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ONTARIO LOG OUTPUT.

THE quantity of logs taken out during the winter largely determines the amount of lumber which will be placed upon the market during the following season, notwithstanding the fact that the total output is not always manufactured. Consequently the question is one in which lumbermen are deeply interested. It is not possible at this date to give information which will prove to be absolutely correct, as the drives are just being started, and low water may result in considerable quantities of logs being tied up. It is believed, however, that the total output for the past winter compares favorably in extent with that of the previous season, with the probability of a slight curtailment. Its extent, nevertheless, is greater than the present demand for lumber would warrant, when the fact is considered that large stocks of lumber have been carried over by manufacturers for the past two years. In some sections a larger cut than was desired was necessitated in order to remove timber which had been damaged by forest fires.

In the Ottawa valley the winter was very favorable for operations in the woods, and the log output exceeds that of a year ago.

In the Georgian Bay district the quantity of logs taken out by Canadian firms is said to be below that of last season, while on the other hand the operations of American companies are believed to be more extensive than last season. While some of the Canadian operators have increased their output, others have taken out very small stocks, and some of the mills will not be operated this summer owing to the large stock of lumber carried over.

The Georgian Bay Lumber Co., of Waubushene, have slightly exceeded last year's output. Their supply is estimated at from 35,000,000 to 40,000,000 feet. The Ontario Lumber Co.'s operations will, in all probability, show a curtailment.

The Irwin Chapman Lumber Co. have taken out 100,000,000 feet on the Wahnapiatae river, and Munro & Gordon 11,000,000 feet at Sudbury. The output of Graham, Horne & Co., Fort William, is in the vicinity of 11,000,000 feet.

The Whaley Lumber Co., of Huntsville, have taken out three-and-a-half million feet, while last season their output was two millions.

The Spanish River Lumber Co., of Spanish River, estimate their output at 22,000,000 feet,

against 19,205,000 feet last season. There is to come down the Spanish river this spring in the neighborhood of 200,000,000 feet. Last year 180,000,000 feet came to the booms. The White Fish river will probably show an output slightly exceeding 22,000,000 feet.

The output of the Keewatin Lumber Co., of Keewatin, is placed at 8,500,000 feet. They have 6,000,000 feet of last season's logs in the

years, as several firms have curtailed considerably.

The following figures show the quantities taken out by J. E. Murphy, of Hepworth Station, in the past two seasons:

1895.	1896.
3,000,000 Hemlock.	1,750,000 Hemlock.
830,000 Hardwood.	1,050,000 Hardwood.
150,000 Cedar and Pine.	255,000 Cedar and Pine.
7,000 Pieces Ties.	6,300 Ties.
8,000 Posts.	4,500 Posts.

