

General News Notes.

COUNTRY shingle mills do not appear to be making much money this year.

McKENNAN'S mill at Kilworthy has cut 15,000,000 feet since the season began.

JOSEPH SONS, of Deseronto, had some of his fingers lacerated by a saw a few days ago.

THREE million feet of lumber will be required for the new Canadian Pacific elevator at Montreal.

W. A. HUNGERFORD has bought the mills situated at Glen Lewis, formerly owned by C. Wallbridge.

THE opening of the Murray Canal will be celebrated by a grand demonstration at Trenton or vicinity on Oct. 2nd.

SHIPPING at Ottawa still continues brisk in the lumber trade, and shows every sign of remaining so until the close of the season.

THE new forty cord brick kiln for burning charcoal at the Rathbun Co's works at Deseronto, is now completed. It is said to be a fine piece of workmanship.

THE Gilmour Company and the town of Trenton are at loggerheads concerning a water privilege asked for by the above firm.

GEO. GRAY'S sash and door factory at Harrisburg, Ont., was destroyed by fire on Aug. 29th. Loss partly covered by insurance.

ALL the Chaudiere and Hull mills, on the Ottawa, Can., are running night and day in expectancy of a brisk fall demand.

IN the Ottawa district large numbers of shantymen are already being engaged to go to the bush to engage in lumber operations for next season.

ABOUT 1,000 railway ties and 1,200 posts are turned out of the Cedar Mill, at Deseronto, each day, besides shingles and dimension stuff.

ADVICES from Vancouver, B. C., state that the ship Beaufield is loading with 1,020,000 feet of lumber, value \$11,800, for Peru, and the barque Naniwa is taking 465,000 feet to Tientsin, China.

BELLEVILLE was visited with a disastrous fire a fortnight ago, by which about 2,000,000 feet of lumber in Flint & Holton's lumber yard was burned. Loss, \$25,000; no insurance.

THE barge which was fitted up by Gilchrist & Co., of Alpena, Mich., to take over logs from the Georgian Bay, after having made one trip abandoned the project.

THE Rathbun Co., of Deseronto, has closed a contract with the Grand Trunk Railway Co., for 300,000 railway ties to be delivered during the coming fall and winter.

THE Dickson Company, of Peterborough, have constructed along the river bank at their property about seven hundred feet of piers this year, to protect the shores, and behind which to deposit mill refuse and thus make ground.

It is claimed that cedar on Manitoulin island, Lake Huron, is getting low. Late a propeller had to move from port to port along the shore of the island in order to get a full load for Chicago.

THE steamship Cameo lately sailed from Montreal with 1,781,000 feet of lumber on board, shipped by Bryant, Powis & Bryaut, London. It was said to have been the largest cargo of lumber loaded in the St. Lawrence this season.

A GIANT oak weighing about 55 tons has been recovered from the bed of the Rhine, where it is supposed to have laid at least 3,000 years, and is on exhibition on a kind of Noah's Ark moored off the Cours-la-Rhine, Paris.

To find the amount of water required for a condenser divide 1,100 by the difference between the temperature of the hot well and that of the injection water; the result is the number of pounds of water required to condense one pound of steam.

If it is decided to maintain the Colonial Exhibition permanently in England it is, according to the *Manitoba*, probable that the Manitoba Government will have a space reserved for the products of that province. The land department of the M. & N. W. Railway may also have a permanent space.

THE Northwestern Coal & Navigation Co., has offered to make a free grant of land and ten thousand feet of lumber for the erection of a hospital in Lethbridge, Man., provided that the residents will furnish the labor and other incidental expenses necessary to its erection.

FOREST protection has awakened so much interest in California that the legislature, at its last session, appointed a forestry commission, with instructions to investigate the extent character and rate of destruction of the timbered districts of the state.

AN Ottawa paper says:—"Less square timber than ever before has passed through the Chaudiere Slides this season. A large quantity has been taken over the Canadian Pacific Railway from Nipissing to Papineauville. This, combined with a smaller cut than usual, accounts for the small traffic through the Slides."

THE local news columns of the *Record*, at Selkirk, Man., show that there is a considerable fleet of steamers and barges on Lake Winnipeg, all largely engaged in the lumber trade between the mills located on that water and Selkirk. Apparently there has been an increase in the Lake Winnipeg traffic this season over former years.

MESSRS. SMITH, WADE & Co., timber merchants here are dissolving partnership at the end of the season. Mr. Smith retiring. It is understood that Mr. Wade, with Mr. Walcott, now with Messrs. J. Burdall & Co., will continue the business of the firm of Messrs. Smith, Wade & Co., which will be represented in Canada by Mr. Wade and in England by Mr. Walcott.

