

## GREAT BRITAIN.

The feeling in British timber circles is a little more hopeful. An average consumption is gradually reducing the heavy stock of lumber, and if shippers do not send forward heavy consignments in the autumn, a partial recovery of prices is confidently looked for. While the London market has not been relieved to any extent and still rules weak, an advance in the price of spruce at Liverpool has brightened the outlook there. During the last two weeks spruce deals have developed a stiffening tendency, and prices, we are advised, have advanced five shillings per standard. A Miramichi cargo has been sold to a Lancashire port at £6 10s per standard c.i.f., and brokers are asking £6 5s for inferior specifications. Holders of spruce seem to have great confidence in the future of that lumber. While the import of pine deals has been comparatively light, prices show little tendency to advance, but this may be explained by the fact that pine prices did not decline during the late period of depression to the same extent as spruce. The lower grades of Canadian lumber generally are in heavy stock and sluggish. Square timber is selling moderately at prices which vary but little from quotations of one month ago. Birch planks are in heavy stock and values have declined. The sale is reported from Liverpool of a large quantity at £5 10s per standard, a price which is almost certain to result in a loss to the shipper. At auction sales in London last week Quebec 3rd white spruce was sold at £6 10s, Miramichi 2x11 1st, 2nd and 3rd white spruce, averaging seconds, £7 10s; 3x9 same price; 3x7 a little better than £6 10s. Montreal 1st bright white pine (dry) for a mixed parcel of 3x10 and 11 to 3x4 sold at £12 5s; a parcel of seconds of better assortment, £15; and thirds, 3x11, same grade, £11 5s.

## FIRES

The saw mill of Howes & Leigh's at Harriston, Ont., was completely destroyed by fire last week.

## STOCKS AND PRICES

The barge Seguin last week loaded 900,000 feet of lumber at Victoria Harbor, Ont., for Chicago.

The city clerk of Montreal is asking for tenders up to August 13th for annual supply of lumber for water-works purposes.

William Richards, of Boiestown, N. B., has received an order from England for several million feet of maple lumber for furniture stock.

During the six months ended June 30th, 1901 2,766 car loads of deals were shipped from Halifax, N.S., to trans-Atlantic ports.

The cargo of the steamer Teutonia, which sailed from Montreal for Hamburg last week, included 100,000 feet of lumber and 30 standards of timber.

The Saginaw Lumber & Salt Co., of Saginaw, Mich., is reported to have sold recently 3,000,000 feet of log run lumber at a high figure, the stock to be cut from Canadian logs.

The steamer Daventry is loading a cargo of deals and timber at Quebec for Newcastle, consigned by Sharples & Co. The steamer Gladestry is loading a cargo for the United Kingdom.

It is reported that Demase Parizeau, timber merchant, of Montreal, has received an order from a firm in Bordeaux, France, for 750,000 box shooks, the result of samples of Canadian woods distributed by Mr. Parizeau a short time ago.

The steamer Lake Ontario sailed from Montreal last week for Liverpool, her cargo including 500 standards of deals. The Europa sailed for London with 500 standards of deals and took on 175 standards more at Quebec. The Ramore Head sailed for Dublin with 230 standards of deals and a quantity of timber.

The following prices were realized at a late sale held at Dublin by the Dublin Timber Co.:—Quebec spruce, 3rd quality, 13ft. 6x3, £10 15s per Irish standard; 11ft. 8x3, £12 5s, 12ft. and 13ft. 8x3, £12 10s; 12ft. 9x3, £12 17s 6d, £12 15s, £12 10s; 13ft. 9x3, £12 12s 6d, £12 15s, £12 17s 6d. Unsorted, 12ft. 9x2, £12 10s; 12ft. 9x1

1-2, £11 5s; 16ft. 9x1 1-2, £12 10s, £12 15s. Miramichi spruce, ex. "Corderillera," 14ft. 7x3, £12 2s 6d; 13ft. and 14ft. 9x3, £12 17s 6d; 14ft. and 15ft. 9x3, £12 15s; 15ft. 9x3, £12 12s 6d, 16ft. and 18ft. 9x3, £12 15s; 9ft. to 11ft. 11x3, £12 15s. 1st Quebec pine deals, 12ft. to 15ft. 12in. to 15in. x 1 1-2 in., £40; 12ft. to 16ft. 13in. to 15in. x 3, £45.

Concerning the market in England for spruce deals, the Timber Trades Journal says: "Buyers on this side have a large stock to work upon, and until this is further reduced the lowering tendency of spot goods may be expected to continue. Offers, however, sent out to Quebec for 3x9 2nds, at £8 15s, c.i.f., have been declined, and sellers out there are afraid that, in this size, they will not have enough to complete the contracts already in hand. Regarding lower port spruce stocks, we understand that from some of the outports the entire shipments are completed, and the shipments from St. John are expected to be very much less than last year. The total shipments from the lower ports to the end of June were about 7,000,000 feet less than last year, and during July and August, 1900, about 90,000,000 superficial feet were shipped; but the belief is pretty general that this year's shipments, extending over the period named, will be considerably less. A Cape Hopewell cargo of rather a bad specification, containing a large percentage of 7 and 8 in., has been sold this week to Liverpool at £6 2s 6d. This represents a slight market advance. As the Liverpool importers are among the keenest buyers of spruce, the sale is not without its significance. After the low prices which have been lately accepted, some reaction appears possible."

## CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The following shipments of lumber, etc., from Canadian ports are reported since last issue:

From Buctouche, N.B.: Schrs Melatus, Bell, I. P. Churchill, Ocean Bride, Richard B., and Beatrice May, for Cape Breton and Prince Edward Island points, total value of cargo \$2,700.

From Sackville, N.B.: Str. Petunia, for Manchester, Eng., 1,271,279 ft. deals and battens, value \$11,411,284; 894 ft. scantling, value \$1,995; 64,420 ft. ends, value \$395; 22,766 ft. boards, value \$115, by P. G. Mahoney. Schr. Two Sisters, for United States, 108,000 scantling, 50,000 laths, value \$927, by John M. Hicks.

From Vancouver, B. C.: Tug St. Clair, for United States, 272,644 ft. for Japan, 262,168 ft. rough fir, value \$1,516, by T. Larkin. Str. Athenian, for Japan, 262,168 ft. rough fir, value \$4,016, by British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Co.; 200,600 ft. rough fir, value \$1,602, by Robert Ward & Co. Tug Vulcan, for United States, 400,000 ft. cedar logs, value \$2,000, by Hamilton Logging Co. Schr. Angora, for Australia, 5,976 ft. rough fir, value \$597, by North Pacific Lumber Co.; 49,863 ft. dressed fir, value \$2,000, by B. C. Mills, Timber & Trading Co.

From Montreal, Que.: Str. Tritonia, for Glasgow, 1,304 pcs. deals, etc.,

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