

General News Notes.

Mr. McLaren will open a lumber yard in Kingston.

Two mills have been erected at Housay's Rapids this summer.

A shingle mill belonging to Mr. Love, at Port Sandfield, was recently destroyed by fire.

Joseph Ball, of Bracebridge, has invented a bow-facing-oar, which promises to be a success.

Mr. John Knight, of Elsie, is going to put a million feet or more of saw logs into his saw mill.

The bark Yuba with lumber for Buenos Ayres, after leaving Montreal grounded at Longue Point.

A large number of vessels were loaded with lumber at the Parry Sound docks during the past week.

The last lumber tows to leave Ottawa for the United States ports this season will start early this month.

James Davenport, of Midland, has the contract for building the new mill for the Victoria Harbor Company.

Mr. Bothwell is getting out a stock of pine and hemlock logs and shingle bolts for his mill at Cooper's Falls.

Several of the saw-mills at the Chaudiere have shut down owing to the coldness of the weather, and dearth of logs.

The average weight of 1000 superficial feet of Douglas fir lumber is from 3300 to 3500 pounds, and is worth from \$9 to \$25.

Several of Mr. Ulyott's shanty teams have passed through Peterborough for the north, giving quite a flavor of old times.

There has been an increase in the traffic of the Rideau canal. The lockages have been:—Steamers, 576; barges, 934; rafts, 35.

Mr. B. Adam, proprietor of the new shingle mill at Gatineau Point, went up the Gatineau recently in search of a timber limit.

The Rathbun company are setting out five or six hundred shade trees in the streets of Deseronto. Mr. Hopkins, Oswego, has the work in hand.

Two hundred feet of the Waubesa dock was washed away by the big storm. About 20,000 feet of lumber was also washed from the dock.

The Waubesa mills closed down a few days ago and all the men had a chance given them to go at once to the shanties so as not to lose any time.

The steam barge Nile and two barges are going to Kingston from Ottawa with 340,000 ft. of lumber. The steamer Reliance has been chartered to load lumber for Oswego.

Messrs. Gilmour & Co. have made an exchange of limits with the Messrs. Broun, the former giving 170 square miles on the Kippewa for some 900 odd miles on the Gatineau.

Mr. J. G. Oliver, of Battleford, whose saw mill was burned down a few days ago, estimates his loss at \$10,000 and does not possess a single cent of insurance. There is now only one mill in the district.

For the week ending October 23rd last, the Chicago building department issued 63 permits for 80 new buildings to cost \$386,680, against 67 permits for 83 new buildings to cost \$571,650 for the preceding week.

The Rathbun company has purchased from Folger Bros. the charcoal works at Scharbot Lake. The machinery, retorts, etc. will be removed to Deseronto where the experiment of charcoal making will be tried.

On the 19th Oct., at Carswell & Co's mill, Calabogie, there was cut 100,000 feet of lumber. This is pretty good work when it is considered that the gang only carries twenty-one saws thirty-four inches long, with a stroke of twelve inches.

In Wapella, Man., the firm of Logan & Howell, lumber dealers, have assigned. They were formerly farmers, and it is said possessed little means beyond their farms, which are heavily encumbered. They commenced in March last.

Messrs. G. Benedict & Son's law suit in connection with the Scott timber limits has been decided in their favor after lengthy litigation. This decision will have an important and beneficial effect upon the future prosperity of Deseronto.

Mr. Wm. Richard, the superintendent of the Upper Ottawa Driving Company, has commenced the construction of two new driving scows, these now in use being found too small for the large gang of men employed driving during the summer.

The tug Col. By and barges took their last load of the season at Burrill's Rapids on Nov. 4th for Cape Vincent. The tow has been freighted ties and posts for Mr. Hebron Harris all summer, who has an extensive contract with American railroads.

An epidemic of some kind has broken out in Booth's shanty on the Mississippi. Five men arrived at Dacre last Thursday, complaining of chilliness, prostration, vomiting, headache, and pain in the back. One was so low that a clergyman from here was telegraphed for.

The number of pieces of timber which passed through the Government works, on the Madawaska River, during the current season of 1886, was 811 880. This amount was composed of 20,011 pieces of square timber, 20,326 pieces of dimension timber, 761,805 saw-logs, and 9,738 cedars.

The Chatham Manufacturing Company received from the vicinity of Kent Bridge, the other day, an oak log measuring 73 feet in length and 30 inches in diameter, which would contain over 3,000 feet board measure.

