

stock on hand in Albany is the lowest in years.

Prices of hardwood lumber have a tendency to further advance. Black and white ash and soft elm are much enquired for, and orders have been refused owing to inability to find the stock. In Wisconsin and Michigan logging conditions have been somewhat unfavorable, and as a result the output of basswood, elm, birch, maple and ash will not likely be as great as was expected earlier in the winter. The weather in the south has also been unfavorable, and a restricted output is expected. These conditions cannot but result in strengthening the hardwood market.

FOREIGN.

The movement in Great Britain towards contracting for the season's supply of lumber is still backward. One reason for this is that shippers are asking higher prices, which buyers refuse to pay until convinced of the absolute necessity of doing so. The market for white pine is steady, and stocks sold at recent sales have realized average prices. There is a brisk demand for red pine, which has practically passed out of first hands. Spruce is likewise enquired for freely, some sales having been made recently at prices which show a considerable advance.

In France and Germany the trade of this year has not exhibited much life. For some reason buyers have not entered the market with the usual vigor. The South American market is improving.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The Spanish River Lumber Company has decided to operate its mill at Spanish River the coming season.

Chicago dealers have purchased most of the No. 4 boards on Lake Superior, paying therefor from \$6.50 to \$7.00 per thousand.

At a recent sale of Hodson, Mabbs & Co., London, Eng., 240 loads of first-class oak sold at 88s. to 97s., averaging 92s. 6d. per load.

The J. B. Armstrong Manufacturing Company, of Guelph, Ont., want a quantity of basswood, 1/2 inch, 3/4 inch and 1 inch culls.

Perley, Lowe & Co., of Chicago, have closed for the purchase of the Peshtigo Lumber Company's mills at Peshtigo, Wis., amounting to 30,000,000 feet.

The city of Brantford, Ont., wants tenders by March 20th for the annual supply of lumber, cedar posts and oak planks. Particulars may be obtained from the city clerk.

J. B. Kemp, of Pembroke, Ont., is in the market for 3,000 cords of green spruce, also for 15,000 railway ties, delivered on the line of the C.P.R. between Carleton Junction and Moore's Lake.

The Skillings, Whitney & Barnes Lumber Co., of Ogdensburg, N.Y., have just been given an order for 150,000 feet of one-half inch pine lumber, to be shipped to Porto Rico, to be used in making sugar boxes.

The Emporium Lumber Co., of Buffalo, is reported to have purchased from F. H. & C. W. Goodyear and the Pennsylvania Canning Company, all of the hardwood on 7,000 acres of land in Cameron and Potter counties, Pennsylvania.

The city council of Winnipeg, Man., has accepted the tender of T. D. Robinson & Co. for the supply of from 1,000 to 2,000 cords of cedar blocks, at the price of \$11.98 per cord. Other tenderers were: J. C. Hargrave, \$12.14; Kelley Bros., \$12.47.

Mr. William Margach, crown timber agent at Rat Portage, Ont., reports that logging operations are being carried on extensively in that vicinity this winter.

The quantity of ties, piles, telegraph poles and cedar posts cut during the season will be greatly in excess of any previous year.

In the Duluth-Superior district there is only about 20,000,000 feet of last year's production of lumber yet unsold, while it is estimated that over 90,000,000 feet of the 1899 cut has been contracted for at prices from \$1 to \$1.50 higher than quotations of one year ago.

Messrs. Denny, Mott, & Dickson, of London, Eng., says regarding Canadian timber: "Waney pine and oak have been little enquired for, but there has been a fair enquiry for elm. Prices remain firm, as there is little anxiety as to the moving off of the present moderate stocks before new supplies can come to hand."

O. E. Konkle, of Hamilton Ont., will shortly commence to get out oak in the vicinity of Farmers and Morehead, Kentucky, having been given a contract to furnish oak for a number of British war vessels. The American Lumberman is authority for the statement that he intends to purchase 2,000 acres of oak lands, and that 5,000,000 feet will be required for his purpose.

