

ply all the pine timber for the Inter-provincial bridge at Ottawa.

At Bangor, Maine, from \$14 to \$15 per thousand feet is being paid for spruce logs.

Thompson Smith's Sons, of Cheboygan, Mich., put in 2,000,000 feet of logs in the Georgian Bay district the past winter.

Graham, Horne & Co., of Fort William, Ont., have closed their Rainy River camps, after cutting 13,000,000 feet of logs.

First class elm flour barrel staves are selling in Buffalo at \$9.25 to \$9.50, coiled hoops at \$11.25, and basswood heading at 6 1/2 cents.

The Nova Scotia Lumber Co., of Sherbrooke, N.S., will this season ship 10,000,000 feet of lumber from Liscombe and 1,500,000 feet from Economy.

The Neibergall Stave and Lumber Co., of Staples, Ont., have now in their yard 2,000,000 feet of elm logs and 3,500 cords of bolts, as well as a quantity of oak and maple logs.

The Eddy-Sheldon Co., of Saginaw, have contracted for about 7,000,000 feet of lumber to be manufactured by the Moulthrop Lumber Co., on Johns Island, Georgian Bay district.

Perley, Lowe & Co., of Marinette, Wis., have sold 20,000,000 of lumber to the Skillings, Whitneys & Barnes Co., of Boston, 3,000,000 feet to the Empire Lumber Co., of Pittsburg, and 11,000,000 feet to C. M. Betts & Co., of Buffalo.

It is the intention of the Pembroke Lumber Company, of Pembroke, Ont., to cut 20,000,000 feet of stock this season and to operate their mill day and night. They have sold their cut of red pine to Watson & Todd, their white pine deals to Dobell, Beckett, & Co., and their squares to Robert Cox & Co. The Pembroke Lumber Co. supply all sizes of dimension timber, joist, ship planking, etc. They had a successful winter's operations, cutting 130,000 pieces of logs and dimension, 75 per cent. of which is dimension. Their drive has commenced.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

Business in both wholesale and retail lumber circles in Ottawa is quiet at present, and will remain so till navigation opens and the mills commence operations. Owing to the lateness of the spring, the lumber firms are not hiring men for the drives in any great numbers as yet. The number required, however, will be in excess of last year's demand, and fully two thousand men will be sent up from Ottawa alone, while five hundred or more will be required from Hull and the neighboring towns. The same condition of affairs holds good as did earlier in the season when shanty-men were being hired, as wages are in advance of previous years. Mill owners are offering from \$30 to \$40 a month for capable men, whereas the figures in past years were as low as \$25. The reason for this is seen in the increased activity in other branches of the labor market, as well as that ruling in lumbering. It is difficult to get men and for the next month labor will be in great demand.

For the past three weeks the shanty-men have been returning to Hull and Ottawa in large numbers, and all report the season's operations to have been extensive. Lumbermen just returned from the limits state that there is more of an appearance of winter in the woods than there was in January. In some parts there is nearly two feet of snow, while on the rivers and lakes the ice is quite thick. On the Kippewa, Coulonge, Dumoine, Black, Snake, Quire, and other lumbering rivers, the ice gives no indication of moving, and it will be ten days or more before the drives are started. It is expected that quite a few men will be sent to the Georgian Bay and Lake Superior districts from the vicinity of Ottawa within the next month, for the drives.

The majority of the small mills within a radius of 100 miles of Ottawa which cut hardwood, have shut down after a successful winter's operations. Along the line of the Parry Sound branch of the Canada Atlantic Railway, and in other directions, many mills were operated this season for the first time, and the cut of hardwood is accordingly large. One Ottawa dealer who has covered much of the territory states that on a conservative estimate the hardwood cut will be three times as large as it was last year. Although this large cut was made to satisfy the demand for Cana-

dian hardwoods coming from dealers and manufacturers in the United States, it is not thought that many of the Canadian mill owners have as yet closed contracts for their winter's cut, now piled awaiting the buyer. Although the ruling prices are very high, the mill owners are holding back for still higher prices, and in some places a slump in the hardwood market is predicted on this very account.

Large quantities of ash, birch, maple, butternut, elm and basswood have been cut by the various mills. Wm. Mohr, of the firm of Mohr & Ryan, of Killaloe, states that the cut of this firm's mills will be about 1,000,000 feet, the greater part of which is hardwood. The McKee Milling Company will have a cut of about 500,000 feet at its Wakefield mill, and Charlebois & Dumois, of Hull, who operate a mill at the same place, have a similar hardwood cut. Prices have advanced from \$3 to \$4 per M and now range from \$18 to \$22, according to quality and kind.

A Boston firm offered to buy the McKee mill cut direct from the saw, not waiting till it was seasoned by piling. The middle men cannot touch the mill men's prices, so high are they.

