

Chips.

S. P. Bliss, of Tonawanda, reports not yet having found a large raft of long timber, of fifteen cribs, containing 88,000 feet, which went out of Au Sable river during the month of November. On the opening of navigation he will send parties along both shores of Lake Huron in search of it. The raft is valued at over \$1,000.

LUNCH meetings are the latest feature on the Chicago Lumbermen's Exchange. The members got together on the invitation of some one member, and eat, smoke and talk. Says the *Lumberman*:—"The Saturday lunch was largely attended, the lunch was bountiful and appetizing, while the after discussion was particularly interesting and able."

LETTERS patent of incorporation are being applied for by the St. Lawrence Lumber Co., of Quebec and Lewis, the applicants being G. B. Hall, E. J. Price, A. Thompson, J. Hamilton and P. P. Hall. The capital stock is to be \$80,000, and the business to be carried on that of manufacturing various kinds of wooden goods, as well as the dressing of lumber, &c.

NOTICE has been given that application will be made, at the next session of the Dominion Parliament, for an Act to incorporate a company for the erection and maintenance of Booms and other improvements affecting the lumber interest on Rainy River, for the levying of tolls, dues and charges thereon, and for colonization upon the territory bordering on said river.

THE Minneapolis *Lumberman* says:—"Men and provisions are being pushed forward, but teams are scarce and hard to find. We have had little flurries of snow lately over portions of the north-west, enough to whiten the ground, but not enough to cut any great figure in the prospective log crop. On the whole the Chippewa and North Wisconsin people are hopeful, and are now pitching in lively to secure a fair supply."

THE interior department at Washington has decided that Lombardy poplar, balm, and cottonwood are not timber in the meaning of the law relating to tree planting. The *Olympian*, W.T., *Transcript* states that a petition is now in circulation in Eastern Washington to get the decision amended so as to include these trees in the list of those lawful to plant. Many have set out Lombardy poplar in good faith, thinking that it was in compliance with the law, and they are now in danger of losing their claims.

THE *Timber Trades Journal* says that the gravest fears are being expressed at Greenock for the safety of the large timber laden ship *Eastern Empire*, which sailed from Quebec for Greenock early in November, and since leaving the mouth of the St. Lawrence, a few days afterwards, has not been heard of. As all the other timber vessels which left the St. Lawrence subsequent to the *Eastern Empire* have now been accounted for, there is much reason to fear that she has broken up during the fearful gales which swept the Atlantic during the two last months of the past year.

ACCORDING to the *Bangor Commercial*, which is good authority, the lumber cut this winter on the Penobscot and tributary streams will be at least one-third lighter than that of last year. Then the season was a most favorable one. It lasted four months, during which time fully 150,000,000 feet was cut, nearly all of which was turned into the streams. The total cut this season is estimated at from 95,000,000 to 100,000,000 feet. Last season 40,000,000 feet was the cut on the Mattawamkeag, while this year it is not likely to be over 30,000,000 feet. Last season's cut on the west branch of the Penobscot was about 50,000,000 feet, and this season it will not exceed 35,000,000. Three-eighths of the season is already gone, and until recently there has been but a very light fall of snow. At present the average snow depth is from fourteen to fifteen inches, and there is good hauling. There is a large overstock—some 60,000,000 logs—and if there shall be plenty of water in the spring, so that these, together with this season's cut, can be rafted to the mills, all will be well. Otherwise the stock for 1882 will be astonishingly light and prices will be high.

Novel Ending in a Bankruptcy Case.

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—A dividend of one hundred cents on the dollar in all filed claims, with a surplus of about \$20,000 after making due allowance for reserved claims and reasonable costs in the case, is a new item in the record of the Insolvent Courts. Four years ago the fine timber limits owned by Mr. John Lorne McDougall and Mr. Duncan Campbell McDougall, were taken possession of by their creditors, and the firm forced into insolvency. At this time a Mr. Frazer held a mortgage on the properties to the amount of over \$40,000, and valued his security at \$20,000, and the best experts say that had the estate been turned into a cash realization he could not have got more than \$25,000 for the estate. Two banks held large claims against the concern, and so convinced were their representatives that the affair was "gone up," that they advised the assignee to hand it over to Frazer and relieve them of the liability. Mr. Bell, of Carleton Place, who was the party in charge, refused to do so. He had every confidence in the recuperative power of the country, and now has the satisfaction of knowing that he has enabled the estate to pay all its claims and have a handsome amount on hand for the benefit of its first owners.

It is the intention of the Canadian Pacific Railway, late Canada Central, to appeal against the judgment rendered last week in the suit brought by Mr. Peter McLaren. The case in all probability will go to the Privy Council.

THE *Northwestern Lumberman* says that a number of camps in the Muskegon district, since the opening of the new year, have been broken up, though the freeze about January 7 checked the disposition to relinquish logging, and encouraged operators. Of course the larger operators, in favorable locations, continue to push work vigorously, by the aid of the modern appliances of tram and pole roads, trucks and sprinkled roads for short hauls. Snow, while yet not to be despised in the lumber woods, is not as important as it once was, capital and energy having made operators largely free from the effects of capricious weather.

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