

MILLS AT THUNDER BAY.

The Prince Arthur's Landing Sentinel says the Thunder Bay Lumber Co. is the name of a firm recently organized for the purpose of carrying on the lumber business there. The company owns, and it is their intention to cut the pine on the Indian reserve in the township of Neelburg; 2,000,000 feet board measure will be logged this winter, and it is their further intention to have completed and in running order by June next a saw mill with a capacity of 25,000 per diem. Also shingle, lath and planing mill; the whole to be built between the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Bay shore, near the town limits. The importance of this enterprise in the future of the town cannot be over-estimated. It is, you might say, the pioneer manufacturing industry of Prince Arthur's Landing, and nothing so surely tends to the development and growth of any business as the successful carrying out of enterprises requiring a large amount of labour.

Mr. Thos. Marks is going to erect, during the coming winter, on the property adjacent to the "O'Brien Addition," a large saw mill with a capacity of 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 feet per season.

Mr. Moya Lesser will be at Prince Arthur's Landing in a few days for the purpose of making arrangements for the working of the mill situated on Park Lot No. 1. The proprietors have decided to work this as a flour mill, and it is expected that there will be no difficulty in securing a sufficient supply of corn from the Northwest, over the C. P. R., during the winter, to keep the mill in constant working.

OTTAWA LUMBER TRADE.

The following figures represent the quantity and value of the sawed lumber exported from Ottawa and vicinity for the last fiscal year:

Month.	Ft. Board M's.	Value.
July.....	24,209,000	\$ 234,500
August.....	23,634,000	310,100
September.....	21,321,000	237,500
October.....	19,477,000	240,440
November.....	15,207,000	201,364
December.....	3,358,000	32,895
January.....	1,897,000	24,114
February.....	1,635,000	20,353
March.....	2,633,000	33,193
April.....	2,340,000	33,866
May.....	18,134,000	297,800
June.....	30,200,000	410,030
Total.....	103,055,000	\$ 2,302,220

The figures for each month of the previous year:

Month.	Ft. Board M's.	Value.
July.....	23,225,000	\$ 245,637
August.....	22,080,000	278,107
September.....	20,074,000	232,780
October.....	20,318,000	232,612
November.....	19,650,000	222,350
December.....	745,000	10,599
January.....	915,000	10,470
February.....	1,070,000	17,707
March.....	2,451,000	28,339
April.....	2,681,000	31,673
May.....	22,198,000	272,886
June.....	24,324,000	282,180
Total.....	173,797,000	\$ 1,956,324

QUEBEC CULLERS' OFFICE.

The following is a comparative statement of Timber, Masts, Bowsprits, Spars, Staves, &c. measured and culled to Oct. 13:—

	1880.	1881.	1882.
Waney White Pine.....	2,081,344	2,611,790	2,473,010
White Pine.....	3,876,023	5,641,878	7,433,695
Red Pine.....	1,017,177	1,874,730	1,619,084
Oak.....	1,461,737	2,636,159	1,149,396
Elm.....	62,784	1,009,496	187,020
Ash.....	230,815	397,041	267,190
Hardwood.....	303	3,676	1,273
Hatternut.....	645	2,921	2,639
Tamarac.....	33,720	24,416	51,482
Birch & Maple.....	561,315	161,742	208,333
Slats.....	4 pcs	25 pcs	33 pcs
Spars.....	23 pcs	— pcs	51 pcs
Std. Staves.....	68,523	368,729	351,023
W. I. Staves.....	331,122	445,420	1194,906
Brl. Staves.....	108,210	—	784,229

JAMES PATTON

(Quebec, Oct. 13.

Superior of Cullers

BEATING RAILWAY COMPANIES.

The Northwestern Lumberman says—The following account may evince the gullibility of Russian railway managers, but the scheme would hardly work with American railway men—

A sly timber merchant of Odessa, so a European correspondent says, got the best of a couple of Russian railway companies a little while ago. He made a contract with them for the delivery of a large quantity of timber within a given time, and deposited 10,000 roubles as

security to carry out his agreement, upon the understanding that the companies would convey the merchandise gratis. Train load upon train load reached the city stations, the companies successively declining the timber as not being equal to what was contracted for. Fresh orders were sent out by the merchant to his agents for a better quality, and more train loads brought more timber of an objectionable description, which the wily trader invariably disposed of to local merchants. The freights alone represented a fortune ten fold the amount of his cash deposit, and having realized he coolly threw up his contract, allowing the companies to divide his security.

JEFFERSON'S SAW MILL.

