

LUMBER AND TIMBER NOTES.

The Douglass booms on the St. John river have now about 120,000,000 logs in them, the largest quantity ever held by them.

Lumber transport is busy at the eastern end of the Bay of Fundy and on Northumberland Straits. According to the *Chignecto Post*, lumber is being rafted from the shore at Port Elgin to the vessels in the Baie. These were last week 23 in number, and will carry from 400,000 to 600,000 feet each. At Tidnish there were last week 22 vessels.

An immense raft of piling has been constructed near St. John, N.B., by James D. Leary. This is the same shipper who built a raft at the Joggins some time ago, which came to grief on the transit. But this one will have many features different from the first, and these, it is thought, will lessen the chances of failure. It is to be built in 17 sections, and each log will be bound and bolted so that the sections will be cigar shaped and about 100 feet long. These sections will be joined by means of strong hawsers and chains, and every precaution will be taken to secure strength in the coupling. Should an accident occur, any of these sections may be separated from the rest. Two tugs have meanwhile gone from Boston to St. John to tow the structure to the first-named city.

THE CARNIVAL.

Next week will witness the unwonted spectacle of a Summer Carnival in Toronto. A considerable sum of money has been subscribed, and a deal of time and trouble taken, to furnish enjoyment, spectacular, musical, military, to visitors and citizens next week. From distant parts of the United States, and from various parts of the Dominion, we shall have numbers of people streaming into Toronto. Let us do our best, by assisting the Carnival Committee and the city authorities, to get "the Queen City" into creditable trim for the occasion.

INSURANCE NOTES.

The New Glasgow fire brigade are lively fellows, if it be true, as stated by the *Chronicle*, that one night last week they had water playing on an imaginary fire in less than two minutes from the giving of the alarm.

A by-law to provide the sum of \$16,000 to build a fire hall, extend the market square, and establish a new fire alarm system in Woodstock was defeated by about four to one last Monday. The waterworks by-law is to be voted upon in August.

Mayor Morse, of St. Thomas, turned the first sod, last week, for the St. Thomas Waterworks, on Easterbrook flats.

At Black Lake, near Sherbrooke, lightning struck the powder building of the Anglo-Canadian asbestos mine, set fire to it, exploding about 1,800 pounds of powder and about 20 cases of dynamite. The shock damaged some fifty buildings by shattering windows and doors. Loss estimated at \$30,000. One man was injured.

It is pitiful to see a thriving village of 40 or 50 houses, occupied by some 500 people, wiped out of existence by fire. This is what befell, last week, Mountain Grove, near Sharbot Lake. Some careless man, having lit his pipe, threw the blazing match away, and it fell among hay in Wentworth's hotel stable. In a few minutes stable and hotel were in a blaze; then Macdonald's store and the post-office;

next Flynn's store; Lloyd's residence, G. Flynn's house; Summers' blacksmith shop, and in turn nearly every dwelling in the village. The loss is probably \$25,000, with very little insurance. The villagers, woe-struck, had to look on and see their property devoured by the flames, for, as the account tells us: "There is no fire system of any kind, and all that could be done was to throw pails of water upon the burning buildings."

Advices from Logansport, Ind., dated June 2nd, give an account of an attempt to swindle a life insurance company: "James Christie, a well-known young farmer living near Fletcher's Lake, came to this city last Friday and obtained \$800 in money from banks on notes, which are forged with names of prominent farmers living near by. Christie then called on an insurance agent and took out a policy of \$5,000 on his life. While the policy was being written up Christie purchased a suit of clothes, shoes, hat, etc. Going home he gave the policy to his wife and ate part of his supper. About 8 o'clock a neighbor's boy called, and the two went swimming in the lake near by. Christie swam out into deep water before his companion undressed. In a few moments Christie called to his friend on the bank, saying he had cramps, and asking him to get a boat near by and come to his rescue. The boat was secured, but Christie had disappeared when his companion returned. An alarm was given and the lake was dragged for two days and nights in search of the body. Christie's clothes on the bank were found where he took them off untouched. Tracks were found yesterday of a bare-footed man going toward Christie's house from the lake. A peculiar-shaped toe, which marked itself in the foot-prints, tallies with Christie's. This settled the fact in the minds of the neighbors that Christie made his way home naked while his friend was getting the boat, and, donning the new outfit which he had purchased, left the country. Christie was heavily in debt. He has doubtless gone to the far West, where he has relations, and where he often said he was going some time."