Referring to the probable log supply of the Michigan mills for the coming season, the American Lumberman says: "The Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company has 15,000,000 feet of logs now in Saginaw river, and will get 10,000,000 feet more from Canada this year, the latter being cut on Indian lands. The mills of Pitts & Co., McEwan Bros. & Co., William Peter, F. E. Bradley, and one or two others on the river, chiefly depend upon Canada for stock. Eddy Bros. & Co., are operating in Canada, but also in Michigan, and will have a partial stock for their mills. The Central Lumber Company depends upon Canada for a portion of its stock, and it will be a hardship if the 10,000,000 ft. being put in on the Blind River are not allowed to come over. Pelton & Reid, of Cheboygan, have 15,000,000 feet of logs cut on Indian lands, which will be allowed to come over. It is also to be remembered that a considerable quantity of Canada logs cut last winter were hung up by the sudden disappearance of snow, and these logs have mostly been purchased by Michigan mills."

THE MAINE LOG PRODUCTION.

A dispatch from Bingham, Maine, relating to the log output, says: The exceptionally fine season for lumbering, the fair outlook for an advance of prices for manufactured lumber and the improvements made by the Kennebec Log Driving Co. along the Kennebec river, have tended to cause each of the lumbering firms to increase their expected cut, so that the year 1899 will see the largest cut of timber ever made and rafted in the Kennebec waters, it being nearly one third larger than the estimate given by the Associated Press at the beginning of the season. There is every reason to believe that manufactured lumber will be \$2 per thousand more this year. Improvements along the Kennebec are such that driving will be practically easy compared with former years. A conservative estimate of the cut to date is as follows: In the Skowhegan section, 28,000,000; the cut in the Dead river regions, Berlin Mills, 9,000,000; Clark Bros., 1,000,000; Elias Thomas, 500,000; Elias Thompson & Co. on Bay Brook, 250,000; on the Carry, 100,000; Lawrence Newhall & Co. on the North Branch, 6,000,000; Lawrence Newhall & Co. on Moose river, 5,000,000; Elias Thomas on South Branch, 1,500,000; on Supton Brook, 2,000,000; Viles and Thomas on Black Brook, 1,000,000; Viles & Co. on Carry Pond, 500,000; Lawrence Bros. and Hollingsworth and Whitney Co. on the Spencer, 6,000,000.

SALE OF CANADIAN LUMBER.

At an auction sale held by Foy, Morgan & Co., London, Eng., on February 16th, the following prices were realized for Canadian goods: Spruce 1st Sovereign, from Dalhousie, N. B.—12 x 17 ft., 2 x 6 in., unsorted, \$6; 12 x 16 ft., 2 x 6, \$6; 9 x 11 ft., 2 x 6, \$5 17s 6d; 5 x 8 ft., 2 x 6, \$4 17s 6d; 9 x 18 ft., 2 x 5, \$5 2s 6d. Ex Iona, from Quebec—13 ft., 3 x 9 in. 2nd quality, \$17 15s. Ex Madara, from Saguenay, Que.—12 x 13 ft., 3 x 8 in.,

1st quality, \$7 10s; 9 x 16 ft., 3 x 8, \$6 1; 6 x 18 ft., 3 x 7, \$6 17s 6d; 13 x 16 ft., 3 x 8, 3rd quality, \$6 15s; 12 x 13 ft., 3 x 8, \$6 10s; 16 x 18 ft., 3 x 7, \$6 10s; 14 x 15 ft., 3 x 7, \$6 10s; 12 x 13 ft., 3 x 7, \$6 10s; 9 x 11 ft., 3 x 7 and 8 in., \$5. Ex Madeline, from Quebec—13 x 14 ft., 3 x 11 3rd quality, \$7 10s; 12 ft., 3 x 11 \$7 5.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PINE.—Ex Khorasan, from Vancouver—8 x 15 ft., 3 x 3, 1s 3d per cubic ft.

CORRECTION.

A typographical error occurred last week in the advertisement of the Ross-McLaren Lumber Company on the first page. Block 2 should have read "Lot 423 G 2; 9,280 acres, more or less," instead of 29,280 acres.

