

## THE NEWS.

## ONTARIO.

—Gravenhurst is likely to have a pulp mill.

—Thos. Allen, lumberman, Perth, has assigned.

—James Graham intends erecting a saw mill at Lake Clear, on Quinn's creek.

—During the late storm about 60,000 feet of lumber were blown into the bay at Parry Sound.

—Mr. A. Bridge is building a new saw mill at Westbrook, and intends having it in operation about March 1st.

—Bronson & Weston are building two new flumes in connection with the smallest of their mills at the Chaudiere.

—Berry Bros., Providence Bay, have built a new sash and door factory and planing mill. The building is 70x40 feet.

—The Essex Land & Timber Company ship from Tilbury station for Detroit an average of five car loads of logs per day.

—Mr. J. R. Booth is having a new gang saw put in his mill at the Chaudiere, to increase next summer's sawing capacity.

—It is reported that Alex. Fraser, Westmeath, has disposed of his timber at Quebec and will therefore forego his journey to England.

—John French and J. Vanschryver have leased the mill at Roblin's Lake, Ameliasburg, and will manufacture barrels and staves.

—The Rathbun Co., Deseronto, have received an order for a thousand sash and twelve hundred doors to be shipped to South Africa.

—Mr. John McNevin has assumed the management of Bell's saw mill, at Kippen, and is now prepared to do all kinds of custom sawing.

—Lumbering has not been extra brisk up to the present on the Temiscamingue, owing to the scarcity of snow; but an average output of timber is expected before spring.

—The traction engine which Messrs. Perley & Pattee are introducing into this country has been dispatched to the firm's limits on the Pettewawa river. Lumbermen generally will look with interest for results.

—An extremely valuable timber limit changed hands short time ago. Mr. R. Klock purchased from Mr. James MacLaren a limit of fifty square miles on Bear Creek for the large sum of \$4,000 a square mile.

—The lumbermen are busy taking out logs in the Nipissing district, and the output bids fair to be a large one. There will be a large output of square timber on the French, Magneawan and Commanda rivers.

—Mr. Chas. Tate, Merrickville, has purchased from H. Ryan, of Toronto, the grist and shingle mill at the Flats for \$25,000. Mr. Tate will move his machinery from his mill at Merrickville to the mill purchased.

—The value of wood products exported to the United States from the Peterborough district during the year ending December 31, 1889, were: Lumber \$124,417.96; shingles \$20,000.93; lath \$746.57 and timber \$204.

—The annual lumber sale of the Nassau Mills, Peterborough, took place Jan. 10th. About 300,000 feet of cull lumber were sold at good prices. There was a fair attendance of local and district lumbermen and builders.

—Maitland, Rivon & Co's new saw mill on the bay shore, near Owen Sound, was blown to the ground during the recent gale. The building was a large frame structure, 30x100 feet, and had only been recently completed.

—The amount accrued to the excise department of Canada, upon culling of timber was, during 1888-89, \$21,416.07. The revenue from these sources and from law, stamps of the Supreme and Exchequer Court was \$50,033.89, or \$4,001 in excess of the previous year.

—Mr. J. Puntj has a large number of men in the bush on South River getting out square timber. Mr. Hull has put up a camp on the adjoining limit and is getting out saw logs. Large quantities of pulp wood are being got out and the shipments will be large this winter.

—At terrible explosion occurred Jan. 8, on the Ottawa river about 300 yards from the Queen's wharf. The explosion was due to the saw dust, and the gas generated from it. The hoie in the ice was some 50 yards in circumference, hundreds of tons of ice were thrown up, great blocks of which were scattered in all directions.

—The statement of exports from the Ottawa consular district to the United States for the last three months of 1889, shows that trade between this section of the Dominion and the neighboring republic is steadily increasing. The total

value of the products shipped to the United States during the last quarter of 1889 was \$712,437, and of this amount only \$134,095 was the value of goods designed for re-shipment.

