

HARDWOODS.

An active demand prevails for many different classes of hardwood. Robert Thomson & Co. are shipping 1,000,000 ft. of maple to the Eastern States, where it will go largely into the manufacture of wingers. The same firm are also finding a fair demand for soft elm. Enquiries are constant for birch and within a month prices for this wood have jumped up two or three dollars. Birch grows in favor among furniture manufacturers, as it gives almost as fine and pretty finish as cherry. Everything points to a good season's trade in hardwoods.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

CANADA.

Sch. Olga has left Vancouver, B. C., for California, with a cargo consisting of 550,000 feet of fir lumber, and 261,000 laths.

Geo. N. Fletcher & Sons, of Alpena, Mich., will raft 20,000,000 feet of logs from Canada to their mill this season.

A. F. & D. Mackay have since sold that portion of spruce deals Ex Vandura from St. John, N. B., withdrawn at the recent auction sale at Liverpool, Eng.

R. A. Naylor, of Warrington, Eng., is landing at Liverpool a delivery of Canadian doors. He has also at Warrington 2,000 Canadian doors of various sizes and 3,000 sashes and frames.

At a sale of Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., 30,000 Quebec spruce sold £8 10s for 12'x14' 3x9/10 1st quality; £7 for 13'x9' 2nd; £6 10s for 13'x9' 3rd, and £6 for 13'x11' 4th.

A Saginaw dealer is quoted by a lumber contemporary, as saying that Canadian manufacturers are offering stock, laid down in Philadelphia and New York, at \$1 and \$1.50 lower than Saginaw dealers can put stocks into those markets at.

The Parry Sound Lumber Co., with offices at Toronto, have sold berths 1 and 2 in township of Ferguson to a syndicate consisting of J. Loveland, D. L. White, jr., and other members of the Saginaw Lumber & Salt Co. The berths embrace 33 square miles in all, and will represent to the sellers about \$3.50 a thousand for the timber thereon.

Hon. E. J. Flynn, commissioner of crown lands for Quebec, has returned from a tour of inspection in the Upper St. Maurice region. He reports: In the Dickey shanties at La Peche there were 32,000 logs. At the Thivierge shanties, belonging to the St. Maurice Lumber Co. were found 18,000 logs; at Great Lake Wayagamak, 25,000 logs of the same company. On one wharf of the Maurel & LeBlond's shanties on the Little Batiscan were found 70,000 logs. During his trip Mr. Flynn saw over 200,000 logs belonging to different parties.

The following lumber exports are noted at St. John, N. B.: Per sch. Leo for Boston, by Charles Miller, 1,200,000 cedar shingles; per sch. Eric, for Bridgeport, by A. Cushing & Co., \$8,884 plank, 37,730 deals and 56,170 scantling; per sch. Galilea for City Island, by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 168,803 deals.

The following are quoted as current prices at St. John, N. B.:

Birch deals.....	10 00	0 00
Birch timber.....	6 05	6 50
Spruce deals, B. Fundy Mills.....	8 75	0 00
Spruce deals, City Mills.....	0 00	9 00
Shingles, No. 1, extra.....	0 00	1 30
Shingles, second clear.....	0 00	1 80
Shingles, clear.....	0 00	2 25

Shingles, extra.....	0 00	2 60
Aroostook P. B., shipping.....	0 00	14 00
Common.....	12 00	13 00
Spruce boards.....	6 00	7 00
(Common scantling (unstl).....	6 00	6 50
Spruce, dimensions.....	11 00	14 00
Pine shippers.....	12 00	13 00
Pine clapboards, extra.....	35 00	40 00
No. 1.....	0 00	30 00
No. 2.....	0 00	20 00
No. 3.....	11 00	12 00
Lath, spruce.....	0 00	1 00
Lath, pine.....	1 00	1 00
Palings, spruce.....	6 00	6 00
Lime (cask).....	0 90	1 00
(barrel).....	0 60	0 65

Shipments from St. John, N. B., to United States for the past week were represented by about 2,000,000 feet of long lumber, and 1,500,000 lath.

UNITED STATES.

Log run at Saginaw, Mich., is quoted at \$13 to \$18 and box at \$10 to \$10.50. Bill stuff in wholesale lots is quoted at \$8.50 for ordinary dimensions.

