

—David Shaw, lumberman, Bixby, has assigned.

—A raft valued at \$70,000 recently passed down the St. Lawrence river.

—James Playfair's mill, at Sturgeon Bay, finished cutting piece logs last week. They still have a month's cut of hemlock and hardwood on the river bank.

—John Richardson, proprietor of Culloden mills, is said to have received a contract from a firm in Petrolia for 100 car-loads of saw dust at \$7 per car, delivered on board cars.

—The Rathbun Company have over 250,000 logs stored up in Lewey's cove across the bay on the Sophiasburg shore. There are enough logs there to keep all the establishments in Deseronto busy cutting for a whole season. None of this will be touched this season; it will be held in reserve for coming years. The visitor to that shore cannot but be impressed with the extent of that mammoth log pond.

—Mr. Woods, manager of Messrs. Barnes & Co.'s box shoo factory, recently had an interview with the Hon. MacKenzie Bowell. He states that the firm has just lost a hearing of their case before the treasury board, the reason given being that the shooks are virtually completely manufactured and require next to nothing to be done on them on the other side, and are therefore subject to the higher duty. They intend to fight the matter out in the courts.

—Gravenhurst, the centre of the lumbering district of Northern Ontario, can boast of having 14 saw mills, all of which are busily engaged in manufacturing lumber. The principal mills are Mickle's, Cockburn's and McNeil's. Fifty men are employed in Cockburn's mill, the output of which is 40,000 feet of lumber, 25,000 feet of shingles, and 20,000 feet of lath per day. Mickle, Dymont & Son, employ 120 men. The capacity of their three mills in West Gravenhurst is 120,000 feet of lumber, 60,000 shingles, and 50,000 lath per day. J. J. McNeil's mill has an output of 70,000 shingles a day, and about eight million shingles are cut in the season.

—The mill of the Parry Sound Lumber Co., Parry Sound, is run by water power furnished by the Severn river. The company have some 400 square miles of timber limits around Parry Sound. They own the steamer Minnehaha, which is used for towing logs, and the company are building a steel barge of 1,000 tons, carrying from 900,000 to 1,000,000 feet of lumber, which will be completed this fall and ready for business in the spring. The facilities for shipping the product of the mill are excellent, the docks having a capacity of nine million feet. The season's cut of the mill is set down at fifteen million feet of lumber and four million lath. This year the mill is being worked to its full capacity, although as a rule ten million a year is all the company aim at cutting. The company have recently built a shingle mill with a capacity of twelve million; this building is separate from the water mill and is driven by steam. The average output of lumber at the Parry Sound mills is 30,000,000 feet.

—The Dodge Wood Split Pulley Co., of Toronto, report the following recent sales of their Patent Rope Transmissions, all of which can be seen daily in operation: Robt. Gardiner & Son, Montreal; The H. R. Ives Co., Montreal; Ontario Bolt Works, Toronto; Augustus Newell & Co., Toronto; Dartmouth Rope Works, Halifax; A. W. Morris & Bro., Montreal; The Joseph Simpson Co., Toronto; J. T. Huber & Co., Berlin; Warden King & Co., Montreal; J. Brown & Co., Quebec; The Beaudry Estate Co., Montreal; Gananoque Carriage Co., Gananoque; Galloway Hersey & Co., Montreal; Force & Dickinson, Elmwood; Darling Bros., Montreal; J. Laurie & Bro., Montreal; J. & T. Bell, Montreal; North American Glass Co., Montreal, The Abbatoir Co.'s Montreal, Canadian Edison Mfg. Co., Sherbrooke; Doty Engine Works, Toronto; Cumberland Railway & Coal Co., N.S.; Chas. Boeckle & Son, Toronto. They also report large sales of their celebrated Wood Split Belt Pulleys which are rapidly taking the place of Iron in all portions of the country.

QUEBEC.

—Bastien & Co., lumber dealers, St. Phillips, have dissolved. Mr. Bastien and J. B. Joliet continue under the same style.

—Mr. Onesime Chahfour, of St. Roch's, has purchased the late H. N. Jones's saw mills and property at Hedleyville, and will carry on the saw mill business there.