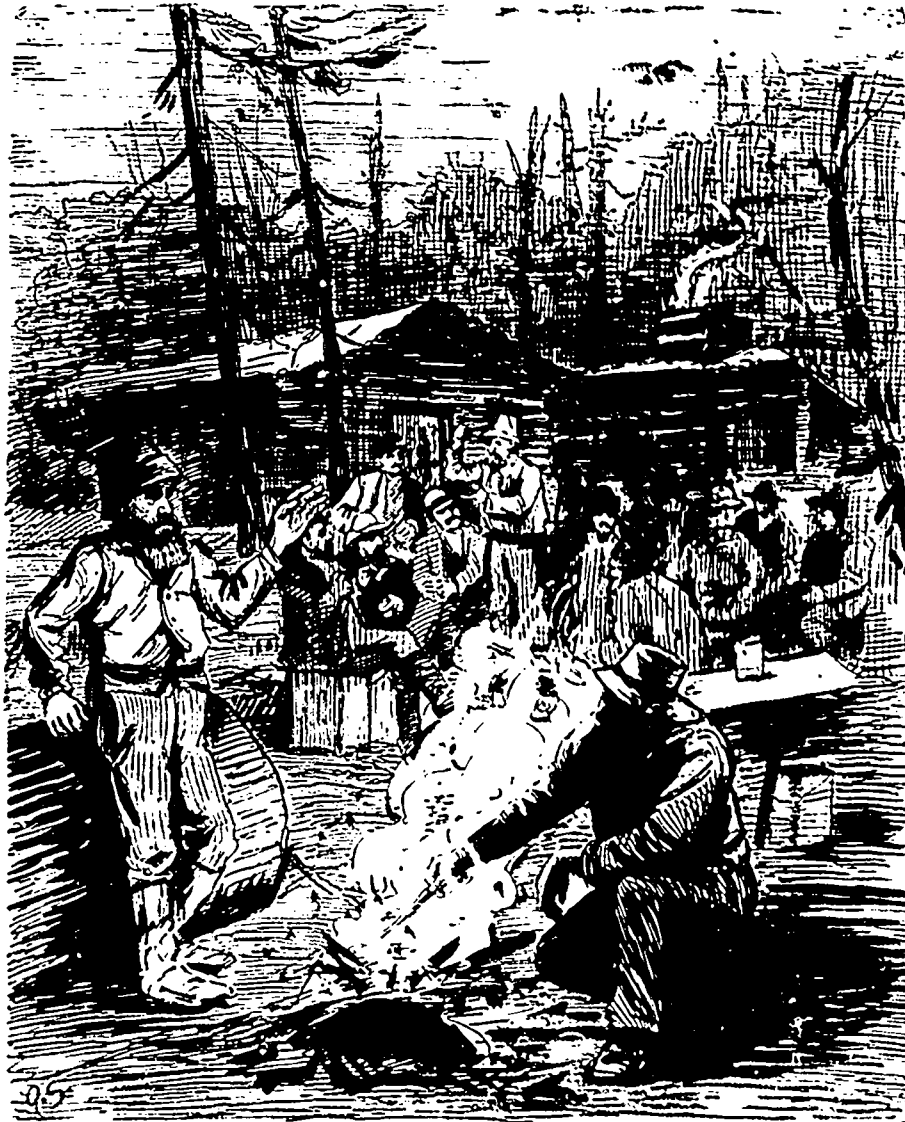
Mr. Murphy is carrying over a considerable quantity of hemlock and hardwood lumber. The mills in that vicinity have taken out larger stocks of hardwoods than in 1895, but the stock of hemlock is probably a little lighter.

Macpherson & Schell, of Alexandria, Ont., have taken out this winter the following stocks, being about the same as last year: 1,200,000 ft. of basswood; 850,000 ft. of ash; 500,000 ft. of soft elm; 150,000 ft. of hard maple; 50,000 ft. of birch; and 500,000 of hemlock, spruce and other logs. They have at their factories 850,000 ft. of elm logs, 2,000 cords of heading bolts, and sufficient cedar bolts for 6 millions of shingles. The stocks of eleven other mills on the C. A. R. and C. P. R. east of Ottawa, and on the G. T. R. east of Brockville, show, perhaps, a slight decrease as compared with last year's stocks.

SPOOL WOOD AT MATANE, QUE.

It is not generally known that a large quantity of spool wood is manufactured yearly on the Lower St. Lawrence, in and around Matane. It is seventeen years since this industry started there, and several million feet are exported to Great Britain yearly. Last year more than 4,000,000 feet were shipped. It has been of much benefit to the people in a country where agricultural returns are small and fishing has gone down to almost a minimum.

But a small quantity of spool wood will be made this winter, as the spool centers are placing their orders in Maine, where there are greater facilities for shipping and disposal of waste, which is great. However, as white birch becomes scarcer in Maine, the thread makers must look for their supplies elsewhere, as long as they use spools for thread, which is likely to be for some years yet. Spoolbars should be sawn in the winter, before the frost leaves the wood, which will then retain its white, fresh appearance, also, it must be protected from rain and weather as much as possible while drying.



THE LAST NIGHT IN CAMP.

To-night they meet like comrades tried,
And tell of dangers dire,
At dawn they'll part to scatter wide;
As the sparks of their shanty fire.—ANON.

water. In the season of 1895, they sawed 9,500,000 feet, and will probably saw more this year. The Ontario and Western Lumber Co., of Rat Portage, are said to have taken out about 8,000,000 feet. The total output of the Lake of the Woods district is placed at 30,000,000 feet.

J. W. Howry & Sons, of Fenelon Falls, manufactured a little over 25,000,000 feet of lumber in the season of 1895, and expect to manufacture about 40,000,000 ft. this season. A quantity of logs were left over from last season, which, with the past winter's output, will make this amount. In that vicinity the output is below that of previous