Four and five-quarter uppers are scarce in the Buffalo market. Prices run to \$46 for superior stock. Extra thick uppers are also scarce, though 2-inch are plenty.

AUSTRALIAN TIMBERS FOR CANADA.

A letter has been received by Mr. Harris Wood, Under-Secretary for Mines and Agriculture, New South Wales, from Messrs. J. C. Rounding & Co., of Macquarie Place, Sydney, in which they state: "We have received correspondence from Canada bearing on the subject of piles for wharf purposes. Our correspondents state that the piles you sent them through us are being used, and if found satisfactory they will write us with a view of getting a shipload from this colony. They are much pleased with the sample, and tender their sincere thanks. This shows the great benefit your Forestry Department is conferring on our timber industry, and is highly appreciated in other parts of the world. Will your Department also kindly forward a box containing samples of our timbers for cabinet and building purposes and wood blocks, also a sample piece of hardwood piles taken up from Circular Quay, the whole addressed to Messrs. Murray & Co., Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Duplicate of the same, excepting the wood blocks, should be sent to Messrs. W. & G. Scott, timber merchants, Cape Town. These gentlemen have written to us asking for samples. In fact, we are certain a demand will set in for our productions, which of course, will greatly benefit our saw mill owners."

COOPERAGE.

The mills of Sutherland-Innes & Co., of Chatham, Ont., have commenced operations for the season. This concern manufacture cooperage stock, own six extensive and well-equipped mills in the Chatham district, two in Dawn, one in Rodney and three on the Michigan Central. All their mills are heavily stocked, the aggregate being about 12,000,000 feet. It is estimated that there is 70,000,000 feet of logs in the mills which the Sutherland-Innes Co. control, all of which will be turned into stock the coming summer. A large trade is at present being worked up in Hong Kong.

WANTED.

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THE SITUATION.

REFLECTED THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE OF "WEEKLY LUMBERMAN."

J. T. Kerr, Iona Station, Ont.: "Stocks are commencing to move with some degree of activity. M. R. basswood, 1st and 2nds in Wash, W oak, R oak, hard maple, hickory and soft elm are in good demand. Have made a number of sales of this class of lumber within the past few weeks. Mills in this locality are pretty well stocked. Prices are rather low at present, but the tendency is upward, and are sure to advance if times improve."

W. J. Cummings, Spencerville, Ont.: "Do not find any encouraging movement of stocks, those in most demand are low grade and mill cull. My impression is that wholesale prices are too high, consumption being thereby retarded. There are more logs to cut than has been the case in this locality for years. The tendency of prices is to decline. I am doing a retail business."

Finley McDonald, Blackville, N. B.: "Spruce is the chief lumber product in this district. No sales of any importance have taken place here recently. Narrow spruce and hemlock boards bring at present about \$7 to \$8. Prices for deals are governed by the British market, and this is not in the most encouraging condition just now."

D. Ross, Whitemouth, Man.: "Though no remarkable activity is to be noted in the movement of stocks, yet they are moving steadily. Stocks generally in this district are in moderate size and well assorted. Prices are firm. A little difficult to say how trade will shape for the new season, as business opens later here than in Ontario."

William Foster, Owen Sound, Ont.: "The Dominion Government has let a contract for the building of a 1550 feet dock on the west side of the river here to be completed by the 15th of June. This will give ample accommodation to handle large quantities of lumber by the G. T. R. The C. P. R. has about two miles of dock. Maitland, Rixon & Co. and John Harrison have the contracts to furnish about a million feet of timber and plank for the new dock, and William Foster has been appointed by the department of Public Works to inspect the timber and lumber for the construction."

SPRUCE MATTERS.