—The New Glasgow Lumbering Co., of Montreal, has assigned, with \$15,000 liabilities. The chief creditors are the Banque Ville Marie, at whose instance the assignment was made, and are in for \$12,500. The Ontario Bank is interested to the extent of \$3,000.

—The Roberval Lumber Company, of Roberval, consisting principally of Mr. Ross, of Quebec, Mr. Beemer and Mr. B. A. Scott, have just erected a magnificent steam saw mill, fitted with the most modern improvements, including a circular,

revolving 10,000 feet a minute and gang saws making 22 strokes in the same brief period of time. Three logs are thus squared and cut every two minutes, and it is the intention of the company to saw 150,000 logs per season, 20 per cent. of which are said to be pine, and the balance spruce. The company own 900 square miles of timber limits on the Peribodca and Mistassini, and other rivers flowing into the lake. The logs cut in these limits are floated down stream, and then towed across the lake by the steamer to the mill. The boilers in the mill are automatically fed with sawdust.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—Vancouver papers report a building boom.

—The Eau Claire Lumber Company, of Calgary, owing to the Bow river raising, have been enabled to float their logs to Calgary.

—A Victoria, B. C., man is said to have discovered a process by which lumber can be rendered fire proof at a cost of \$1 per thousand.

—F. G. Strickland & Co., of new Westminster, have sold a sawmill outfit to the Methodist Missionary Society, who will erect the mill near Fort Simpson. It will be driven by water.

—The Victoria Lumber Manufacturing Company, Victoria, will shortly proceed with the extension of their mill at Chemainus, Vancouver Island, enlarging it to a capacity of 250,000 feet per day.

—James D. Leaky, of New York, who built the famous Joggins raft in Nova Scotia, has made arrangements to build a similar raft on the coast of British Columbia to be towed to San Francisco.

—The shingle mill lately built on Gambier Island, by W. L. Johnston & Co., of Westminster, is completed. The mill is turning out 30,000 shingles per day and this number will be largely increased.

—Freight rates on lumber from Burrard Inlet are as follows to Hobson's Bay, 57s. 6d. per m.; to Melbourne Wharf, 62s. 6d.; to Sidney, 52s. 6d. to 55s. 6d., per m.; Shanghai, 60s. per m.; W. Coast South America, 55s. per m.

—The *Columbian*, of Westminster, B. C., says: The bush fires all along the coast are extending considerable, and unless rain comes soon they are bound to do much damage to valuable timber lands. The smoke is also likely to interrupt navigation if it becomes much more dense.

—Vancouver *World*. T. S. Higginson, Crown Timber Agent, was in the city. He has only lately returned from Revelstoke and says the town is getting along very well. A fine saw mill is being erected and also a shingle mill, whilst work on the smelter is giving employment to a number of men. Some of the timber in that section is of excellent quality.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—J. Foreman has started a lumber yard at Alexandria.

—J. W. Sorsdell has opened a lumber yard in Winnipeg.

—It is said the lumber cut on Lake Winnipeg this season will be 3,000,000 feet less than last year.

—Dick & Banning's logs have arrived at their mill at Keewatin. The mill will run night and day for the balance of the season.

—The saw mill at Emerson, which has been idle nearly ever since it was built, is working this year on logs from Minnesota.

—There is now no prospect of Mitchell & Bucknall getting their logs down to their mill at Millwood, at least before fall, and perhaps not then.

—The logs in the Riding mountains are mostly hung up for this year. Mr. Christie, of Brandon, has a lot of logs hung up on the Birdtail river.

—Ald. Alexander, manager of the Hastings Saw Mills, Vancouver, B. C., was in Winnipeg recently with a view of establishing lumber agencies in Manitoba.

—Mr. John A. Christie of Brandon, has purchased the whole season's cut of the mill of H. Bulmer Jr., Rat Portage, consisting of about 4,000,000 feet of pine lumber.

—Christie's mill at Brandon has been closed down, the logs brought down the Assiniboine last fall having been all used up. There is no prospect of getting more logs down at present.

—In consequence of the water being low in the Saskatchewan river, the boats have been unable to run this season. At Edmonton the people have given up all hopes of a boat getting in this year.

