

the season will be on a more extensive scale, as the prices of building materials generally are now somewhat lower than in the spring. A report from Minneapolis states that the demand for white pine lumber is more active than it has been for a month past, and that the farmers in the vicinity are undertaking improvements which were temporarily abandoned. In Chicago the most active demand pertains to common inch lumber. Twelve inch No. 1 boards, in lengths from 12 to 16 feet, are selling at \$20 wholesale, and shorter lengths at \$19. The reports from Boston tell of a slow movement of spruce, but notwithstanding this fact prices are being maintained. In the New York market narrow strips are selling at \$16 to \$18 and wider widths at \$17 to \$19. The feature of the hardwood trade is the continued buying in a small way by consumers, who seem to prefer to take the chances of getting stock as required. Oak, elm and basswood are selling moderately at Buffalo, but in Wisconsin it is reported that there is very little demand for hardwoods with the exception of basswood. Maple flooring is showing great strength, although the effect of the large production of maple logs last winter has had some effect on the price of maple lumber and planks.

There is very little demand for lath, and the price is gradually declining from the high figures at which it was sold last winter. At Bay City and Michigan current quotations are \$3 and \$3.50, against \$4 and \$4.50 a few months ago. The yard price at Chicago for No. 1 white pine lath is \$3.75, while No. 1 mixed sells at \$3.25 and No. 2 mixed at \$3.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The tendency of the British lumber market is towards further strength. The high freight rates are a strong factor in the market, as they are likely to result in reducing the quantity of stock imported. The complications in China will doubtless be responsible for the building of several new vessels, in the construction of which a considerable amount of lumber will be used. It seems reasonable, therefore, to expect a liberal demand for lumber during the next few months. Pine and spruce deals are now arriving in considerable quantities, but the bulk of the stock has been contracted for previous to its arrival. At Glasgow there are numerous enquiries for spruce, particularly in sizes of 10 inches and up. First quality pine deals have been sold in that market at £28 17s 6d, and boards at £32, while third quality deals have brought £12 15s. At Liverpool waney board pine is going freely into consumption. Quebec elm has also been in good demand, and practically every log that has arrived has gone into consumption direct from the quays. The import of birch has moderated, and although the consumption has been good, prices are slightly weaker.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The str. Manchester Shipper has been chartered by Geo. McKean to take a cargo of deals from West Bay, N.S., to Manchester, at 52s 6d.

The str. Pocohontas is loading deals at St. John, N.B., for the U.K. The barque Inverloch has been fixed to load deals at same port for Melbourne, Australia, at 75s.

The news has been received of the destruction by fire of the Canadian Yukon Lumber Company's mill at Selkirk, in the Yukon district.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The str. Janeta sailed last week from St. John, N. B., for Glasgow, with a cargo of deals.

The str. Hueloa is loading a cargo of deals at Quebec for London, consigned by McLean, Kennedy & Co.

The str. Labuan is loading a cargo of three and one-half million feet of lumber at West Bay, N. S., for the U. K.

Haley & Son, of St. Stephen, N. B., have recently shipped several car loads of box shooks to the British market.

The Millen-Arnold Lumber Company, of Duluth, recently sold 8,000,000 feet of lumber to Albany parties, at \$18 for No. 2 and better.

The steamship Nitocris took on a full cargo of timber and deals at Indian Cove, Quebec, and sailed for Dublin, Ireland, on the 15th inst.

The Michigan Hemlock Association is reported to have reduced the price of hemlock one dollar a thousand, making the quotation \$9.

The Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company, Saginaw, Mich., are reported to have sold their entire production of pine lath at \$3 and \$3.50.

At Buffalo quotations are \$8 to \$8.50 for first class dry elm flour-barrel staves, 6 to 6 3/4 cents for first class dry basswood heading, and \$9 to \$9.50 for 6-foot coiled hoops.

B. J. Gilligan has 9,000,000 feet of pine logs almost out of the Plantoine Creek, which empties into the Mattawa river. The logs were taken out for the Hull Lumber Company, of Hull.