A Minneapolis despatch says a syndicate of Canadian lumbermen, with partners in Minnesota, have acquired 500,000 000 feet of pine timber in that State, and will gobble up about one-half the state in timber limits. Treaties with the Indians on these reserves were, it is said, made in the interests of this syndicate.

An immense dry lumber shed is now being erected at Deseronto. It will be arched over and its dimensions will be 600 feet long and 40 wide. The whole work is under the supervision of Mr. E. H. Cooke who has been longing for such a shed for some time. He will surely be content with such a mammoth structure.

Ottawa lumber merchants cannot find sufficient railway cars, or boats for the transport of their lumber, and consequently shipments are largely hindered. Rail shipments will likely double this winter, which will be a great benefit to the city, affording a large amount of employment to laborers, and men having teams for hire.

A young man from Irwin's shanty had a portion of his foot almost completely cut off with an axe. He was brought down to this village on Sunday and had a portion of the injured foot amputated by Dr. Giler, who performed the operation with great skill and success. The young man is progressing favorably.—*Midland Echo*.

Messrs. Gilmour & Co., of Chelsea Village, closed their mill for the season a few days ago. They are getting out timber for the construction of a new saw mill at the Peche. The frame work and the foundation will probably be completed this fall, and the new mill will be in operation by the time the midsummer drives arrive next year.

There is quite a large fleet of vessels in the harbor loading lumber and a large number of vessels are expected before the close of navigation. We understand that several million feet of lumber which has been sold this fall will have to remain here all winter owing to the difficulty of chartering vessels on which to ship it.—*Parry Sound North Star*.

Mr. Robert Bick, of Bobcaygeon, has accepted a responsible and lucrative position in the Rathbun Co., at Deseronto, as manager of their shingle mill. Mr. Bick's skill as a shingle maker is such that the value of their shingles made has been considerably enhanced, and though he gets a good salary the Rathbun Co. will make a good thing out of it.

The *Whitby Chronicle* says that the failure of Messrs. Trounce & Co., lumbermen and millers, is the talk of the town this week. It is stated the liabilities of the firm amount to \$100,000, the nominal value of the assets being put at a good deal less. The Ontario Bank is the heaviest creditor and is said to possess the only security held by anyone.

The Board of Trade has taken up in earnest the question of the graving dock advocated for Montreal by the *Witness*, and has addressed a letter to the Harbor Commissioners, stating that the immediate construction of the dock is necessary, and urging the Harbor Board to commence to agitate at once for the scheme, as well as to open negotiations with the Government.

A cablegram to the *Halifax Herald* from St. Pierre, Miqu., says a large barque, laden with timber, was on fire nine miles south-west of St. Pierre on the 9th Nov, drifting east. She was ablaze from stem to stern. Her name was obliterated, but the word "Swansea" was visible. A tug went to the scene. The fate of the crew is unknown.

Mr. Allan McPherson's saw mill has been shut down, after a satisfactory season. The shingle mill will run all winter. Mr. McPherson has done a very good business this year, in limo and building stone. He has purchased the limits in the South Western corner of Oakley, and their farms, from Mr. R. C. Strickland & Co.; also a limit in Ryde, from the Georgian Bay Lumber Co. He will get out a large stock for the mills for next year. His shanties are in full operation.

The "big trees" of California will soon be extinct. Seventeen lumber companies, owning from 3000 to 25,000 acres of redwood forest each, are waging a war of extermination with all the weapons known to the modern logging camp. The demand for the wood is unlimited and all the mills are kept at work to the limit of their capacity. The forests are large, but the forces employed against them are swift and irresistible.

The receipts of Southern yellow pine at New York from points in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida, within eighteen days last month, exceeded eight million feet sawn. Savannah furnished the largest quantity, 1,452,000 feet. Brunswick nearly as much, then Jacksonville and Fernandina, both Florida ports. Wilmington and Georgetown and Norfolk sent the least. Darien furnishes in that period 500,000 feet hewn and 440,000 feet re-sawn.

About 100 lumbermen, came last week, have just left to work for the winter in the lumber business at Port Arthur. No little difficulty was experienced in securing the right kind of men. Many refused twenty-four dollars per month and "all found"; and several who have signed the contract, and left their valises and watches with the employing agent, failed to put in an appearance. Good men were guaranteed from twenty-four to twenty-eight dollars per month, all found.

Messrs. Thompson & Son, lumbermen of Peterborough, have commenced operations for the season of 1886-7. A gang of men have been at work in the township of Manvers for the last month or more, and when the winter sets in two more gangs will be dispatched to the Georgian Bay district and Ottawa River district respectively. Messrs. Thompson & Son confine themselves to the square timber branch of the business. Last year they got out a large quantity of white pine masts and other kinds of square timber. This year they will take out a considerable quantity of ash square timber for export to Europe.