McLachlin Bros.' large saw mill at Arnprior, near Ottawa, has been fitted with a new Allis band mill, with a capacity of 50,000 feet a day, and a pair of twin circular saws. The latter will be used in cutting railway ties and will have a daily output of 2,000 ties each. The new machinery for this mill was supplied by the Waterous Company, of Brantford, and the Victoria Foundry, of Ottawa, McKee & Co. acting as agents.

No new machinery has been installed in any of the Ottawa mills, all of which are being put in shape for the season's cutting. J. R. Booth's timber mill has been operated all winter, getting out timber for construction work on the Canada Atlantic Railway, and for use in the car shops principally. The logs have been hauled to the Ottawa mill over the Parry Sound branch of the Canada Atlantic Railway.

Hurdman & Elmitt, of Ottawa, have closed a contract with A. F. Chapman & Co., of Quebec, to supply 250,000 feet of lumber for the new elevator being erected in the ancient capital by the Great Northern Railway Company.

The Ottawa River Transportation Co. has a gang of men at work putting its large fleet of barges and tugs in readiness for the opening of navigation, when about 500 hands will be employed by this company. The ice is nearly all out of the Ottawa river, but navigation will not open till about May 1st, when the water will be let in the Rideau canal.

Ald. James Davidson, of the firm of Davidson & Thackray, planing mill owners, of Ottawa, was interviewed by a representative of the Timber Trades Journal, of London, Eng., on the occasion of his last visit to England. The interview, a lengthy one, appears in the latest special number of that journal. It deals hopefully and intelligently with the Ottawa lumber interests, and is certain to be beneficial to the Canadian export trade, as it gives the Britishers a better idea of our resources.

A project is on foot to establish a box factory in Ottawa, which is certainly a good center for such an industry, being a splendid base of supplies, and having good railway facilities and cheap labor and power. A new match factory has been started in Hull, and all the wooden-ware departments in the E. B. Eddy Company's business are putting out increased quantities of goods. Little building will be done in Ottawa this season, owing to the increase in the price of all building materials, including lumber. The lumbermen, however, look for a revival in the autumn.

Mr. John Belford, bookkeeper for W. C. Edwards & Co., the well known mill and manufacturing concern, of Ottawa, who went to South Africa as a member of D Battery, has been promoted to the position of No. 1 Sergeant since arriving at the front. Lieutenant Lawless, another soldier of the Queen, who went with the first Canadian contingent, and who is well known in lumbering circles, has been mentioned by the newspaper correspondents for conspicuous bravery at the battle of Paardesburg, when he led a small handful of daring Canucks in the charge on the Boers. Lieut. Lawless and his men fortunately escaped uninjured.

The Hull Lumber Co. has sent about 50 men up to Ostobonia river above the Kippewa to assist in bringing down the drives. J. R. Booth has sent up about 150 men to Moore's Lake and other points for the same purposes.

English buyers are already making negotiations for the purchase of the cut of several of the Ottawa mills for 1901. The figures quoted compare favorably with those advanced for the present year's cut. The indications are that the cut for 1901 will be equally as heavy as this year's.

Ottawa, April 14th, 1900.

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Clairmonte, Man & Co. say: There have been no arrivals with white pine and spruce lumber during a fortnight—our yards are rather bare of both kinds. There is always a good demand for spruce during our reaping season, which extends up to June. Last sales were—white pine, \$22.57 for first quality and \$16 for second quality; spruce, \$20.61 for first quality.

SHINGLES—Gaspé cedar, in supply—held at \$3.75 per M d.p. ex store for small; we value good quality long shingles at \$4.00 @ \$4.50 per M. Cedar laying, last sale at \$2.20; spruce, \$2.05.

GLASGOW MARKET REPORT.

WANey BOARDWOOD.—The stocks are small, and prices firm in view of increased prices for next season's shipments. Price—prime large wood, 2s. 9d. to 3s.; smaller average and poorer quality at from 1s. 10d. to 2s. 6d. per cubic foot.

SQUARE PINE.—The demand is light. Prime large wood is quoted at 2s 7d to 2s 9d; second-class wood at 1s. 7d. to 2s. 2d. per cubic foot.

RED PINE is in good request. Price, 1s. 6d. to 2s. per cubic foot.

OAK LOGS are in fair demand. First quality is quoted at 2s. 10d. to 3s. 3d.; small average and second quality at from 2s. to 2s. 3d. per cubic foot.

ELM LOGS.—The good demand at high prices continues. First-class large wood, 2s. 10d. to 3s.; small average and second-class wood at 2s. 3d. per cubic foot.

ASH LOGS.—The demand is good for prime quality. Price—1s. 8d. to 2s. 1d. per cubic foot, according to average girth.

