

THE NEWS.

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—Lumbershipping continues quite brisk at Parry Sound.

—Robert Quance, lumber dealer, Middlesex, has assigned.

—Wm. Machen, saw mill, Monkton, is giving up business.

—Nazaire Mosseau, lumberman, Belle River, has assigned.

—The Canadian Lumber Cutting Company, of Belleville, employ fifty hands.

—A tow of 12,000 logs made its way to Midland per tug Resolute last week.

—The timber drive on the Moira is progressing favorably, but the water is low and falling.

—Some 1,500 carloads of square timber were carried to Belleville over the Midland division up to the first of June.

—A raft of very fine pine timber, belonging to R. Hurdman & Co., left Ottawa last month. The raft contained 2,120 hewn pieces.

—It is stated that about 9,000 of Hurdman & Co.'s logs on the Ottawa are stuck, and mixed up with about 22,000 of Thistle's logs.

—Vigar Bros., saw mill at Port Arthur, is in operation giving employment to about 40 men. The cut is expected to amount to 3,000,000 feet.

—Messrs. J. & S. Clemens & Co., of Preston, have added one of Goldie & McCulloch's largest sized moulding and matching machines to their planing mill.

—The Customs returns of exports from Ottawa for the month ending May 31, were: \$400,969 against \$302,121 same month in 1888; increase, \$98,248.

—The mill foreman in Barnes & Co.'s shoo factory, Ottawa, says he never saw such a lot of mill hands idle. Some days he could easily man two mills.

—Mr. James Scantlin succeeded in getting his large drive of logs safely down the Napanee river, at the earliest date in the history of driving operations on that river.

—The difficulty between the mill men and the V. H. L. Co., has been settled, and the men are all again at work, the two mills at Victoria Harbor running full time.

—Mr. John Irwin, lumber merchant, of Brampton, is about taking a trip to British Columbia with a view to purchasing timber limits and erecting saw mills there.

—Silas Brush has bought Jason Fox's share in the saw mill at Colchester south, and has entered into partnership with Eli McLean in the saw mill, planing mill and lumber business.

—The sawlog drive on the Moira will this year exceed that of any former year. 410,000 pieces have passed through the boom. Some of these logs have been three years on the way.

—Messrs. Irving & Downs have sold out their saw mill and lumber business at Picton to Mr. A. P. Hepburn, who has recently made valuable improvements both to mill and machinery.

—Mr. E. W. Bowslaugh has sold his planing mill at Grimsby Park to Mr. D. Marsh, for \$5,000. Mr. Bowslaugh will move to Kingsville, where he will build and start a similar mill.

—Mr. H. W. Petrie, Brantford, manufacturer and dealer in machinery, recently made a large shipment of iron working machinery to a large iron working establishment in Detroit, Mich.

—The new band saw which the Blind River Lumber Co. put in their mill lately proves a complete success. The capacity of the mill per day is 65,000 feet of lumber, 50,000 shingles and 18,000 lath.

—Mr. J. H. Bromley, of Pembroke, has started a new industry in his section, namely, the exporting to the United States of peeled poplar poles. This wood is used extensively in the manufacture of paper.

—Mr. E. B. Eddy's drive of logs on the La Vallee creek is all out into Lake Temiscamingue. The drive coming down from Metabuchewan river is expected to reach Lake Temiscamingue by the middle of the month.

—The R. A. Casselman saw mill and limits, at Casselman, have been sold to a company in which Mr. John Bradley has an interest, and the mill has started up again for the season. All the mills are running at this place.

—Mr Geo. E. Lancaster's new saw mill at Vars has commenced running. Mr. James McNally will soon have his new planing and shingle mill in full blast. Mr. S. Fetherly is running his saw mill to its full capacity.

—A drive of twelve million feet of logs reached Parry Sound from up the Seguin river last month. The logs filled the river for a distance of eight miles. The season has been one of the best on record for driving in that section.

