

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 not brisk, it shows some improvement over the business of the previous weeks.

The percentage of dry hardwood lumber that remains in piles is exceptionally small and the demand is improving. The standard hardwoods, such as maple, ash, elm, and birch, are very firm at the advanced prices recently quoted.

GREAT BRITAIN.

It cannot be expected that the British timber trade will throw off its lethargy and become active within a week. The recovery must of necessity be of slow growth.

firm, it has been impossible to maintain spruce prices. Third quality Quebec spruce, 3x9 inch and 13 feet long, recently sold at a public sale at £8 15s. per standard, whereas for similar goods to arrive £9 2s. 6d. c.i.f. is asked.

Swedish battens have recently declined in price fully 10s. per standard, and it is reported that stock offered at £6 12s. 6d. met with no response from buyers.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

J. P. Mosher expects to ship 700,000 feet of lumber from St. Martins, N. B., this season.

Of the 500,000,000 feet of logs taken out in the State of Maine during the past winter, it is estimated that half the quantity is destined 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 Company last week sold about 16,000,000 Feet of lumber to go east after the opening of navigation. This will make about 60,000,000 feet sold by this firm for movement by boat.

The R. Laidlaw Lumber Company expect to handle a large quantity of pine lumber at their Buffalo yard this season. They have taken the adjoining yard lakeward on the Ohio Basin, which will add considerably to their facilities.

A settlement has been reached in the suit affecting the bankrupt sale of logs belonging to J. R. McConnell, which took place at Quebec recently. The workmen get 65 per cent. of their wages, and Laforest, counsel for the lumbermen, gets 10 per cent. on wages collected.

Saginaw River dealers 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 500,000 feet capacity, and will place her in the lumber trade, the firm handling a

large quantity of lumber from Georgian Bay.

Holland, Graves, Mambert & George, of Buffalo, have just purchased from the Edward Hines Lumber Company, of Chicago, the entire season's product to October 1 of what is known as the Bigelow mill at Washburn, Wis. This is the first purchase of pine lumber the Buffalo concern has made on Lake Superior.

The Inglewood Pulp Company, of Musquash, N.B., will have about 10,000,000 feet of logs for saving this season, the necessity of cutting all logs damaged by fire being responsible for increased operations. There is at Musquash a cargo of deals owned by J. & L. B. Knight, which will be shipped to England early in May; in addition to this cargo a couple of vessels are under charter to load here, one for the United Kingdom, and the other for Buenos Ayres.

The following prices are quoted by Farnworth & Jardine, London, Eng.:

Table with columns for QUERCUS PINE, Square pine, Waney board, St. John, Dalhousie, etc., per cu. ft., and QUERCUS PINE DEALS, 1st quality, 2nd quality, 3rd quality, etc.

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Less than 60,000,000 feet of pine lumber of the present season's cut remains unsold in the Duluth district, as against

400,000,000 feet which was available at the head of the lakes one year ago. The cut of the mills at the western end of Lake Superior in 1903 was 840,000,000 feet as against 420,000,000 feet this year. Two hundred million feet of this latter amount has already been sold and of the remain-

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