

saying they were going on a trip. Before leaving, instructions were given to the clerk to continue selling lumber as usual. Mr. Neil Stewart, the father of the young men holds a chattel mortgage of \$1,200 on the mill, which was taken possession of by a North Gower money lender, who is the owner of the first mortgage. Mr. Kyle, a grocer, signed the firm's paper to the extent of \$300. Before he was aware of the state of affairs. Mr. Kyle also bought some shingles which had been made as custom work for a man who had left the lumber to be made up. Another merchant brought some of these shingles. When the owner came for them he made an compromise offering to give him a pile of lumber instead. This was done, then he took out a warrant against the man for stealing his lumber. The case came up before Mr. Johnston J. P., and the man had to pay \$18 for the lumber and the costs. The estate is now owned by Mr. Boyd who has bought it.

QUEBEC.

—The first sale of new wood this season at Quebec, has been reported.

—The bark Loyal, timber laden, Quebec to Liverpool, is a total wreck in the Straits of Belle Isle.

—The demand for square timber has been very brisk, and good figures are obtained all round.

—Several timber limits on the Coulonge and Black Rivers are reported to have been destroyed by fire.

—Hale & Booth recently sold a very large raft of white pine to Dobell & Co., of Quebec, at 38 cents a foot, realizing a total of \$53,000.

—Complaint is heard that the Act lately passed by the Quebec legislature abolishing forestry reserves, will injuriously affect the interests of the lumbermen of the Ottawa Valley.

—Mr. McLaren has purchased the Gilmour property in No. 5 Ward, Hull. Mr. McLaren will establish a saw mill on the place and also a cotton factory. About 250 hands will be employed when the new business is in running order.

—The Montreal market during August was the reverse of active, but this is the usual condition of matters at this season of the year and but little is expected to be done before September comes in. Trade is moderate in a jobbing way.

—Mr. R. R. Dobell, of the well known Quebec lumber firm of Dobell & Beckett, and Mr. W. M. Dobell, his son are on their way to British Columbia. They will make a personal examination of the lumbering facilities and advantages of that western land.

—A Dominion order in council has been promulgated to prevent any person cutting or carrying away from the Caughnawaga or Sault St. Louis reserves, in Quebec, any maple tree or sapling unless the consent in writing of the Indian agent be first obtained.

—The Provincial Government announces a sale of timber lands in Quebec on the 17th October. The bonus and first year's ground rent must be paid in each case immediately after the sale. The area offered comprises 3,485 square miles, situated chiefly in the limits of the Ottawa, Lake St. John, Saguenay and Gaspé agencies.

—The good prices at which square timber sold this year in the Quebec market have caused quite a boom in that branch of the lumber trade and as a consequence a big lot of square timber will be made this year. Those making it, however, will keep the average not less than sixty-five feet, as it is that dimension and upward for which a demand exists.

—Before Recorder Champagne, at Hull, two young shanty-men named Louiselle and Lacasse were put on trial on a charge of deserting from the employ of Gilmour and Co. According to the prosecution the men were hired for the drive, but skipped out before their contract had expired. A fine of \$3, or a month in default of payment was imposed. They refused to pay saying they would go to jail, and when they got out bring the case before higher authorities.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

—The exports of lumber and timber from Richibucto, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1888, aggregated \$118,096, or \$44,684 more than all other exports combined.

—There is an immense quantity of lumber in the booms and along the shores of the St. John yet unrafted. The lumber cut of this season is far in advance of last year and many years previous. The estimated cut on the St. John this year is placed at 140,000,000 feet, which is some 40,000,000 in advance of last season. Nearly all of this large cut is now in. The work of rafting is proceeding with vigor at the booms.

—For some time past there has been a controversy between the Saint Croix cotton mill, Milltown, and the owners of the Union mill as to the passage of logs by and below the cotton mill. The log owners claim that jams are caused by the defective passage-way in the cotton mill dam, and the mill officials maintain that the lumbermen should keep the log roll

clear. Legal proceedings have been begun in the provincial court. The cotton mill having been granted temporary injunction to restrain F. H. Todd & Sons from allowing logs to remain on their lands, the decision of the court will be made later upon the motion to dissolve the injunction. The interests involved are large, and the case involves most of the law as to running logs and building dams on rivers.