—A big drive of logs reached Winnipeg recently for D Sprague's mill. The drive has been forty-three days in coming from Grand Forks, where it was locked for a time, and blocked the river for two miles. Mr. Sprague will cut about 3,000,000 feet this season.

NOVA SCOTIA.

—A number of mill owners of Cape Breton, have entered an action against the Dominion government to recover damages sustained. It is alleged that in the erection of bridges for the Cape Breton railroad, the government has caused the water to be dammed and diverted, so that it is impossible to float logs with the same facility as before. The railway act under which the claims are made promises that in operations upon rivers, the latter shall be left in their former state, or equally as good. This has not been done in the cases cited, and heavy damages are now demanded.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—Alex. Gibson, lumber, etc., Marysville, has changed the firm style to A. Gibson & Sons (Ltd).

—It is estimated that about 55,700,000 feet of logs B.M., are hung up on the streams in N.B., with but little chance of getting to the St. John's mills this season so as to be of any service this year.

—A number of American capitalists recently purchased several thousand acres of land in Douglas county, from the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Land Company. The object of the purchasers is to procure wood for manufacturing wood pulp.

—J. A. Black, of Moncton, is about to engage extensively in the lumbering business, having purchased 8,000 acres of woodland on Stewiachi River, with a water mill on the property. He has contracted with A. Robb & Sons for one of their rotary mills, with 60-h. p. engine and 75-h. p. boiler, to be completed Sept. 15th. The property cost Mr. Black in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

—A very influential and significant gathering of the lumber kings of the North Shore was held at Newcastle on the 25th July, to consider and resolve on the question of stumpage on crown lands. It was resolved to insist upon the local government complying with the following demands. (1) Renewal of the present ten-year leases. (2) Reduction of the stumpage from \$1.25 to \$1 per thousand. (3) Reduction of mileage from \$8 and \$4 to \$2. (4) Adoption of Quebec scale. (5) Making expenditure on streams to facilitate driving and constructing portage roads. It is understood Mr. Snowball, ex-M. P. for Northumberland, expressed himself very strongly against the Government's policy and intimated that he had spent money to turn the old local Government out, and was prepared to do the same against the present one unless the lumbermen's demands were conceded.

AMERICAN.

—Extensive forest fires are raging in Montana, Oregon and other places, about the most extensive forest fires ever known.

—Bleker & Hagaman, Canadian lumbermen, will put in a lumber plant at Cordele, Ga.

—The present scale of wages in the logging camps at Puget Sound are as follows: Teamster, \$75 a month; chopper, \$65 to \$70; hook tender, \$45 to \$50; larker, \$40; swamp-er, \$40; sawyer \$55.

—At the rate mills are operating at present at East Saginaw, Mich., with a season of ordinary length, the output in the river will exceed 700,000,000 feet, and unless the shipments are exceptionally brisk there will be a large stock on hand when the mills close.

—Both white men and negroes are employed in the saw mills in the Southern States. Common labor is paid from \$1 to \$1.25 per day and skilled labor from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day. Negroes are preferred for common laborers and white men for skilled labor.

—It is said that in the Kawkawlin river, Mich., there is hung up 5,000,000 feet of logs that it will be impossible to float out this season. On the Molasses about 2,000,000 feet will not come out. On the other streams in the Saginaw valley moderate progress is reported.

—Miller & Lewis, Bay City, Mich., are cutting a large consignment of logs from Georgian Bay for R. G. Peters and others. The timber is said to be of good quality, and cuts out fully as good as expected. 25,000,000 feet of this stock is being manufactured at Bay City mills.

Lumber was exported from the Puget Sound mills to foreign and domestic ports during the fiscal year ending June 30, amounting to 3,059,236,883 feet, valued at \$48,127,618. During the fiscal year the total shipments of lumber to foreign ports comprised, 143 cargoes, 130,420,985 feet; valued at \$19,191,099.52.

The first full train load of any products from the Pacific Northwest, left Tacoma, W.T., for Chicago, August 12th. It consisted of a train of 19 cars, carrying over 2,500,000 of red cedar shingles. The shipment was sent over the Northern Pacific railroad, by the North Pacific Consolidated Shingle Company, of Tacoma, consigned to Chicago for distribution to Ohio and Illinois points.