have purchased of Hon. Timothy Nester, Hon. H. C. Thurber and Jacob Selegman, 14,000 acres of land in Baraga, Menominee, Delta, Alger and Marguette, Mich., which comprise a vast portion of the vast tract purchased by Mr. Selegman and Mr. Nester from an England syndicate a few months ago. Ross & Co. will cut such lumber as they won't export, and put the rest of the timber on the market.

—Lumber operators on the Lake St. John Railway route during the present winter promise to be very active. Large numbers of men are being sent up to work in the different lumber shanties along the line. Mr. J. S. Murphy will employ about 150 men in his shanties getting out spruce logs to supply his new steam mill which has lately been completed on the Rivière a Pierre, and several other operators will also employ a large number of men. A new spool factory has also been established at Pearl Lake by Messrs. Shroder & Son of Three Rivers, and is expected to commence operations shortly.

—A correspondent writing from Springfield to the *Sherbrooke Gazette*, among other items of interest concerning that section, advocates the establishment of a lumber mill in the following words: A mill for the manufacture of lumber to meet the demands of a local, and other markets, and for other purposes, on the stream known as Black River, three miles from Springhill railway station, on the main road leading to the village of Stornaway is much needed. If such saw mill were built and in operation on the stream aforesaid, local residents would have a market for their lumber, and other farm productions. In the vicinity of Black River there is an endless quantity of sound spruce and a variety of other timber within a radius of four miles, which would last a good running saw mill a quarter of a century. Recently the residents have commenced subscribing to a fund to be laid out in building such a saw mill on Black River, and put the same into first class running order, with the intention of forming and establishing a company for the manufacture of all kinds of timber, and this fund is increasing with astonishing rapidity. I should not be surprised to see within two years hence a company incorporated by an act of the Provincial Legislature in Springfield, which will do a profitable business in an honest and industrious pursuit.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—Shipments for the season are about over at Bangor, Me.

—Smith Bros., of Centreville, have their steam saw mill at work.

—Adams & Gregory's mill, St. John, will, it is said, run most of the winter.

—About fifteen mills have been built in the province during the current year.

—All the mills in the vicinity of St. John were closed for the season before Christmas.

—Carr & Shaw will build a steam mill near Hartland, this winter, and Chase & Sons will rebuild in the same town.

—W. H. Murray, of Indiantown, is building an addition to his mill and will put in several stave and clapboard machines.

—Shipments of deals, etc., to the United Kingdom, from the port of Richmond and output of Buctouche, for the season, amount to 14,751,000.

—The shingle mills throughout New Brunswick have had an extra good season. Nearly all of them are piling cedar so as to be able to run all winter.

—The lumbermen had plenty of snow during the first part of the season, but the woods are now reported bare and operations practically suspended.

—J. W. Clark & Son are making boxes. A member of the firm is now in the United States buying planing and door-bailing machines, which will be placed about the middle of January.

—The shipment of deals, etc., for the year, from the port of Miramichi, amount to 68,121,029 superficial feet. From Richibucto and its outport, Buctouche, the shipment amounted 14,751,000 superficial feet.

—The Grangers on the Aroostook are reported to be holding large meetings and passing strong resolutions against Aroostook lumber being driven into New Brunswick, and manufactured there.