A RECENT letter from a correspondent at the Indian and Colonial Exhibition, says that there have been further enquiries for white oak staves, this time from Spain. The last enquiry was followed by a purchase on account of a New Orleans wine cask manufacturer. Mr. H. F. Coombe, of the Canadian section, has offered to supply all needed information on the subject.

AN oak stain can be produced by mixing powdered ochre, Venetian red and umber in size, in proportions to suit; or richer stain may be made with raw sienna, burnt sienna alone is very effective. To darken oak, strong coffee is sometimes used. To make it very dark, iron filings with a little sulphuric acid and water put on with a sponge and allowed to dry after each application, is good.

THE cut of square timber on the Ottawa, Can., has considerably fallen off of late, owing to the increased demand in Great Britain for sawed stock in preference to that in square form. A less quantity of square timber than ever before has passed through the Chaudiere slides this season, but the Canadian Pacific has taken large quantities from Nipissing to Papineauville, where the sticks are put in the water and floated to Quebec.

GRADING on the Deluth & Manitoba railroad between the Northern Pacific junction and Red Lake Falls, Minn., is about completed, and track laying is in rapid progress. The line between Red Lake Falls and Grand Forks, on Red River of the North, is under contract. Red Lake Falls promises to become an important mill point, since the Red Lake pine region is tributary by way of Red Lake and Clearwater rivers. The new road will furnish a shipping outlet for sawed product, east, south and west.

THERE is a change in the firm of Bewick Comstock & Co., of Alpena. Charles Bewick has retired from the firm, having sold his entire interest in the bank, the lumbering business here, as well as the pin lands of Canada and Mississippi, to A. W. W. B. and J. B. Comstock, who will hereafter carry on the business.

THE Bow River Lumber & Land Company, composed of a wealthy syndicate of Eau Claire, and whose scenes of operations is at Calgary Northwestern Territory, are rushing the work on their new saw mill along with all possible speed. This will be the first saw and planing mill introduced in that section, and will have a manufacturing capacity of 125,000 feet of lumber per day. A battery of three boilers and the frame work for a gang saw for the mills is in course of construction in Saginaw.

THE prevailing wages for shanty hands now being engaged at Ottawa are as follows:—Choppers, \$15 to \$20 per month, and cutters \$14 to \$17 per month, shanty foremen, \$36 to \$40 per month; shanty cooks, \$36 per month.

In consequence of an arrangement between the Canadian Pacific railway management and the lumber firms in the Nipissing valley, Ont., in regard to transportation rates, two large mills will soon be built at McLeod's Bay, near Sturgeon Falls.

A BRITISH COLUMBIA paper says:—"Some fine sticks were cut yesterday at the Hastings mill, Vancouver, one of them measuring 100x24 feet square, and weighing nine tons. The logs are free from all knots and imperfection, no better ones having ever been turned out at any mill on this coast."

THE Lethbridge (Alberta, N. W. T.) *News*, says:—"The Company's sawmill is now getting out 15,000 feet of lumber per day and about 4,500 logs are on the bottom in the vicinity of the mill all ready for the saw. This is only about one third of the logs which came down on the drive this spring."

THE rain of the past few days has caused the Montmorency River, Quebec, to rise sufficiently to permit of the driving of the logs which have been stuck all summer, to the mill. It will be a boon to working class of the river who have been out of work for several weeks. The rain has had the same beneficial effect on the Chaudiere.

"LATIN" out another railroad? "Surveying for one," was the reply. "Goin' threw my barn?" "Don't see how we can avoid." "Wall now, mister, I calkerlate I've got somethin' tew say 'bout that. I want you to understand' that I got somethin' else tew dew besides running out tew open and shet them doors every time a train wants to go throw."

It is expected that the cut of logs in the Upper Ottawa country next season will be very large. Messrs. Lord & Hurdman have twelve shanties in the bush, and other firms are proportionately well represented. The wages paid lumbermen are good. There are 20,000 logs in the Des Joachim boom, which when passed through will finish operations there for this season.

THE Canadian government has made another increase in the export duty of logs. The tariff on pine logs has been placed at \$3 a thousand and on spruce \$2 a thousand. On shingle bolts a specific duty of \$1.50 a cord has been declared. This will interfere with the operations of the Michigan men, who have recently invested largely in timber limits on the north shore of Lake Huron.