—The monthly trade returns of the Dominion continue to indicate prosperity. The value of exports for the five months ending Nov. 30th shows a grand total of \$56,876,132, against \$48,700,565 last year. The value of the imports is given at \$50,775,605, an increase of over \$4,000,000, last year's figures being \$46,694,284. The duty collected in 1889 so far as reported amounts to \$10,264,123, and in 1888 to \$9,838,698. The exports of the month of November were valued at \$10,059,668, of which \$1,834,593 were forest products.

—The first meeting of the Casselman Lumber Company was held at Casselman, January 16th, at which the following directors were elected: Messrs. J. G. Davis and John Cameron, Quebec; John Bradley and J. A. Flatt, Hamilton; Captain James Murray, St. Catharines, and J. J. Hargreaves of Casselman. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Captain Murray was elected president of the company, Mr. Bradley, vice-president, Mr. Davis secretary-treasurer, and Mr. Hargreaves general manager. The capital stock of the company is \$220,000.

—The Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company will not put in any logs in Georgian bay this winter. The Emery Lumber Company, of which the Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company is a branch, is putting in 15,000,000 feet of logs on the Wahnapitac, and has built a logging railroad seven and a half miles long to haul the timber to the stream. The greater portion of these logs will be manufactured in Canada, as the firm has a contract with a Midland firm running two years yet. The bulk of the stock has been sold to a Boston firm. The company owns 200,000,000 feet of standing pine in Canada, enough for a 15 years' supply.

—The Deseronto *Tribune* of recent date says: "The stone mill made a very successful run the past season, beating all records, even the big one of last year, by a million feet and also, a very important matter, doing the work considerably cheaper than heretofore. The total cut was 30,892,395 ft. of 1 and 1½ inch lumber. The lath mill also claims the broom, having lowered all previous records by 2½ millions lath, and a correspondingly increased output of other products, such as mouldings, panels, blind-slats, &c. &c. This is the more remarkable, as during the larger part of the season only two lath-machines were run, instead of three, as usual. During the portion of the season in which all three machines were in use (53 days) the magnificent average of 100,000 lath per day was maintained. Mr. F. Burr and all connected with this department deserve the highest praise. The mill ran 197½ days it may be said without a hitch, which speaks volumes for the efficient work done in repairs last winter, and also for the watchful care exercised by Mr. M. C. Dunn and his assistants over the machinery while running. The *Tribune* congratulates Superintendent H. C. Crawford and all his assistants on this splendid record.

## QUEBEC.

—Montreal has voted to borrow a million dollars to spend on civic and harbor improvements.

—A. Trahan, lumber dealer and general merchant, Weedon, has assigned, owing \$30,000.

—A bill rendering lumbermen liable for all damages caused to colonization bridges by the driving of logs will be introduced in the Quebec legislature.

—Mr. A. Lumsden, who bought Eddy's limits on Gordon Creek, is making some first class timber, which will be rafted to Quebec as soon as navigation opens in the spring.

—Next season promises to be a busy one for the lumber trade at Quebec. A number of vessels have already been chartered and large quantities of pine deals and other kinds of lumber are being piled on Louise embankment.

—Lumbering is going on on a very large scale this winter along the line of the Lake St. John Railway. The Roberval Lumber Company are making 120,000 logs for the supply of their large mill at Roberval, and all the other mills along the line are largely increasing their operations. Quantities of square timber, ties, telegraph poles and cordwood are also being made for the Quebec and English markets.

—The Quebec *Chronicle* says: A gentleman who has just returned from the Upper Ottawa, above its easterly bend from Lake Temiscamingue towards Quebec, describes that country as being rich in pine timber both white and red, and having large quantities of valuable hardwood. The soil and climate of this country, which is very level for a distance of one hundred and fifty miles, are described as being very good and offering exceptional advantages for settlement. Our informant states that all that is needed to create an enormous lumbering business in this new country is a railway, by means of which pine timber that now takes nearly two years

to reach Quebec, could be brought here in twenty-four hours from the time it was cut. If this rich lumber district was in Wisconsin or Michigan there would be half a dozen railroads into it before now.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—C. E. Malette, lumber dealer, Victoria, has sold out.

