

THE NEWS.

—The season for stripping tan bark is near at hand.

—M. Wilson has opened a lumber yard at Newdale, Man.

—Mr. Spencer, Ursa, Ont., is about to erect a saw mill on Bear Lake.

—Lumbering operations at Victoria Harbor have been brisk during the past winter.

—Mr. Geo. B. Gordon has bought the saw mill property of Mr. Angus Millan, Sunderland.

—The first carload of square timber from Lake St. John has arrived at the Palace depot.

—Mr. C. G. Fox has got out 3,000,000 feet of logs for G. Jespersen's mill at Rodney, Ont.

—Mr. S. D. Bryan has lately purchased saw mills at Keewauw and has taken up his residence there.

—It is now believed that the lumber business will be good on the Saginaw river during the season of 1888.

—The Midland Free Press says that the saw mills of that berg will have all they can do the coming summer.

—Isaiah Feir's shingle mill, Feirville, Ont., was burned on March 31st, with 50,000 shingles. Insurance, \$500.

—An Ogemaw lumberman by the name of Anderson has skipped to Canada, leaving about \$5,000 unpaid debts.

—Not less than ten thousand to twelve thousand feet of lumber per day has been cut during the past season at Jordan, Ont.

—Mr. H. H. Cook, of Kinnmount, Ont., while operating a circular saw, on Good Friday, lost two fingers from his left hand.

—The capacity of G. Y. Slate's shingle mill at False Creek, Vancouver, B. C. has been increased from 30,000 to 100,000 per day.

—The Kootenay Valley Co. are cutting material in their saw mill for the construction of a navigable canal between Kootenay and Columbia rivers.

—Mr. Tait, of the Bird Tail Creek limits, (Man.) reports over 3,000,000 feet of timber cut and on the bank ready for rolling into the water.

—About 3,000,000 feet of logs have been taken out in the Kiding Mountains to be cut at Vait's mill at Birtle, Man. The timber is a fine sample of spruce.

—Mr. Wm. Thompson, Orillia, Ont., intends having a large burner erected on the Esplanade for the disposal of sawdust and other refuse from his shingle mill.

—J. McLaren & Co., Ottawa, Ont., will saw from 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 feet of logs this season, and employ 250 men at their mill. They have been in the trade for 30 years.

—It is said that the lumbering firms of McLaren's, of Perth, Ont., and Ross, of Quebec, will erect a model saw and lumbering manufacturing mill at New Westminster, B. C. this summer.

—Wm. Dunn, of Atwood, Ont., has got in over one million feet of logs this season for the manufacture of cheese boxes, about 23,000 of which are turned out in this establishment every season.

—The proposed sale of the Hastings saw mill at Vancouver, B. C., for \$175,000, has not yet been completed and it is stated that negotiations for the transfer are not likely to be carried through.

—Adam G. Clark, a native of Truro, N. S., and lately in the employ of the Elk River Mill & Lumber Co., of Humboldt Co., Cal., has been missing since March 6, when he was last seen at a Eureka restaurant.

—Building operations will be very brisk in Ottawa this summer. It is said that contracts footing up to half a million dollars have already been made. Ottawa people haven't got to import their lumber anyhow.

—An official report shows that the lake receipts of lumber at the port of Oswego, N. Y., were 145,799,067 feet for 1887, as compared with 148,710,367 feet for 1886, 169,814,279 feet for 1885, and 189,515,335 feet for 1884.

—Along the line of the Grand Trunk railroad, in Ontario, the chief source of employment for the farmers during the winter is the tie demand, which has been large enough to keep many of them busy the season through.

—Henry Gilchrist, tail-sawyer in Maxwell's mill, near Owen Sound, while swinging a slab around from the edge, was thrown across the circular saw and instantly killed. The poor fellow was completely sawed through below the breast.

—The total output for 1887 of one sawmill at Moodyville, Burrard Inlet, B. C., was 30,513,808 feet of lumber, 23,337 bundles of latb, and 23,926 lineal feet of piles. The product was shipped to Australia, China, South America and California.