THE Canadian lumbermen are not satisfied with the export duty on pine logs and have renewed their demand for its increase to \$3 per thousand feet. The original tariff resolutions brought down by the finance minister at the last session made the duty \$3, but it was afterwards reduced to \$2. Manufacturers of sawn lumber say that \$3 per thousand export duty on logs is not more than equivalent to \$2 per thousand import duty imposed upon lumber by the United States government.

A DEALER who had been scurrying around in the Saginaw valley, called at the *Northwestern Lumberman* office recently and had something to say about the tricks of manufacturers. "They have been charging all the schemes in the catalogue to the jobber, but now they are out on them themselves. Over in the valley it is amusing to notice how lumber is piled. The best edge of the board is 'out. Unless a man gets down in the pile and looks at it, he knows no more than the man who moon what kind of lumber it contains. On that account there are eastern buyers who have had it set to 'em finely. The face of the pile looked well; seeing is believing, they think, so they buy; but in good time they found out that they could see about as far into a lumber pile as they can into a grindstone. I don't go on the face of a pile worth a cent any more." Wonder if the Chicago dealer expected the Saginaw valley manufacturers would order all the best stock put in the middle of the pile and the poorest outside. As they buy by inspection they get what they pay for.

THE *Journal of Commerce* is authority for the statement that the cut of square timber has fallen away of late, owing to the increased demand for sawn lumber in the old country in preference to the bulk block. A less quantity than ever in Ottawa's history has passed through the Chaudiere slides this season, the Canadian Pacific railway taking large quantities down by rail from Nipissing to Papineauville, where the logs are lifted and floated onwards by water to Quebec. There is not at all a large cut expected this year, and on account of the railroad facilities a very much smaller proportion than usual will pass through the Chaudiere slides.

MR. R. REEVES, head boiler-maker at the Wm. Hamilton Manufacturing Co., works, Peterborough, has returned from Waubesa, where he has been engaged in putting in the huge boiler, made at the company's works, in the steamer Maganettawan, the property of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company. This boiler is the largest ever turned out of the Hamilton works. It is nine feet in diameter, twelve feet long, has one hundred and forty-seven three inch tubes, has two corrugated furnaces forty inches in diameter, and weighs forty-four thousand pounds. Though made to carry one hundred pounds of steam, when tested by the Government Inspector, 160 cold water pressure was put on thus giving it a capacity of carrying one hundred and six pounds of steam.

ATTEMPTS have before now been made to utilize the water power of the falls of Niagara, but for some reason they have not been very successful. The new Manchester, which the imagination of its projector called into being, is far from being the scene of busy industry which he painted it. Now, a company has been formed with a capital of \$3,000,000, for the purpose of making a great hydraulic tunnel, a mile and a half long, on the American side, at a distance of about 400 feet from the river. Enough power will be obtained to set in motion 240 mills of 500 horse-power each. In cheapness, it will be difficult to compete with this power. The company has already secured a fair proportion of the land necessary to carry on its operations. By the proposed utilization of this force, the great altar of nature will be left intact and not be defaced nor deformed.

COL. WALTER C. LARNED, the famous art connoisseur, has been in San Francisco for several weeks on a curious mission. He wishes to transplant to the handsome lawn of his magnificent summer residence, at Lake Forest, one of the big California trees, and he has just closed a contract with the Wells & Fargo Express Company to this effect. Special cars are to be constructed to transport the tree across the plains and the umbrageous leviathan will have to be drawn by horse power after the Missouri river has been reached, because the obstacles in the way of railroad curves and bridges east of that point cannot be overcome. The tree which Col. Larned has selected is somewhat over 300 feet in height, is 98 feet in circumference near the base, and weighs about 40,000 tons. The cost of transporting this monarch of the forests will exceed \$18,000.

THE depression in the English timber trade, which has had so discouraging an effect on the American exporters during the season, still continues, and the London lumber journals of August 28 do not indicate that the cloud has lifted to any appreciable degree. Of the situation in London, *Timber* said:—"The consumption, as evinced by the dock deliveries, drags onward with monotonous sluggishness, and the latest returns render it impossible to gather either grounds for hope of better times or the reverse." The *Timber Trades Journal* also presents a very lugubrious picture of the situation, particularly in London, and of Liverpool says:—"The arrivals of wood-laden vessels have again been comparatively unimportant in number, when the season of the year is taken into consideration. A walk round the timber docks and the appearance of the quays and wharves at the various railway and canal companies reveals an amount of stagnation which it would otherwise be almost impossible to conceive when contrasted with the usual busy scene at this period of the import season."