—A large raft of square timber, consisting of 201 cribs, belonging to Mr. Fraser, of Westmeath, left Ottawa for Quebec on the 14th. A raft consisting of 120 cribs, belonging to the firm of Booth & Gordon got away on the same day.

—During the storm last month, the boom across the mouth of the Mississauga River broke, allowing several million feet of timber and sawlogs to be carried into Lake Huron. The following day being calm the greater part of the timber was secured.

—The mills of Messrs. Graham, Horne & Co., at Vermillion and Fort William are running full time. Their cut this year will reach into the millions. Their new dryer at Vermillion will turn out 25,000 feet of lumber per day, ready for the planer.

—The main drive has reached Combermere. Mr. Alex. McDougall, foreman for J. R. Booth, has his camp just below the village. Mr. Wm. Levry, foreman for M. L. B., has camped at Blackish Bay, and the logs are passing here in great style.

—The river at Belleville is filled with saw logs for two miles, despite the fact that 10,000 pieces are daily passed through the boom. The water is falling and 150,000 logs will be hung up, but 120,000 of last year's logs have been brought down and sorted.

—The tug boat McArthur, belonging to the Collins Bay Rafting and Forwarding Company, has been seized at Prescott for not reporting inward and outward. The tug took a boom of logs to Prescott and then went across to Ogdensburg and returned without reporting on either occasion.

—Messrs. R. Hurdman & Co., Deux Rivieres, had given up their North River drive, but are likely to resume operations on it in view of the big rainfall. Messrs. Frane & Co., it is rumored, will return to their drive they abandoned some time ago, with every prospect of getting it out.

—Mr. S. L. Mullet has established himself in business at Orillia, where he will pay special attention to the repairs of saws for lumber mills. Mr. Mullet was for a considerable time connected with Messrs. Shurley & Dietrich, saw manufacturers, of Galt, Ont., and will act as agent for the sale of that firm's goods.

—The Polson Iron Works Company are pushing the construction of the steamer they are building at Owen Sound, for the Parry Sound Lumber Company. She will be 210 feet long, 34 feet beam, and 14 feet deep; will have a capacity of 1,050,000 feet of lumber, or 44,000 bushels of grain, and will be one of the finest steam barges afloat.

—The steamer Africa and consorts Marquis and Severan arrived at Fort William last month with one million five hundred thousand feet of dry pine lumber for Graham, Horne & Co. This is the largest single consignment of lumber ever received in the district of Thunder Bay and will be shipped to Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

—Large quantities of square and round timber passed through the Chaudiere slides during the month. Three large square and board lumber rafts, two for the Hawkesbury Lumber Company and one for Hurdman & Co., passed down the Ottawa. Another belonging to the Hawkesbury Company is at Des Joachin. All are bound for Quebec. The Hawkesbury Company took out 40,000 logs on the Des Joachin last winter.

—The steam barge Chamberlain and tug Shawanaga brought safely into port at Penetanguishene the largest raft of logs ever brought down the Georgian Bay at one tow. It contained over two and a half millions of feet B. M., being the entire last winter's cut of the C. Beck Manufacturing Co., at their Shawanaga limits. Hitherto it has been nearly a whole season's work for one tug to do what the two vessels accomplished in 80 hours.

—Trouble is being experienced by the lumbermen this year in some sections owing to a disease called "blackleg" breaking out amongst the men. A number are now in the hospital at Baie des Peres, Quebec, and a number of men engaged in rafting at the foot of the Quinze rapids have had to quit work. The disease is said to be caused by a lengthy diet of salt pork, etc., without an equally abundant supply of vegetables, it is not at all dangerous and ceases on the return to vegetable diet.

—The first drive of this season's logs was being tailed through the boom at Belleville on the 23rd May, making 270,000 pieces that have up to that date been sorted. Another drive of 200,000 pieces has reached the railroad bridge, and its tail is at the Lost Channel. The drive which is owned by Gilmour & Co., and the Rathbun Co., includes the finest logs that have been brought down the Moira in twenty years. About 250,000 saw logs will be hung up, namely, 135,000 in Black Creek and 115,000 in the Moira.