A report from Marinette, Wis., states that one firm there sold 500,000 feet of elm lumber early in the spring to New York parties at \$20 per thousand, while they are now selling similar stock at \$15.

It is reported that the Skillings, Whitney & Barnes Lumber Co. have purchased the entire cut of the Longford Lumber Co., and that the output of Messrs. McPherson & Co., of Longford Mills, has been bought by the Laidlaw Lumber Co.

Following is a comparative statement of timber measured and culled at Quebec up to 14th July, as reported by the Supervisor of Cullers :

Table with 4 columns: Timber Type, 1898, 1899, 1900. Rows include Waney White Pine, White Pine, Red Pine, Oak, Elm, Ash, Butternut, Tamarac, Birch and Maple.

At Bay City and Saginaw, Mich., log run lumber is held at \$17 and upwards, box at \$16, and Norway dimension at \$14 and \$16. Mill culls are worth \$12 and \$14, and choice lots would probably command a higher figure. White pine shingles are held at \$3.15 and clear butts at \$3.15. Cedar shingles are worth about one dollar less than white pine. For hardwood lumber, log run, the quotations are: Ash, \$18; red oak, \$20 to \$24; basswood, \$18; elm, \$16; maple, \$14.

CONDITIONS AT LIVERPOOL.

Alfred Dobell & Co.'s timber market report says of the Liverpool market for Canadian stock :

WANNEY BOARD PINE is going freely into consumption at full prices. Shippers are now demanding higher figures.

SQUARE PINE is not in great demand but values remain steady.

OAK :—The arrivals have been small, prices are firm.

ELM :—A couple of parcels have arrived which were readily absorbed at full prices. A steamer with a large parcel is reported lost which will tend still further to stiffen the market.

BIRCH : Logs have arrived in modern quantities; quotations are unchanged. Planks have arrived freely. Although there has been a very large consumption, prices are weaker.

PINE DEALS AND BOARDS :—The arrivals have been much smaller than usual and prices are very firm.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA SPRUCE DEALS :—There have been free arrivals. The consumption has been good and prices are fairly steady. By auction a parcel

from St. John has been sold at an average of £7 18s per std.

The following figures give the stock on hand June 30th and the consumption and import from 1st January to June 30th :

Table with 3 columns: Stock (1899, 1900), Consumption (1899, 1900), Import (1899, 1900). Rows include Quebec Square Pine, Waney, St. John's Pine, Other Port's Pine, Red Pine, Oak, Canadian and U. S., Planks, Elm, Birch, N. B. & S. Spruce and Pine Deals, Quebec Deals.

Current quotations at Liverpool are as follows :

Table with 3 columns: Timber Type, Per Foot (1899, 1900). Rows include White pine, Quebec square wood, Lower Ports Pine, Red pine, Oak, 1st quality, 2nd quality, Elm, Ash, Hickory, Birch, St. John, Planks, Spruce Spars, Deals, Quebec, white, 1st quality, 2nd quality, 3rd quality, Spruce deals, St. John, Miramichi, &c., Nova Scotia, etc., boards, etc., Lathwood.

STOCKS IN CLYDE PORTS.

A comparative statement is given below of stocks of wood goods in Clyde ports on June 30th, 1899 and 1900 :

Table with 3 columns: Timber Type, 1899, 1900. Rows include Waney Boardwood, Yellow Pine, Square, Red Pine, Quebec, Pitch Pine, Hewn, Planks and Boards, Oak, White, Quebec, Elm, Quebec, Ash, Birch, Lower Ports, Hickory, Square and Round, Maple, Cherry, Oak, etc., Whitewood, Walnut, Greenerheart, Teak, Planks, etc., Birch Planks, Whitewood Lumber, Walnut, Oak, Maple, etc., Kauri Pine, Oregon Pine, Sequoia, Deals, Quebec and Michigan, Pine, 1st Quality, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, Planks, Boards and Scantlings, Red Pine, Spruce, Quebec, Pine, Lower Ports, Spruce.

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