BIRCH LOGS.—There is very good enquiry, and prices are firm. Price—1s. 7d. to 2s. per cubic foot, according to average girth.

ROCK MAPLE LOGS.—There is fair demand for prime, round, fresh wood with bark on. Price—1s. 10d. to 2s. per cubic foot.

QUEBEC WHITE PINE DEALS.—A fair amount of business has been done at advanced prices. 1st quality, Broad, £26 2s 6d to £28 11s 6d per standard; 1st quality, 11 in., £23 7s 6d to £25; 1st quality, 7" to 10" and Ends, £17 17s 6d to £21 13s; 2nd quality, Broad, £19 5s to £20 12s 6d; 2nd quality, 11 in., £16 10s to £18 4s 4d; 2nd quality, 7 in. to 10 in., £13 8s 1d to £15 9s 4d; 3rd quality, Broad, £12 7s 6d to £13 8s 1d; 3rd quality, 11 in., £11 to £11 13s 9d; 3rd quality Narrows, £8 11s 10d to £8 18s 9d; 4th quality, Broad, £9 5s to £9 12s 6d; 4th quality, 11 in., £8 11s 10d to £8 18s 9d; 4th quality, Narrows, £7 11s 3d to £8 5s.

RED PINE DEALS have been in good request, and prices are firm. Prices quoted—9 and 11 in. b' 3 in., £12 7s 6d to £13 15s per standard; Narrows, £11 to £11 13s 9d.

QUEBEC WHITE PINE SIDINGS.—The demand has been good. The stocks are low and prices keep firm. First quality—2 in. thick, averaging 12 in. to 14 in. wide, at £19 11s 10d to £21 6s 3d per standard; 1 1/2 in. thick, averaging 12 to 14 in. wide, £18 18s 1d to £20 12s 6d; 1 1/4 in. thick, averaging 12 to 13 in. wide, £18 4s 4d to £18 18s 1d; 1 in. thick, averaging 10 to 12 in. wide, £16 16s 10d to £17 17s 6d; 1 1/2 and 2 in Strips, 4 to 7 in. wide, £15 16s 3d to £16 16s 10d; Second quality, 2 in. thick, averaging 12 to 14 in. wide, at £14 8s 9d to £15 16s 3d; 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 in. thick, averaging 11 to 13 in. wide, £13 8s 1d to £14 15s 7d; 1 in. thick, averaging 10 to 12 in. wide, £12 14s 4d to £13 8s 1d. Third quality, 2 in. thick, 11 to 14 in. wide, £9 12s 6d to £11 6s 10d; 1 1/2 and 1 1/4 in. thick, averaging 10 to 13 in. wide, £8 5s to £10 6s 3d.

QUEBEC SPRUCE DEALS.—Prices remain firm. Third quality, £7 10s to £8 18s 9d; fourth quality, £7 4s 4d to £7 18s 1d per standard.

ST. JOHN'S PINE DEALS.—Prices keep steady at £7 17s 6d to £8 5s.

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THE BOSTON MARKET.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

Spruce lumber is moving rather better, and the market is well sustained. This is for actual business, while commission men and those that have no mills are quoting all sorts of prices. Small spruce and randoms have to be sold a little under agreement prices, while large and full dimensions bring agreement prices or a little better:

Table with 2 columns: Description of lumber types and prices per unit.

Hemlock is scarce, with virtually no dimensions offering. Boards are firm at \$17@18 for eastern. There are a few Pennsylvania boards on the market and they bring \$20.50, with \$16 for 20s. and \$12 for 14s.

Western pine continues firm with only a fair demand from this market.

Table with 2 columns: Description of lumber types and prices per unit.

Ash is holding its own, with prices hovering about the same level as before; \$44 for 1-inch, \$48 for 1 1/4 and 1 1/2-inch, \$51 for 2-inch, and \$60 to \$63 for 3 and 4-inch. Reports of the movements of white ash are somewhat conflicting and misleading, but a good fair demand is the general report. Brown ash is more plentiful in supply and brings \$46 to \$48 for 1-inch and \$50 to \$52 for 2-inch. The great dearth of this stock is now apparently overcome in a measure.

Clapboards are very quiet, with quotations nominally unchanged:

Table with 2 columns: Description of lumber types and prices per unit.

Cedar shingles are firmer, under the prices of the new association of manufacturers. The association quotations are at \$3.25 for extra; clear, \$2.85; second clear, \$2.35. These prices are for Boston, freight paid. The market here is firmer at:

Table with 2 columns: Description of lumber types and prices per unit.

Laths continue very firm, with a positive shortage mentioned. New York reports a good demand, with the market firm: 1 1/8 inch, \$3 to \$3.15; 1 1/2 inch, \$2.85 to \$2.95.

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