—The Vancouver lumber mill, Burrard Inlet, was recently sold at a sheriff's sale for \$8,000. The purchaser was a Mr. Talley from Michigan who intends going into the lumber business.

—A large quantity of saw logs and railroad ties are being taken out at Palliser and along the Kicking Horse river. W. C. Wells expects to get out four million feet board measure of spruce and fir saw logs.

—At a meeting of those interested in the Hastings saw mill, Vancouver, it was decided to enlarge the capacity of the mill four-fold. It is understood the general office will be removed to Burrard Inlet, Vancouver, with a branch office at Victoria.

—Mr. W. Sutton, of Cowichan, is said to have concluded arrangements with a party of Michigan lumbermen to take over his saw mill property at Cowichan. The cutting capacity of the mill is to be increased to a daily output of 100,000 feet.

—A. Haslam, proprietor of the Nanaimo saw mills, has perfected arrangements for the establishment of a sash and door factory in the large building opposite the Nanaimo gas works and which was built and occupied many years ago for a similar purpose. The factory is expected to be in operation this month.

—At a meeting of the creditors of Leamy & Kyle, of the Commercial mills, Vancouver, recently held in that city, it was agreed to give the firm an extension of 3, 6, 9 and 12 months in which to discharge its liabilities by four equal instalments. The arrangement gives general satisfaction and it is hoped that the firm will enjoy a season of prosperity in the continuance of its business.

—The Brunette Saw Mill Company's mill of New Westminster, which was shut down during the cold spell, has started up again, and is running with a full crew. The firm has also a large force of millwrights on their new mill, the foundation of which is completed and the first floor laid. The piles are all driven for the new boiler house, and they are driving now for the burner. When this is done they will have driven six hundred and fifty piles in their foundations. The company intend to have their new mill running by April 1st. All the machinery in this mill will be new and of the very best that can be produced. All the machinery in the old mill has been sold, and will be removed when the new building is ready. It will be replaced by a complete outfit of sash and door machinery. The company will then have one of the most complete establishments on the coast for the manufacturer of all kinds of building material. They will also put in new box-making machinery, which will more than treble their capacity for turning out salmon cases, which the company are making a specialty of. There are now about seventy-five men employed, to say nothing of the number it takes to supply them with saw logs. It will probably take twice as many to keep the establishment running next season.

## MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—The Alberta Lumber Company, Limited, will ask Parliament to legalize and confirm the bonds issued by the company for \$150,000, changing its head office from Winnipeg to Minneapolis, Minnesota, reducing the number of directors resident in Canada from three to one, and authorizing the holding of the meetings of directors and shareholders in Minneapolis.

—J. A. Christie, of Brandon, has fifty men in the Riding Mountains where he intends taking out 3,000,000 feet of logs besides 125,000 ties. These will come down the Little Saskatchewan. He also has 1,000,000 feet of logs lying at the mouth of the Birdtail, which were cut year before last and were caught by low water. Farther up the Birdtail he has the entire cut of last season 3,000,000 feet, which never moved from where they were rolled down the bank. It is expected that the entire stock will arrive at the Brandon mill next season. Besides this stock McArthur & McCrea, who have purchased the old Leacock limit from the Federal and Merchants' banks, are negotiating to send 5,000,000 feet here for manufacture by Christie. This firm are also getting out large stocks of ties for the N. W. C. and M. & N. W. Malcolm Thompson, of Rapid City, has bought the right to cut held by Mitchell & Bucknell on Shell river and is taking out ties there in large numbers for the C. P. and M. N. W. He has also purchased a limit on the Saskatchewan which he is now operating.