

NOTES FROM THE NORTH.

[From our Own Correspondent.]

MIDLAND.

The mill commonly known as Cooks, but which for the last two years has been owned and run by Messrs. Miscampbell & Dickinson, again did good work during the season of 1888, having turned out, as usual in good shape, eleven million feet. They are in a heavy contract to cut for the Emery Lumber Co.'s, of Saginaw for some years, and with some few alterations they purpose making in the mill this winter, anticipate cutting at least fifteen millions in 1889.

The logs of the Emery Lumber Co., are taken out on the Wahmpatae river, and are towed from French river to Midland. Their log crop from this point this winter will foot up some seventeen millions.

The Ontario Lumber Co.'s mill here cut about three and a half millions during 1888, but were sadly hindered by the frequent disasters to rafts on the Bay. They purpose getting through with some six millions this coming season.

Messrs. Peters & Cam have again to shake themselves by the hand after another successful season. This is a live concern—all workers—and their little mill pushed through the season without a day's stop. Their logs are obtained principally from the Parry Sound district and looks a really nice stock. It is their intention to stretch things a little and put up for 1889 between four and five millions. They are happy in the possession of such an able and experienced manager for their mill as Mr. William McCluehy.

Chew Bros. had a successful season and cut about three millions including half a million hardwood. They expect to cut the coming season about four millions with the same proportion of hardwood. They are at present moving their mill to the site formerly held by Tait & Wylie here and whose mill was burned down. This change will add greatly to their room and it is to be hoped correspondingly to their wealth. They are hard working and deserving men.

PENETANGUISHENE.

Messrs. C. Beck & Co., had a good season and manipulated some ten million feet at their two mills. They will put up at least twelve millions this coming season. The logs are brought chiefly from Strawauga and French rivers. I understand that they have a contract extending over some years to cut for Smith & Co., Tonawanda, and with such machinery as has been put in their two mills at an immense cost they cannot fail to do good work.

Mr. D. Davidson, who is possessed of fully as much decency as push, put together last year about three million feet, one-third of which was hardwood. He makes a specialty of red oak, and prides himself on his good sidings, for which he always obtains the highest price. He expects to cut about three millions this season. C. McGibbon, like his neighbor, has a slight "penchant" for hardwoods, and cuts about the same proportion out of his stock. He put together last year in good style between two and a half and three millions and will cut about the same this season.

STURGEON BAY.

In this hamlet we find the well-appointed circular mills owned by James Playfair & Co. Last year proved a good season for them, and they turned out without a hitch some four and a-half millions. Their limits are very handy to the mill, and at the present time they are rushing in the logs with the intention of cutting at least five millions this season. The mill is expected to start about February 15th, and for a send off will cut some (200,000) two hundred thousand feet of timber intended for the addition which is to be immediately made to the G. T. R. elevator at Midland. (The Georgian Bay Lumber Co., will furnish the remainder of the material for this work.) The shingle mill will be again stocked to her fullest capacity. In visiting this mill one is struck with the "pull together" feeling which seems to pervade the place, and Mr. Playfair must make a success of his business when he is so fortunate as to have the assistance of such men as Mr. F. McNab for the mill, Mr. Henry Shields for the bush, and Mr. Fred Cameron in the yard.

FRENCH RIVER.

Considering the late start the mill had, the Ontario Lumber Co. did a good year's business. Their total cut was about two millions, and they are to be congratulated on having shown a vast improvement in manufacture on previous years. Messrs J. Shaw, of Forest, and Simon Fraser, of Amherstburg, purchased from the Company in the neighborhood of seven million feet, which was cut and put up under the supervision of their agent, Mr. Frank R. Weston. The last two millions of their purchase was taken from logs cut in the Commanda district, and the sidings from those would gladden the heart of any lumberman to look at. This branch of the Ontario Lumber Co.'s business has been carefully hand-

led by Mr. C. W. Pitt, and the mill has for its foreman the worthy old stayer Mr. William Thompson. It is the intention to make material changes in the mill for the coming season, and which alteration will be pushed forward after the 1st February. The cut for 1889 will reach ten million. During the past year the Company shipped by vessel a little over a eleven million feet.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Little, manager of the Ross-McLaren Lumber Co., has left Ottawa for British Columbia. This Company expect to cut 80,000,000 feet of lumber next season in the Pacific province.