NOVA SCOTIA.

—It is Mr. Leary's intention to start a third raft from Nova Scotia before the unfavorable autumn weather sets in. The prices for lumber at wholesale are already lower, and the builders believe that there is danger of the market being overstocked next year.

MANITOBA AND THE NORTHWEST.

—10,000 saw logs are still in the river above the mill at Birtle. There is a prospect that they will be cut up at Birtle.

—Mr. Christie, of Brandon, will build a new saw mill near the river close to the old Brandon planing mill. Work will be commenced on it in a week or so.

—M. Wilson, lumber dealer, Newdale, Man., reports lumber business booming. A very large amount of building is being done in the district this season.

—Lumber is scarce at Cypress River, Manitoba. Mr. Gowanlock cannot furnish the heavy demands in that line. Similar complaints are received from McGregor.

—The total cut of lumber in the Lake Winnipeg district this year is placed at 8,975,000 feet, an increase over last year product of 2,225,000 feet, and the estimated value is \$116,675, being \$42,425 more than last year.

—The only saw mill in operation on the Bird Tail is that of Mainwaring Wright. The Birtle Observer says: This mill is an excellent one, most conveniently situated, as the vast timber districts from which logs are procured begins a short distance north, while a well settled country lies to the south, east and west. The mill is kept going constantly.

—The board of trade of Portage la Prairie, has taken action on the lumber question. The board says great injury has been done that district, owing to the scarcity of lumber, which has been caused by the inability or refusal of the C.P.R. Co., to furnish manufacturers with cars as rapidly as they are required. The board has drawn the attention of C.P.R. Superintendent White to the matter.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

—A boom of logs was towed into Vancouver harbor by the Mermaid from the Hastings Saw Mill in August.

—The steamer Mamie arrived from Duncan's Bay with 600,000 ft. of lumber for Messrs. Haslem and Lees.

—It is said that H. A. Harrison, of the Chemainus Lumber Co., whose death occurred at Vancouver recently, carried \$12,000 insurance upon his life.

—The possibility of navigating the Fraser river to Westminster, B. C., having been demonstrated, an impetus will probably be given to lumbering operations.

—The tug Alexander towed out the ship Hindostan, Capt. Welsh. She has been loading at Moodyville, and carries in all 1,217,708 feet of lumber. She is bound for Valparaiso.

—British Columbia fir, on account of its extreme length and imperviousness to decay, is found to be very valuable in bridge construction. It is stated that a truss of this wood well seasoned and painted will last 40 years.

—A gentleman named Prentiss, from Wisconsin, arrived at Westminster recently, for the purpose of finding a suitable location on which to erect a saw mill. It is understood that he will erect one provided he can obtain timber limits in the province.

—The barque Olaf Tryggason, 850 tons, registered at Helsenburg, Sweden, Capt. Meyer, cleared from Vancouver for Melbourne, Australia. She had loaded lumber at the Inlet and carries 1306 tons weight, equivalent to 1500 tons measurement.

—A. J. Bovill, of Westminster is about to erect a large saw mill below Langley on the Fraser River. The machinery has been ordered from Ontario, and expected to arrive about the middle of September, when the frame work and wharves of the mill will be ready to receive it. The mill will have a capacity of about 40,000 feet of lumber per day.

AMERICAN NOTES.

The booms on the Penobscot river, Me., use 80 tons of rope and 2,000,000 rafting pins yearly.

—The shipment of lumber from Alpena, Mich., thus far this season have amounted to 74,736,000 feet of lumber, 6,145,000 shingles and 4,060,000 lath.

—No more convict labor is to be employed in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds at Minneapolis, say those interested, after Sept. 1. So mote it be.