—February was a fiery month. In the United States and Canada the total loss by fire was about \$11,250,000, over \$4,000,000 above the average February loss for thirteen years. Wood-working industries contributed about \$525,000 to the total for the month.

—The Restigouche Boom Company have deposited with the Minister of Public Works a plan and description of the site of certain booms constructed by the company across the Restigouche river, and have made application to the Governor and Council for approval of the same.

—Mr. James Brown, of Acton, Ont., writes us that he has about 600 M. feet of logs at his mill, principally hemlock, basswood and cedar, and has already commenced to cut. Acton, he says, is growing rapidly, manufacturing industries forming the nucleus of a thrifty town.

—The men employed in Messrs. Gillies Bros' shanty on White Lake recently presented Rev. Mr. Sirrell, Baptist minister at White Lake, with a handsome set of Buffalo robes, valued at \$34 as a mark of their appreciation of his kindness in ministering to their spiritual needs.

—It is estimated that Michigan railways alone consumed three and three quarter million ties last year. Thereupon the Manitoulin *Expositor* remarks: People on the Manitoulin should not be too free in parting with their cedar. It will yet be worth a good deal more than it is to-day.

—Mr. James McLaren, millionaire lumberman of Buckingham, Que., is at present in Victoria, B. C., where, it is understood, he is having explored a limit recently purchased by him. It is said Mr. McLaren intends erecting saw mills with a capacity of fifty million feet annually at Victoria.

—About 200,000 logs, part of last season's drive, which were abandoned on account of low water and boomed above O'Brien's Bridge, Belleville, have broken loose and are now jammed against Fairfield Bridge, four miles further down the stream, and it is said will probably carry the bridge away.

—William Train, lumber merchant and real estate agent, Toronto, has assigned, not only his personal estate but also the partnership business in which his son is interested with him at Burk's Falls. The Dominion Bank is largely interested but fully secured. A meeting of the creditors has been called.

—A Leslie correspondent of the Pontiac *Advance* says: "Great excitement prevails among the jobbers, because one man has been detected sawing off the marked ends of the logs and getting them remeasured as fresh logs. He is supposed to have treated 100 logs in this way. It is a very serious offence."

—S. D. Ryan, who succeeded W. J. McCauley in the management of the Minnesota and Ontario Lumber Co., is now at Rat Portage getting things in shape to commence the season's operations. He is just now actively opposing the proposal to grant a license for the sale of liquors in the vicinity of the mill.

—Mr. John Irwin, of Irwin, Ont., delivered recently a monster Balm of Gilead log at the mill yard of Mr. D. H. Vanallen. It was fourteen feet in length, five feet six inches in diameter, at the larger and five feet at the smaller end, and when measured at the mill was found to contain over 2,200 feet of lumber.

—Several parties are operating on the Port Medway river, in Queen's county, N. S., and this old lumber river will this season have over 10,000,000 feet to ship, should all the drives get to the mills. Davison & Sons have bought largely of the stock, and will supply their customers from Bridgewater, Port Medway and Liverpool.

—Mr. J. B. Charleston, timber limit inspector for the County of Ottawa, has recently returned from the Gatineau shanties. He reports the work done during the season as good, the cut being considerably more than last year. The road from the Desert to Ottawa is in a terrible condition and travelling in some places is dangerous.

—A movement is on foot among the employees of the Lake of the Woods mills to have the hours of labor reduced. Eleven hours each day is now the established usage, and the men are agitating to have the time reduced to ten hours. They are forming themselves into a Knights of Labor organization in order to facilitate the movement.

—We learn from the Ottawa *Journal* that Mr. Geo. H. Millan, mechanical manager of the E. B. Eddy Manufacturing Co., has gone to New York for the purpose of making inquiries and obtaining information respecting a number of small yard locomotives which will be used in the extensive lumber yards of the firm at Hull for hauling lumber. The firm have come to the conclusion that much more and better work can be done with locomotives than with the horses used at present. The introduction of locomotives will, however, necessitate the laying of new rails in all parts of the yard, which work will take a considerable part of the summer to complete.