From the municipal election returns for the Province of Ontario recently published, we recognize the names of a number of well-known lumbermen who have been elected to represent the interests of their respective municipalities. There are no doubt omissions in our list, as it would be next to impossible to make it complete from memory. Among the mayors we find Messrs Isaac Cockburn, Gravenhurst, and Mr. Graham, of the firm of Graham, Home & Co. Port Arthur. Reeves: Messrs. A. McAuslan, Galt; Chas. McGibbon, Penetanguishene; R. Truax, Walkerton, and J. Lennox, Parkdale. Aldermen: Messrs. Robt. Cruickshank and Thos. Patterson, Hamilton; William Hepburn, Stratford. Councillors: Messrs. D. Vansickle, Geo. Ball and August Hertel, Barrie; Luther Cheyne, Brampton; Thos. Basset and John Chamberlain, Collingwood; G. Kress, Durham; H. J. Hurlburt, Mitchell; George Hughes and John Cringle, Mount Forest; W. Joy, Napanee; C. Beck, Penetanguishene; Duncan Fisher, Paisley; Wm. McDonald, Lucknow; Wm. Lucas, Markdale; J. Ament, Brussels; Thos. D. Duncombe, Waterford; A. A. Morden, Wellington; Arthur Jones, Warton; R. Beckett, Smith's Falls; Robert Smith, Tilsonburg; L. Peacock and John A. Bain, Woodstock; S. Gillies, Ailsa Craig; Abner Nichols, Carleton Place; Jos. Davenport, Midland; J. D. Baptie, Peterborough; Geo. Augustine, Port Colborne.

AMERICAN NOTES.

—The official figures of the input of lumber at Tonawanda, N.Y., have been compiled by United States Collector, T. H. Chapman, and show an increase of 52,000,000 feet over the business of last year. The receipts by lake were 569,522,850 feet, and by rail 15,000,000, giving a total of 584,000,000 feet, against 532,000,000 in 1887.

—Of the 2,020,000,000 feet of lumber received in Chicago during the past year it appears that 1,136,324,000 feet, of 56¼ per cent. of the whole amount, went into local consumption.

—The output of the saw mills at Muskegon amounted to only 550,000,000 feet the past season despite the fact that the season was an exceptionally long one. The cut in 1884 was about 700,000,000 feet. The cut of logs this winter will be about 100,000,000 less than it was last.

—P. W. Scribner, Tonawanda N.Y., lately opened a bonded yard, in which he will keep 2,000,000 feet of Canadian lumber.

—It is estimated that about 700,000,000 feet of logs were gotten out in the Puget Sound district, W. T. last year.

—Alpena shipped this season 212,425,000 feet of lumber; 12,102,000 shingles; 6,557,000 lath; 382,000 cedar posts; 218,900 railway ties; 775 cords of cedar and 220 cords of match timber.

—During 1888 the Alpena mills produced about 200,000,000 feet of lumber, against 202,000,000 the preceding year. There was also produced 43,348,000 lath, and 33,960,000 shingles. The concerns are carrying over about 30,000,000 feet of lumber, and there is about 100,000,000 feet of old logs in the river, mostly all in boom limits.

—The water shipments of lumber from Muskegon, Mich., for 1888, are given as follows: April, 34,946,000 feet; May, 72,299,000; June, 64,222,000; July, 50,480,000; August 63,616,000; September, 66,493,000; October, 69,022,000; November, 59,716,000; total, 480,794,000 feet. The total water shipments of shingles for the same period were 169,113,000.