The firm of Gilmour & Co. state that they have no camp known as Gilmour's Camp, and that the reported murder and outrage there is probably a fabrication. They have inquired of their agent at the the Deseronto, and he reports that nothing is known there of the alleged tragedy. The woman and her daughter said to have been the victims of the outrage were not living in the neighborhood, having removed to Mattawa some time ago. These statements pretty well discredit the original story as published in these columns, but it seems hard to believe that anybody would deliberately concoct such a horrible yarn, either for profit or amusement.

Several accidents have occurred in Mr. Jos. Gaudette's shanty at Barry's Bay, on the Madawaska river, during the past few days, one of which is of a serious nature. Peter Kelly, near Mount St. Patrick, was drawing logs through the bush at this shanty, when one of them swung round and struck a dry tree which broke off and struck Kelly on the back of the head, knocking him senseless. He was carried to the shanty and cared for by his fellow workmen. Two days after he took sick fits, and Dr. Kinder was called in, who administered to the sufferers wants as best he could. We understand that Kelly's mind is deranged through the effects of the blow. There are six men laid up in this shanty with cuts, bruises, etc.

A few days ago the additional applications made for timber berths at the New Brunswick Crown Lands office, were disposed of by auction, all the applicants obtaining the lands at the upset price, with out competition. The licenses issued were as follows: Mr. Henry O'Leary obtained lot No. 47, Upsalquitch River, 2 square miles, and No. 48 Upsalquitch River, 2 square miles; Mr. Charles Tracey obtained No. 49 N. E. branch, Yoho stream, Sunbury, 2 square miles, and No. 50, head of Little River, Sunbury, 2 square miles; 2 square miles in the same locality went to Mr. George Hunter; No. 51, Nepisiquit River, 3 square miles to K. F. Burns. Further applications have been made for twenty-one miles of timber berths, which according to the *Gleaner*, are to be sold this week.

A couple of months ago a raft of 3,000,000 feet of logs was made up at the mouth of French river, Georgian Bay, to be towed to East Tawas for the Emory Lumber Company by the tug M. C. King Bird, the contract guaranteeing the safe delivery of the logs. The tug pulled on the raft eight days in bad weather and then abandoned the job temporarily, engaging in wrecking expeditions. Two weeks ago she went back and took hold of the raft, and got out into Lake Huron, when a big blow came on and she was obliged to go back under the lee of the islands at the mouth of the bay where the raft lay at last advice, and as the weather has been unsettled since it is uncertain when the raft will be delivered. The Kate Williams brought over the log barge Walpoesotte to Tawas with a cargo of logs last week.

The steam barge Nile with her consort, the Isis and Bedford, have finished their season's work on the Rideau Canal. They have not met with an accident, a fact much to the credit of the Captain and Engineer. The Dominion Government should deepen and improve the Rideau canal without delay. It is becoming more and more prominent as a factor for the economic movement of lumber and farm products. Many steamers are plying on that route, on which are many flourishing towns, such as Smith's Falls, Merrickville, Westport, &c. It is an exceedingly pretty route for tourists to Ottawa and other points, and with deeper water an increased army of American tourists from the Thousand Islands would patronize the route. Members from Central Ontario should press upon the Government the importance of improving the canal and that without delay.—*Deseronto Tribune*.

The fire at Conroy's Mill, Deechones Lake, was confined to the lumber yard where it originated, although for a time it appeared as if it might make a clean sweep of the mills and village. Three acres of piling grounds were burnt over and the fire continued to smoulder all night but was carefully watched lest it should be communicated to the other property. It is supposed to have originated from the pipe of some smoker, although smoking is strictly prohibited on the grounds. The mills had not been in operation for two years, consequently the docks were clear of lumber. Mr. N. E. Cormier, M.P.P., of Aylmer, on hearing of the fire, immediately closed down his mill and sent his men to assist in putting it out, while the C. P. Railroad generously put an engine and train at the disposal of such Aylmerites as desired to go to the fire. The two companies worked away with a will, but notwithstanding their efforts to extinguish it, the yard burned with great fierceness all the afternoon, being filled with comparatively dry material. The fire was conquered at about eight o'clock in the evening. The main property, the saw mill, grain elevator, and grist mill were not damaged in the least as well as the numerous other buildings on the premises. The whole property was insured for \$80,000, but the damage sustained is comparatively light.—*Ottawa Evening Journal*.