## in'higher prices, when this fact becomes more generally known.

## united states.

Building operations in the United States are making some headway, work having been resumed in New York. While the demand for lumber for this purpose is nut briak. it show's some improvement over the business of the previous weeks. As the busincss of the previons of white pine luriber is likely to show a pronounced reduction as compared with that of last year, manufacturers are inclined to hold out for very firm prices and consequently no slaughter prices are heard of, as is fsometimes the case at this season of the year. Eastern dealers are not carrying teavy stocks and are therefore in a position to take advantage of any slight inducements that are diered by sellers. The statistical position of white pine is so strong that there is nct Jikely so be any pressure of stock, while da the obber hand, it the spring and summer trade shorad consirae more lumber than is anticipated, the result will no doube be an advance in scine grades at jeact: The realuirements of the box trade have not yet been eatisfied, that grade of lumber being sought for almost as eageriy as at any time this year. The middle grades are perhaps called for to a smaller extent than mill culls, box lumber and uppers.
The percentage of dry hardwood lumber that remains in piles is exceptionally shall and the demand is improving. The standard hardwoods, such as maple, ash, eim, and birch, are very firm at the advanced prices recently quoted. Basswood, quartered oak and popiar, while displayjug no particular weakness, are not as firm as two wecks ago. Kiaple.ficoriog continues a weak feature in the market.

## great haitain.

If cannot be expectal that the British timber tuade will throw off its lethargy and become aclive within $a$ week. The recovery must of necensity be of slow growth. As soon as signs of at improveswent are visibie, buwever, there is certain to be considerable contracting for stocix for future delivery, as buyers will then appreciate to a greater extent the low prices which are now ruling. Many smand dealers have allowed their stocks to become too low and are now showing a disposition to purchase at favorable opportunities. Whether this will prove to be the forempaer -of a morn liberal demand is"a question of much doubs. Wizile prizes of - Canadian pine continue comparatively
firm, it has heen imponsible to maintain spruce prices. Third quality Quebec apruce, $3 \times 9$ inch and 83 feet long, recently sold at a public sale at es 1 gan per standard, whereas for similar goods to arrive \&9 23.6 . ci.f. is asked. There figures reflect the difficully of closing contracts on the basis of ahippers' idens, their quotations being so much lower than the prices asked for lumber in stock. As far as can be ascertained, the more important firms are still abutaining from placing contracts for stock, but it seems extremely doubfful that they will be able to adhere to this position much longer.
Swedish battens have recently declined in price fully 100 . per standurd, and it is reportien that stock offered at 7,6 12s. 6 d . met with to response from buyers. For square timber there is a fair demand, good stocks of rock elm, for instance, being wanted at 3s. 6d. per cubic foot."

## STOCKS AMD PRICES.

J. P. Mosber expects to ship 700,000 foet of lumber from St. Martins, N. B. this seacon.
Of the $500,000,000$ feet of $\log$ s taken out in the State of Maine during the pust winter, it is estimated tbat half the quanti. ty is dentined for the pulp mills.
G. C. Gladman, of Parry Sound, has his drive of logs, consisting of 258,000 pieces, in the Georgian Bay, ready to be towed to his mill as soon as the ice is out.
The Edward Hines Lumber Cumpany last week sold about $: 6,000,000$ feet of lumber to so east after the opening of navigation. This witl make about $60,000,000$ feet sold by this firm for moveaient by boal.
The R. Laidiaw Lumber Company ex pect to handle a large quautity of pine lumber at their Butbalo yard this season. They have taken the adjoining yard iakeward on the Ciaio Basin, which will acid considerably to their facilities.
A settlement his been reached in the suit aEfecting the hankrupe sale of logs belonging to J. R. McCoonell, which took piace at Quebec recently. The workmen get 65 per cent. of their wages, and Laforest, counsel for the iumbermen, geis jo per cent. oo wages collected.
Saginaw River semiers, will take in by boat about $125,000,000$ feet of lumber this season, mostly from Ontario. Foss \& Co. have bought the steamer Ogemaw, of sco, $\infty 0$ feet capacity, and will place her in the jumber trade, the firm handing a
large quantity of lumber from Georgian Bay.
Holland, Gravea, Mambert \& George, vi Ruffalo, have just purchased from the Edwurd Hines Lumber Company, of Cbicago, the entire season's product to October $:$ of what in known as the Bigelow mill at Washiburn, Wis. This is the first purchase of pine lumber the Buffalo concern has made on Lake Superior.
The Inglewood Pulp Company, of Nus. quash, N.B., will have about $10,000,000$ feet of logs for saving this season, the necestity of cutting all logs damaged by fire being responsible for increased operations. There is at Musquash a cargo of deals owned hy J. \& L. B. Knikht, which will be shipped to Engiand early in May: in addition to this criago a couple of veysels are under charter to load here, one for the United Kingdom, and the other for Buenos Ayrex:
The fctlowing inrices are quoted by Farnworth \& Jardinsu. L.ovinon, Eng.: goname Frxs.

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Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son at Company submit the following report of the Barba. dioes,market: " A cargo of 166,000 leet of : white-pine; from Liverpool, N. S., was p'aced at $\$ 25$ for shippers and $\$ 20$ for seconci quality, and we think that a similar cargo would. bring about same prices from dealers who did not secure ,this lor. Spruce and hemlock are still in fuli oupply and stocks are not being reduced as quickly as is usual al this season.
 Gaspe shingles, which were placed at $\$ 6.07$. This class of shingley along with Dimension are badly wanted and will bring good prices. Cedar Layiot, although not scarce, would be saleable at about $\$ 2.15$, as a lor of 350,000 were imported for a dealer's account at \$2.25, being of alighty better quality ihan usuml."

Less than $60,000,000$ feet of pine lumber ef the present seasoa's cut remains unsold in the Duluth district, as against
$400,000,000$ foet which was availab' - at the head of the lakes one yeur ago. The cut of the mills at the wertern end of take Superior in 1903 was $840,000,000$ fert as against $420,000,000$ feet this year. Two hundred million feet of this latter ant sunt has already been sold and of the remain.
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