LUMBERMAN'S INSPECTION BOOK.

Send four 3-cent Canadian postage stamps for a copy of the LUMBERMAN'S VEST-POCKET INSPECTION BOOK, containing rules for the inspection of Pine and Hardwood Lumber in the leading markets of Canada and the United States.

Martin Bros. & Co., have registered partnership in Montreal as box manufacturers.

Arthur Ellison, saw mill, owner, Port Hanley, Ont., is reported to have assigned to A. J. Clark.

Buffalo and Tonawanda lumber merchants are said to be interested in the failure of Samuel A. Skead, of New York.

H. Shaver's saw mill at Shaverton, near Tilbury, Ont., was destroyed by fire on Sunday last. The loss is \$5,000 and the insurance \$3,000.

The assignment is announced of Joseph Jacob, contractor, of St. Henri, Que., the liabilities being \$45,870. The Montreal Lumber Company is a creditor to the amount of \$1,500.

The schooner H. B. Homan has been chartered to load lumber at St. John, N. B., for Grenada, at \$5. The schooner Mercedes will load lumber and spars at Belliveau's Cove, N. S. for Barbados.

WANTED

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LUMBER FREIGHT RATES. CANADA ATLANTIC RAILWAY.

Lumber freight rates on the Canada Atlantic Railway are as follows: Ottawa, Rockland, Hawkesbury and intermediate points to Toronto, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Toronto, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Syracuse, \$2.20 per M ft. (and under per M ft.); Ottawa to Montreal, \$1.50; Amprior to Montreal, 7; Quebec, 10; Pembroke to Montreal, 8c.; Quebec, 12c. lbs.; Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, track delivery, 17 cents per 100 lbs., lightered 17 cents per 100 lbs.; Amprior to New York, track delivery 17 cents, 19 cts. per 100 lbs. Pembroke to New York, delivered 18c., lightered 20c. per 100 lbs. Parry Sound track, 20 cents, lightered, 22 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Boston common points, local 15c; exports 15c per 100 lbs.; Amprior to Boston and common points, local 15c; exports 15 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Boston, Portland and common points, local 21 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Portland, 15 cts.; Amprior to Portland, 15 cts.; Ottawa to Burlington, 6c. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, 10 cts. per 100 lbs.; Amprior to Albany, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Albany, 17 cts. per 100 lbs.; Scranton and Wilkesbarre, Pa., also 17 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to St. John, N. B. and common points, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Halifax, N. S. and common points, 21 cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 20,000 lbs. and rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs. when quoted per M ft.; the minimum carload weight to M ft., lumber not exceeding 3,000 lbs. to the M ft. rates apply on shipments from Rockland and Albany.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Lumber freight rates for pine on the Grand Trunk Railway, according to the tariff issued 15th February, will be found below. General instructions to be observed by Grand Trunk are embodied in these words: Schedule: Minimum weight 30,000 lbs. per car, the marked capacity of the car be less, in which case the marked capacity (but not less than 20,000 lbs.) be the minimum weight. Exceptions—Cedar box cars, dry basswood and light pine or cedar, dry cedar shingles, charcoal and sawdust, which may be loaded up to 30,000 lbs. or up to the marked capacity of car, will be carried at actual weight, minimum 10,000 lbs. The rates on lumber in the tariff will be higher from an intermediate point on the trunk than from the first named point beyond the usual destination. For instance, the rates from Ottawa to Guelph, Brampton, Weston or Toronto will not be higher than the specific rates named from Guelph, Weston or Toronto to the same points. The rates from Guelph, Weston or Toronto to points east of Montreal will be the same as the rates from Stratford to the same points. The rates from Stratford to Kingston, and the rates from Hanover or Hopeville will not be higher than from Stratford to the same destination, but in no case are higher rates to be charged than as per mileage table published on page 21 of tariff.

Rates from leading lumber points on pine and softwood lumber, shingles, etc., are as follows: Glenora, Creemore, Aurora, Harne and other points in group B to Toronto, 65c.; Collingwood, Pelee Island, Coldwater, Waubesa, Sturgeon Bay, Victoria

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