The impression seems to be gaining ground at Bangor and at other points in Maine that the prices for spruce will rule firm this season. The Bangor Commercial says the cut of logs is short on the Kennebec and Penobscot, and prices of logs have advanced. It further says: "Some very tempting offers were declined by several Bangor operators, because the output on the Penobscot is so short this winter that the Bangor mills cannot be fully stocked this year, and it is expected that spruce will command \$12 per thousand in a few weeks. Saw mill men on the Kennebec are declining orders for Long Island Sound and New York, the places which Bangor lumbermen most desire to ship to at an advance of \$1.50 to \$2 over last spring's prices." The New York Lumber Trade Journal also holds to the view that the conditions which prevail this year will put spruce at wholesale at figures such as have not been realized in

many years. The argument is that there is unquestionably a very short stock of spruce in the hands of retailers. In New England States, it is said this shortage will amount to nearly 400,000,000 feet. In the New York district there are not more than two or three yards which have a good stock of spruce timber. A second condition, which our contemporary says, tends towards higher prices in spruce timber is the shortage in the east. It is estimated that the cut on the St. John will fall 45,000,000 to 50,000,000 short; on the Penobscot, 35,000,000 to 45,000,000; on the Kennebec, 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 short. For instance, take the Penobscot. The stock at the mills there at the present time is not over 17,000,000 feet; stock in the boom unsold, about 14,000,000 feet; stock to come in this year not to exceed 50,000,000 feet, making a shortage in the Penobscot alone of nearly 40,000,000 feet. To quote the advice of this New York Journal: "At the present prices, spruce timber is a big bargain." A similar view is held by the Northeastern Lumberman and its calculations of the shortage of spruce on the St. John river agrees pretty nearly with the calculations of the New York Lumber Trade Journal. The lumbermen of New Brunswick naturally realize that this alleged stiffening of prices will be a good thing, for them, but as yet, the St. John market is not feeling any strong stimulating influence from this cause, though shipments to United States ports are commencing to look up.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The barque Alert is loading deals for the United Kingdom at St. John, N. B.

Steamer Mayumba has been chartered to load at St. John, N. B., for Liverpool. Deals at 36s 6d, and timber at 18s.

The four masted steel barque Dondonald, now at New York, has been chartered to go to St. John, N. B., to load deals for England.

Barke Primrose, which had been lying at Digby, N. S., for a few days, has been towed to Bear river, to load lumber for South America.

Schr. Greeta, from St. John, N. B., for New York with a cargo of lumber shipped by Stetson, Cutler & Co., has met with an accident and will come back to St. John for repairs.

The W. D. Everett from St. John, N. B., is discharging a cargo of spruce deals at Liverpool, Eng., and shipments of about 800 standard from Malcolm Mackay at St. John, N. B.

The schr. Falcon, which sailed from San Francisco a week ago for New Westminster B. C., will subsequently ship a return cargo of lumber at the Brunette Saw Mills for the same point.

Shaffner Brothers of Clementsport, N. S., intend building another new schooner of the following dimensions: Keel, 80 ft.; beam, 27 ft. and hole 9 ft. The timber is in the yard and the work will commence at once.

The barkentine Wrestler has been purchased by Kennedy & Ingles, San Francisco, and the Brunette Saw Mill Co., New Westminster, B. C. She has a carrying capacity of 700,000 feet of lumber, and will be fitted up at Port Angeles, for the China trade and will fly the Nicaraguan flag.

The Ottawa and New York Lumber Line is now open to the new mills of the St. Anthony Lumber Co., 144 miles west of Ottawa. A branch also runs through South Indian to Rockland on the Ottawa river, which gives this point rail connection. The following tariff rate will govern this year:

Rates on seasoned lumber and lath, in lots of five cars and over (lots under five cars subject to extra towage) to points in New York harbor and points taking New York rates.

From Ottawa, Rockland, Hawkesbury and Canadian Atlantic Railway stations:

Seasoned pine lumber.....	\$ 3.50	per M ft.
" shorts.....	3.00	"
" lath.....	60	pc.
hardwood lumber.....	4.00	ft.
From Amprior, Galetta, Kinburn, Carp:		
Seasoned pine lumber.....	\$ 3.50	per M ft.
" shorts.....	3.50	"
" lath.....	70	pc.
hardwood lumber.....	4.50	ft.

A Buffalo report says that Montreal is making a bid for lumber by lake direct from Manistique, Mich., but carriers are afraid that the rate will not be made low enough to warrant the undertaking, for half the cargoes would have to be lightered at Kingston before the St. Lawrence trip could be made.