The Ohio courts have been called upon to determine the beneficiaries under a \$5,000 policy in the Union Mutual Life on the life of the late Cyrus Hossack. The policy was made payable to his wife or heirs. Hossack's wife afterwards died leaving three children. The insured married again and his second wife and one child by that marriage survived him. The question for the courts to decide is as to whether the three children of the first wife or the second wife and her child are entitled to the insurance money. The money has been paid into court pending a settlement of the controversy.—*U. S. Review*.

The right of a policy-holder to change the beneficiary under his policy was again decided recently. In this instance the insured took out a policy in favor of his daughter in the Ancient Order of United Workmen's Grand Lodge, of Iowa; his wife being dead. He afterwards married again, however, and had the policy changed and made payable to his wife. At his death the daughter brought an action to compel the Grand Lodge to pay her the amount of the policy on the ground that it was in the nature of a gift and that her father had no right to make it payable to any one else. The lower court decided against her and the Supreme Court affirmed the decision.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Mutual Fire Underwriters' Association of Ontario an interesting event took place. On that occasion Mr. R. J. Doyle, Owen Sound, with a few

introductory remarks, begged leave to present, on behalf of the association, a handsome gold-headed cane to Mr. Charles Davidson, the previous secretary, and a member for 40 years. Mr. Davidson replied, thanking the members for their token of esteem. The cane is a very handsome one, and bears the following inscription: Presented by the Mutual Fire Underwriters' Association to Charles Davidson, Esq., June, 1890."

On Wednesday of last week the following resolution was unanimously carried by the Ontario Mutual Fire Underwriters' Association, at their semi-annual meeting in London: "That the executive committee of this association be instructed to take steps to petition the Government to insert in the statutory condition a clause making void all claims for loss occasioned by steam engines used for threshing, unless the engines used for threshing are at least 100 yards from barns or stacks." It was further resolved that, with respect to driving threshing machines by "jacks," the association recommend to the farmers of Ontario for their own security, that the new system, as previously explained, be generally adopted.

MONTREAL CLEARING-HOUSE.

Clearings and Balances for week ending 26th June, 1890, are as follows:

| | Clearings. | Balances. |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| June 20..... | \$ 1,746,220 | \$324,197 |
| " 21..... | 1,670,958 | 174,536 |
| " 23..... | 1,455,098 | 310,876 |
| " 24..... | 1,681,231 | 205,258 |
| " 25..... | 1,717,785 | 222,169 |
| " 26..... | 1,431,486 | 219,338 |
| Total..... | \$9,702,778 | \$1,456,374 |
| Last week..... | \$ 8,945,939 | \$1,144,203 |
| Cor. week last year.. | 9,156,704 | 1,538,379 |

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, June 25, 1890.

| STOCKS. | Highest. | Lowest. | Total. | Sellers. | Buyers. | Average. 1889. |
|---------------------|----------|---------|--------|----------|---------|----------------|
| Montreal..... | 324 | 318½ | 264 | 222½ | 220½ | 330½ |
| Ontario..... | 120 | 116 | 46 | 120 | 117 | 142 |
| People's..... | 98 | 95 | 99 | 98 | 93½ | 108 |
| Molson's..... | 165 | 160 | 40 | 161 | 160 | 175 |
| Toronto..... | 217 | 208 | 310 | 216 | 214 | 233 |
| J. Cartier..... | 96 | ..... | ..... | 96 | ..... | ..... |
| Merchants'..... | 146 | 141½ | 96 | 144½ | 142 | 145½ |
| Commerce..... | 138 | 124 | 1061 | 138 | 127½ | 123 |
| Union..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 94 |
| Mon. Telegraph..... | 100½ | 96 | 558 | 100½ | 99½ | 95 |
| Rich. & Ont..... | 61 | 56 | 7 | 61 | 58 | 62 |
| City Pass..... | 194 | 187½ | 1350 | 194 | 193½ | 210 |
| do. Rights..... | 38 | 37 | 162 | 38 | 37 | ..... |
| Gas..... | 207½ | 205 | 1212 | 207½ | 207 | 205 |
| do. Rights..... | 35 | 32½ | 90 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| C. Pacific R.R..... | 82½ | 82½ | 4325 | 81½ | 81½ | 56 |
| N. W. Land..... | 80 | 70 | 125 | 76 | 73 | 87 |

ANSWERS TO ENQUIRERS.

"STANTON" writes from Manitoba, saying: "Would you kindly through the columns of your paper inform me of the name of some actors' training school in New York."

We reply that Mr. W. T. Sargent of the New York Dramatic School is probably the best reference we can give "Stanton." It is at all events the place of the kind that receives most attention from the New York papers.

—The system of heating cities or portions of cities with steam from a central reservoir, already tried in London, Ont., with no agree-