—An Ohio stave manufacturer says. "All the staves used in this country are made in Indiana, Michigan, Northwestern Ohio and Canada. Indiana

turns out about 75,000,000, Michigan 600,000,000, Canada 200,000,000, and Northwestern Ohio makes a big third of all the staves used in the United States. In Northwestern Ohio there are more staves made to-day than ever before, and I believe the business has doubled within the past ten years, and we look for a greater increase in the years to come."

—During 1887 37,507,579 feet of lumber, valued at \$501,241, was shipped from Puget Sound, W.T., ports to Australia, Melbourne taking 26,623,449 feet. The Hawaiian Islands took 13,697,096 feet, Chili 11,617,797, and Peru, China, the Argentine Confederation, Mexico, Brazil, Uruguay and the Samoa Islands a total of 8,870,911, making the aggregate exports 71,023,383 feet. The total shipments from Puget Sound ports for the first six months of 1888 were as follows: January, 30,644,000 feet; February, 27,480,937; March, 27,293,334; April, 23,028,991; May, 38,252,816; June, 27,221,090; total, 173,921,168; feet, valued at \$2,273,612. The foreign shipments show an increase over the same period of 1887, especially in valuation, the total being 55,007,089, feet, valued at \$705,583. Of this amount 38,575,733 feet, valued at \$504,651, went to Australia, Melbourne taking 24,055,761 feet, valued at \$314,225. The foreign shipments for the first half of 1888 were as follows, by months: January, 8,108,349 feet; February, 11,188,588; March, 3,879,862; April, 9,014,589; May, 12,824,767; June, 9,991,015.

—On the basis of the whole railroad system of the country aggregating 160,000 miles, the total annual consumption of ties, taking into consideration the average life and destruction, is estimated at about 422,000,000, equivalent to 3,200,000,000 feet of lumber.

—The mill docks of the Saginaw river hold 356,865,000 feet of lumber. It compares favorably with a year ago, at which time there was on dock 339,565,951 feet. The quantity unsold this season is estimated at 298,975,000 feet, and the quantity on dock sold at 57,890,000 feet, against 64,230,195 feet a year ago. The rail shipments from the valley for 1888 amounted to 320,000,000 feet, against 261,500,000 for the preceding year.

—Messrs. Flatt, Bradley & Co., of East Saginaw, Mich., and Hamilton, Ont., report that the outlook for the coming year is considered exceptionally favorable. At vessel points in Michigan staves have brought prices as follows: Canada pipe, \$180 a gross; white oak, West India, \$50; barrel staves, \$35; oak timber, 25 cents a cubic foot. Flatt, Bradley & Co., have handled during the season 150,000 cubic feet of oak timber; 25,511 Canada pipe staves and 11,944 barrel staves.

Cutting an Oak 1,000 Years Old.

The old oak in Woodbridgetown, Conn., remarkable for its huge dimensions, was felled to the ground the other day, after five hours of chopping by four men. The trunk was 27 feet 6 inches in diameter, and contained over 1,100 layers or rings, showing that it was above a thousand years old. The tree was said to be the largest in New England. So grand and beautiful was it that R. R. Wiseman, of New Haven, made an etching of it some time ago, copies of which are now in great demand. In October, 1882, the Quinipiac Oak Tree Association held a celebration around the old tree, about one thousand people being present. The oak was decorated with hundreds of large American flags, and speeches commemorative of the occasion were made.

CASUALTIES.

Alfred Falardeau, in the employ of the Georgian Bay Lumber Co., of Waukegan, Ont., while crossing Matchedash Bay some days ago broke through the ice and was drowned.

A young man named W. J. Borer, was nearly cut in two by a saw and instantly killed recently while at work in his father's saw mill near Dundas, Ont.

James McKenzie, employed in Lewis' mill, near Essex Centre, Ont., was badly injured some days ago, through falling under a log. His right arm and leg were broken, and he also sustained internal injuries.

FIRE RECORD.

A fire broke out in the engine house of Brown & Rutherford's lumber mills, Winnipeg, Man., recently, and damaged the premises to the extent of \$500.