The following story is told of President Jefferson, and it has a good point in it—Jefferson was a great man, but he was far from practical in some things. When he was in France he was very much struck with the utility of wind-mills. He thought they were wonderful institutions, and cost so little to run. He owned a large quantity of timber on a mountain much higher than Monticello, about a mile off. He purchased in France a wind-mill and the machinery for a saw mill at the cost of \$13,000, and had it taken to the top of the mountain. He had for a neighbour a bluff old fellow named Cole. One day Cole came to see him, and Jefferson took him up to where he was having the mill built. "It was as much as they could do to climb the steep ascent." When Cole recovered the breath he had lost getting up the mountain, he said, "Mr. Jefferson, you have a splendid saw-mill, and it is a splendid place to catch the wind, but how are you going to get the logs up here to saw from?" The author of the "Declaration of Independence" started like a man suddenly awakened from a delightful dream, and quickly said, "Hey, Cole, how? What?" And then, relapsing into abstraction, led the way down the mountain toward Monticello. The wind mill was never completed, and years after the machinery was sold for old iron.

ARRIVALS IN LONDON.

The Timber Trades Journal of Sept. 30th, says:—There were no less than 77 vessels with wharfs or part cargoes of wood reported for London during the week, from the 21st to the 27th inclusive, most of them with full, and many with cargoes of various descriptions; 37 of this fleet are steamers, and with very few exceptions the cargoes were from European ports, one only being from the Canadian side; for the present the London market seems chiefly occupied with the Swedish and Finland shipments, which are, to say the least of it, sufficiently abundant to ensure that there shall be no want of similar goods when the navigation closes. In all this heavy list not a single cargo is reported from Quebec or from St. John, N. B., neither from the Gulf of St. Lawrence, or from any of the pitch pine ports of the Southern States which is something remarkable; yet timber from these latter are still a drug in the market, and Pensacola hewn logs of good average at Thursday's sale, with difficulty realized 67s. 6d., some going as low as 52s. 6d. a load.

WOOD CARVING.

Wood carving in Schleswig is being carried on by Herr Christopher Magnussen, who a few years since established a school for wood-carving there. The name of Magnussen as a distinguished painter must have become familiar to many, but hereafter it will be better known as that of the reviver of the art which we have just mentioned. We say reviver advisedly, inasmuch as that Schleswig and the adjoining states supplied carving for the decoration of English homes several centuries ago, and ship-loads of useful and ornamental work were yearly transmitted across the German ocean. The school is now in a most promising condition, having already made great strides in technical and artistic knowledge under the experienced guidance of its master. Besides modeling natural forms, such as leaves and tendrils, the more advanced among the students have attempted to represent the human form. This disinterested undertaking is so praiseworthy, from an artistic and material point of view,

that it deserves the strongest support and widest publication. The town of Schleswig has given its hearty support and countenance, and we warmly wish the undertaking prosperously.

PRICES FIRM.

The Lumberman's Gazette of Bay City, Mich., says: There is this singular fact in connection with the lumber market, that, opening at a fair figure in the spring, it advanced in price not only against the prognostications of the buyers and commission men, who looked confidently to a break in prices, but much beyond the calculations of the most sanguine among the manufacturers, and present figures seem even more solid than were the figures of April. Pine timber has also sympathized with the rise in lumber, and the figures of some of the recent transactions would have been regarded as wild less than a year ago. The same quality of lumber and at same point on the river brought in April \$7.50, \$15 and \$36 per M., and early the present month \$9, \$18 and \$38 to \$40 per M., and it is quite as firm at the latter as at the former figures. The rise in value in the pine lands owned by one individual who operates largely in this city aggregates something over a million and a half of dollars.

FOREST PRESERVATION.

The Bay City, Lumberman's Gazette says—The preservation of our forests, as we have repeatedly urged, is a matter that has been too long neglected. Public health and the preservation of our present climatic condition demand that something should be done quickly to stop the destruction of our forests. After all, the cost of tree-planting is so trivial that, if the importance of this matter were brought before the public, they would doubtless do much to assist in this matter by planting more shade trees about their houses, along the country roadsides, and whenever land was available for this purpose. So important is this matter that it demands legislative action on the subject. Some laws ought to be devised—and enforced—to prevent the present destruction of trees, and to encourage the planting of young timber.

Putting the Chief on His Feet.

The Hamilton, Ont., Fire Department, under the training and supervision of Chief A. W. Aitchison, is not excelled in efficiency by that of any other city in the Dominion. Chief Aitchison, by the way, met with a very severe accident in driving to a fire not long ago. His head, shoulders and back were injured in a terrible manner. Being asked how he accounted for his rapid recovery, he replied: "Simply enough; St. Jacobs Oil can put any man on his feet, if there is any life in him all. I used that wonderful medicine from the start, and the result is, that I am to-day in prime health and condition. St. Jacobs Oil, the panacea that comes to the relief of the Fireman for rheumatism, burns, etc., served me in my trouble and cured me quickly, completely and permanently. It is the standard medicine here in the Fire Department."

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