—The proposed bridge across the Gatineau river at Gatineau point is expected to be constructed before next fall. The Quebec Government will contribute \$10,000, the Dominion Government \$5,000, the city of Hull \$5,000. The remaining \$8,000 will be made up by bonuses from the municipalities of Gatineau point, Templeton, Buckingham and L'Ange Gardien. The bridge will be of iron and will cost \$28,000.

—A Petitcodiac, N. B., correspondent writes, "There is considerable activity in the lumber business this season. D. J. McLaughlin's mills will cut about six million superficial feet. Humphrey & Tates will cut between three and four million feet of various kinds of lumber. Wilson & McLaughlin will cut about two million feet. The mill belonging to the Sir Albert J. Smith estate will cut about one and one half million feet, and John Found will cut about one million.

—Messrs. Hurdman & Co. intend, as soon as the ice leaves the Ottawa river and the water has reached its ordinary level, to begin the construction of docks and crib wharfing about the shores of the small island in the centre of the river, opposite Blythe's Point. The wharfing will be built sufficiently high to prevent the water from reaching the piles of lumber which the firm intend piling upon the island. This will be one of the best piling grounds at the Chaudiere.

—The Ottawa *Journal* says that the smaller dealers in lumber are troubled to get supplied at reasonable prices, the claim being that in Ontario the prices have advanced 15 per cent. all round during the past eight months. Stocks left over and the prospective cut are said to have been contracted for, chiefly by Dobell, of Quebec, the Export Lumber Company and New York firms. Three-inch deals have risen from \$7 to \$9.50. The lumber producers are therefore said to be enjoying prosperity.

—The St. John N. B., *Sun* would like to know whether the Government proposes to let the Goggins raft go to New York without paying duty, and if so why? "It is not a raft of piling or other small stuff, but contains some of the heaviest timber that is grown in the Cumberland forests. There is an export duty on such timber when sent abroad in the rough. The duty is a proper one, and the *Sun* thinks it is a bad thing for the country to send logs away to be manufactured into lumber abroad instead of at home."

—During the last season the firms operating on the Labare river in the vicinity of Bridgewater, N. S., have sold out their lands and mills to E. D. Davidson & Sons, who are thus enabled to continue their regular output of from 8,000,000 to 12,000,000 feet yearly. The last season being very dry there are about 6,000,000 feet of logs left over, and there will be about 7,000,000 feet of new stock, consequently the mills will have their usual supply. Additional branches of the river have been improved, and now logs will come to the mill drouth or no drouth.

—The Longford Lumber Co. of Longford Mills, Ont., in renewing their subscription to THE LUMBERMAN write: The winter just closed has been admirably adapted to our saw-log operations, every day being suitable for work in the woods. We have taken out our usual stock and have now our men at work driving the Black River. From the present outlook our usually active community will this season be more alive than ever, as the quality of logs coming into Lake St. John and over the portage will be much larger than the usual. Mills will commence running about May 1st.

—Preparations are already being made for the rafting of timber on a large scale at Belleville. The probability is—so favorable has been the experience of those who have rafted their timber here—that more timber will be brought to Belleville by rail for rafting than was ever heretofore brought to the bay. The industry is a highly important one, as it involves the expenditure in the city and in the surrounding county of a large sum for labor and material; and it is only in its infancy, as when the Grand Trunk complete their line to the Sault, Belleville will become the greatest timber rafting port in Ontario.

—Orilliaites are highly elated over their success in securing what is likely to prove one of the largest wooden-ware factories in Ontario. The extensive buildings, which are estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$40,000, are under construction, and will be pushed to completion at the earliest possible date. The manufacture will consist of tubs, pails, butter firkins, oyster pails, lard tubs, jam jars, preserve jars, washboards, clothes pins, and the hundred and one other things that only a wooden ware factory on an extensive scale can turn out. The wood to be used in the manufacture of these articles will partly consist of the refuse from the company's shingle mill at Orillia, and their lumber mills at Longford, thereby entailing a very slight expense for the raw material. They will also use a considerable quantity of different kinds of wood principally white birch and spruce, of which there is any amount in the vicinity. The new company is under the management of Mr. Geo. Thompson, and the mechanical responsibility rests on Mr. D. A. Lundy, late of the Cane Manufacturing Co. of Newmarket.