

necessary to increase their supplies so as to be in a position to meet the wants of their customers during the winter months, and this has made a show of activity. Canadian pine and spruce deals are firm and the business is considered to be on a satisfactory basis. Some reports state that there has been a further advance in spruce, and that several sales have taken place on the basis of \$6 10c. per standard c.u.f.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Loveland & Stone, of Cutler, Ont., will put in about 60 per cent. of their last winter's stock of logs. At Byng Inlet, Holland & Graves have camps in operation and are figuring on putting in at least 35,000,000 feet this winter.

P. G. Keyes, Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, will receive tenders up to Wednesday, November 30th, for a permit to cut timber on Berth No. 1187, in the Province of Manitoba, containing an area of 5 1/4 square miles.

The Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company, of Sandwich, Ont., recently sold 2,000,000 feet of pine lumber at within 50 cents a thousand of what was offered last spring. This company will carry over 6,000,000 feet of logs and put in about 15,000,000 feet.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.) OTTAWA, October 26, 1904. Activity is reported from all sides in the lumber business of the Ottawa Valley. The railway people report an increased movement of lumber to New York and other points in the Eastern States. The movement of lumber for export to England also shows an improvement, but it is not so marked as in the case of the American trade. The early approach of the close of navigation on the Hudson canals is one of the reasons for the fall rush of lumber. American dealers have considerable stock standing in the Ottawa district yards, and they are desirous of getting this out before the close of navigation advances the transportation rates.

It is the general impression that the American market is in better shape for business, but local dealers do not hope for much

beyond a general sorting up for the Fall.

Reference to the market page will show several changes in the quotations from the Ottawa district, good sidings, strips and shorts all being easier in price.

From the limits come reports of activity in the log and square timber manufacture. Labor is easier to obtain than last year, and the men are working with a better will, and it is believed will stick closer to their jobs than in previous seasons, when, strange to say, high wages made them discontented. It is generally thought that there will be a reduction of fully a third in the log cut and two thirds in the cut of square and waney timber. Wet weather has interfered to some extent with operations.

From all reports spruce is firmer than it has been for several seasons back.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The cargo and shipments of lumber from British Columbia up to September 30 of this year were as follows:

Table with columns: From, To, Cargo in feet. Lists various shipping routes and volumes.

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NEW BRUNSWICK LETTER.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN)

St. JOHN, N.B., October 31st, 1904.

The lumber trade has shown no marked change since last writing, and it is unlikely that there will be any during the remaining months of 1904 that will affect the local manufacturers so far as the cut for November and December is concerned. The 10th of December will probably see all save two or three of the mills in St. John and on the St. John River closed down for the season, to resume operations on or about the 1st of March.

Several important logging contracts have been made during the last fortnight. Compared with those of last year a reduction in the price of from 50 cents to \$1 per M is the rule. The quantity will not equal that of last year's operations by at least 25 per cent., and the difference will probably be as great as 35 per cent. The wages being paid to woodsmen is from \$2 to \$4 per man lower than was the case last winter. Owing to the reduction in demand, men are quite plentiful. Horse-flesh is scarce and dear, good horses ranging from \$190 to \$225 each in price.

This winter, like last, the contracts for American logs are very small compared with what was the rule for many years prior to 1903, several American manufacturers have contracted for Provincial logs only.

Shipments of short lumber have been lighter during the latter half of the month than was the case during the first half. Stocks of cedar shingles are fairly heavy

in the high grades; six to six and one-half millions would probably cover the amount. Orders are booked for immediate delivery that will dispose of at least one-third and very probably one-half of these. Within the last fortnight the shingle trade has shown a considerable stimulus in the New England States. This stimulus has not as yet resulted in any advance in price, which has been uniform and practically stationary during the last two months.

The manifestations of an improvement in the English market, as mentioned a fortnight ago, continue, and the general impression is that the first of the year will find prices and demand equal in every way to the conditions which existed before the slump which took place early in 1904.

The shipments of English deals have been rather light during the last month.

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