—Logs to the amount of about 10,000,000 feet were driven from Eagle River, Wis., to Rhinelander in twelve and one half hours. The distance is estimated at sixty miles.

—The Omaha City Council and leading citizens have been having quite a "confab" over the respective merits of cedar and cypress paving blocks, but have decided in favor of cypress.

—The largest raft on record by 2,000,000 feet was delivered at Bay City, Mich., recently by the tugs Mocking Bird and Music of Reid's line. It contained 9,000,000 feet of short logs.

—Leahy and Bebee's drive amounting to about 22,000,000 feet is now in the pond at Tomahawk, Wis. This drive came 160 miles in seventy days with an average crew of seventy-five men.

—Theodore Crown, of Viroqua, Wis., has patented a new machine to make an improved lath. The lath is manufactured from boards and grooved by the machine and used as siding.

—A Milltown, Me., mechanic has invented a log-sawing apparatus which was an upward as well as a downward motion. The scheme has not been fully tested yet, but, if successful, will be a time-saving invention to lumber dealers.

—Great damage has been done to the lumbering interests of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia by reason of heavy rains. Quite a number of saw mills were washed away, considerable lumber lost, and thousands of logs sent floating seaward.

—The Penobscot Boom Co., of Bangor, Me., has already rafted some 70,000,000 feet of logs this season and is now rafting at the rate of from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 daily. Eighty tons of cordage and 2,000,000 rafting pins are used annually.

—W. W. Bartley, a yard dealer in Newark, stopped payment last week, with liabilities of \$19,000, and assets of about \$9,000. The failure was anticipated by the Newark dealers, as Mr. Bartlett has neglected his business in favor of personal indulgences.

—During July there were 36 cargoes of lumber shipped from Puget Sound mill ports, aggregating 26,389,739 feet. Of this 12,929,739 feet were shipped to foreign ports, and 13,460,000, feet to coastwise ports. The total value of lumber exports from Puget Sound during the month was \$300,867.55.

—Another strike is in progress at Tonawanda which bids fair to outdo the one that failed a few months ago. About 1,000 men went out by order of the 'Longshoremen's Union. During the last month many of the outside men have been taken into the union, and the organization has been strengthened otherwise. The outlook seems favorable for the men.

—A portion of a petrified tree was discovered in a solid sandstone rock quarry at Zanesville, Ohio, the other day. The tree is about the thickness of a telegraph pole and has well-defined bark and roots. It was found while blasting or immediately after a blast, fully sixty feet below the top of the hill, and was in solid rock. Over it is the earth formation, then a species of shale, then limestone strata, followed by a conglomeration of stone, then some forty feet of solid sandstone, near the bottom of which is the petrified tree.

—"There has been a marked change in the method of moving shingles to market out of the Saginaw valley," said a steamer captain who plies in those waters. Formerly a dozen propellers plied between Saginaw and lower lake ports, carrying shingles, but now the dealers in Ohio go right up to the river and visit the mills along the railroads, and buy in car lots, having them shipped to their yards directly by rail. It has paralyzed the shingle business by water, but is a good thing for the dealers, who now buy from first hands, instead of, as formerly, making their purchases of Toledo, Sandusky, Cleveland and Buffalo middlemen.

EUROPEAN NOTES.

—The total amount of timber hewn and sawn imported into Great Britain and Ireland for the first half of 1887 was 1,754,693 loads.

—I. Laurie, of Sydney, Australia, is now in Europe as the representative of the saw mill owners of New South Wales, who are desirous of introducing in that market the various Australian woods such as Iron Bark, Blue Gum, etc. Samples of these woods are now being landed there.

—Glasgow trade reports state that there has been no public sale of Quebec timber held there during the past week. The result of recent auctions was somewhat disappointing; but a fair business is being done privately with the new imports of timber from Quebec, and, judging from the amount of ship-building work on hand, a substantial demand from this source is still looked for.

—A Danish clergyman, Mr. Hansen has made some experiments relative to the growth of trees. Regarding the latter, Mr. Hansen has made daily measurements of the number of