—The big log jam at the Cascades is reported even worse than when first described. The logs in many places are shoved down to the river bed, and piled 40 feet high. An effort is now being made to ease the jam at the south shore. The dam dare not be broken in the ordinary manner as the rush that would follow would break away all the works on the river. Seventy men are engaged in the easing of the jam. The expense it is said, will be very heavy and will fall entirely on the Gilmours, as the booms and works are not government property.

—For three days, work at the saw mill was at a standstill owing to a lack of logs, the man in charge of the supply having failed in some way to have them towed in. The mill hands, some 75 in number, feeling that they should not suffer the loss demanded pay for their idle days, and being refused went out on strike. The proprietor of the mill, Mr. Dymont, of Barrie, at once came down to explain. He himself not being to blame refused to grant their request and gave them till Wednesday morning to start or forfeit their positions. They started.—Bradford Witness.

—The Pembroke Standard says: The recent rains have raised the water in the streams sufficiently to enable lumbermen to get out nearly all timber and logs. Messrs. Thistle, Carswell & Co., and R. Hurdman & Co., who were about to abandon their drive on North River before the rain set in, have resumed operations on it with every prospect of getting it out. Messrs. R. H. & Co. will also get out the greater part of their Magnicippi drive. The only drive that we have any certain report of being stuck is a raft of timber belonging to Messrs. Fraser & Co., on the upper Pettewawa.

—A great jam of saw logs, containing 130,000 pieces, which filled the Moira from Cannifton bridge to Donleyville, a distance of two miles, was broken up June 6. This mighty mass, carried onward by a swift current, swept onward to the boom at the harbor, which was soon passed, and the logs rushed onward to a second boom, which had been prepared in anticipation of such an event; but this, too, failed to stand the enormous pressure and the timber was carried out into the bay and widely scattered. An effort was made to gather the logs and tow them to Wallbridge's cove for separation.

—Pembroke Standard:—Lumbermen complain that considerable difficulty is being experienced in getting the drive through the tributary streams into the Ottawa and as these upper waters passed their height at an unusually early date this year, that a large number of logs are likely to be left behind for this season. This is confirmed by the appearance of the Ottawa River, the waters of which have already gone down considerably. There is a point in these waters that is usually not marked before the first week in July. The local railways having penetrated the lumber piles with their tracks, are now doing a rushing business in the freightage of sawn lumber.

—The weather during the fore part of last month wrought havoc among lumbermen who have been getting their square timber through the government slides at the Chaudiere. A large raft belonging to Messrs. Hurdman Bros. which was bound for Quebec owing to the weather and heavy wind, the raftsmen were unable to collect the cribs they having been washed here and there on the Ottawa side of the river. Immediately after leaving the last slide the wind carried them into the eddy at the foot of Bank street, while the several cribs floated to the mouth of the last lock, causing considerable inconvenience to boatmen locking up and down. It is said that the firm will lose considerably by the delay as the timber was past due in Quebec.

—The various mills on the Chaudiere are doing a good business. The prospects are that the mill owners will be well satisfied with their season's work. Pearce & Co.'s small mill has started up, and it is intended to commence the night watch by the first of July. Mr. G. H. Perley, of Perley & Pattee, reports a very encouraging commencement and says if things keep on as they have been they will have a prosperous season's work. Mr. J. R. Booth has not been sawing so much three inch lumber this season, owing to the slackness in demand for that particular dimension. Labor is very cheap and logs are coming down in satisfactory numbers. Mr. F. H. Bronson, of Bronson & Weston, reports prospects as encouraging and says there is not so much fear of low water as there used to be, on account of the dam constructed above the Chaudiere falls. Mr. Bronson does not anticipate any further trouble about the sawdust question. The lumbermen have not heard from the government that they intend to put a stop to the practice of putting sawdust in the Ottawa, and the impression in some quarters seems to be that the last has been heard of the complaint. Notwithstanding, however, it is intended to re-introduce the Montreal Boom Company's bill into parliament next year with sundry amendments which are not specified.