

the price for 10 and 12 inch boards is \$20. Hardwood prices are not as firm as they were, but the conditions surrounding the trade are such that no serious decline is expected. At a recent meeting of the Michigan Hardwood Lumber Association reports were submitted from sixty per cent. of the hardwood manufacturers of Michigan. These showed the output of hardwood logs this year to exceed that of last year by only 5 per cent. Birch and maple are, if anything, slightly weaker.

## FOREIGN.

Some uncertainty seems to exist in Great Britain as to whether the present prices for wood goods will be maintained when the new cargoes commence to arrive. Importers find great difficulty in keeping up prices owing to the lessened consumption, and unless the demand shall improve we would not be surprised to learn of a break in prices. At the present time, however, the market for Canadian timber is holding up remarkably well. At many of the ports there is a scarcity of spruce. At London 3x9 third quality spruce in docks is held at £10 5s, and second quality at £10 10s. Pine deals also continue to sell at very satisfactory prices.

The French market is now quiet, although reports from Great Britain state that by no means have sufficient goods yet been purchased for consumers' needs. It is asserted that 150,000,000 feet of lumber has been consumed in construction work in connection with the Paris Exposition.

## STOCKS AND PRICES

The quantity of lumber lost by J. R. Booth in the recent Ottawa fire is definitely given as 41,000,000 feet.

Jacob Lawrence & Son, of Sarnia, Ont., have recently purchased a quantity of lumber from the Ontario Lumber Company.

It is reported that the Haliburton Lumber Co. recently purchased some timber limits from Mr. G. W. Yarker, of Toronto.

Over 10,000,000 feet of dry stock has been shipped from Marinette, Wis., to Buffalo and Cleveland since the opening of navigation.

Three million feet of logs cut in the vicinity of Loch Lomond, N.B., during the past winter for the Mispic pulp mill, will shortly reach their destination.

It is estimated that W. & J. Sharples, of Quebec, will ship out of Ontario this season over 300,000 cubic feet of square timber, principally elm, ash and birch.

Rupp & Kerr and W. C. McClure, of Saginaw, Mich., who own a timber limit near Three Rivers, Que., are reported to have sold it, the consideration being \$175,000.

The Smider Lumber Company, of Gravenhurst, Ont., have secured a stock of 11,000,000 feet of logs for this season's operations, and are running their mill day and night.

Messrs. George & McGregor, of Killaloe Station, Ont., offer for sale through the Wanted and For Sale Department of this issue 5,000 cedar telephone poles, from 25 to 55 feet in length, also 5,000 fence posts.

Honorable A. Dickey and R. Brownell, of Truro, N. S., are said to have sold to the American Furniture Company, of Oxford, N. S., a saw mill and 700 acres of timber land situated at River Philip, Cumberland county.

The single manufacturers of Washington have failed to agree upon a plan for reducing the output, and as a result prices of red cedar shingles are reported to be off in the Mississippi Valley territory from 12 to 20 cents per thousand.

J. W. Baird & Company, of West Hartlepool, England, advise us that they are in the market for a quantity of Canadian birch planks, 15 to 16 feet in length and 2 to 2½ inches thick, to be prime first quality wood, suitable for cabinet work.

J. W. Munro, of Pembroke, Ont., is reported to have sold his timber limits in the township of McKim to Toronto parties for the sum of \$45,000. It is also stated that Mr. Munro has purchased the Bronson & Weston limits on the Upper Ottawa for a sum in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

Duncan Brewer & Company, of Duluth, Minn., have sold of this year's manufacture all their No. 4 and 5 boards and lath and 1,500,000 feet of No. 3 and better. Merrill & Ring, of same place, have sold all their lath and shingles, 1,000,000 of No. 3 and 4 boards, and 10,000,000 feet of No. 2 and better.

The steamship Vancouver sailed from Montreal last week for Liverpool with 200 standards of deals, four cars of pulp, ten cars of blocks and ten cars of lumber. The steamer Ramore Head took on 150 standards of deals at Montreal, and 350 loads of timber and 600 standards of deals at Quebec. She sailed for Belfast on the 8th inst. The steamship Rydal Holme will load a full cargo of deals at Montreal for Newcastle.

The Montreal representative of a British manufacturing firm desires to secure tenders from Canadian lumber manufacturers or dealers for one million feet of mill run inch lumber, undressed, to be delivered f.o.b. Glasgow or f.o.b. Montreal for re-shipment per Glasgow steamer. Delivery may be made according to convenience of shipper at any time during the season of open navigation. This lumber is required for making crates and packing cases. Persons wishing to figure on this order may obtain particulars by communicating with this office.

## ENQUIRIES FOR WOOD PRODUCTS.

The following were among the enquiries relating to Canadian trade recently received at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada, in London, Eng.

30. A timber house who are buyers of large quantities of mouldings and ready made sashes and frames, which might be worked from white pine, red pine, or bass wood, desire to correspond with large makers in Canada.

Canadian manufacturers may open up correspondence with any of the firms making the above enquiries by addressing a letter to the publishers of the CANADA LUMBERMAN. When writing refer to the number of the enquiry.

## CANADIAN RED PINE.

In the Ottawa district of Canada there is an abundance of red pine that was at one time profitable to ship to the British market, but which, says The Timber Trades Journal, of London, England, since has suffered from competition with cheaper goods, until it has become hardly recognized as an article of import in the wood markets of Europe. Now that the prices of Baltic yellow deals have reached a level that would cover the cost of importing red pine and leave a margin of profit besides, the opportunity should not be lost of reviving the dormant market for the Canadian wood; but to do this with any chance of success in the competition with the ordinary deals would necessitate a thorough change in the methods of sorting and manufacture. Consumers here must have something in the nature of marks or brands on the deals that will signify the class to which they belong, and the lengths cut to the usual variety for them to select from. Red pine is in every way suitable for carpentering and joinery work, and to establish a permanent trade in it on this side of the Atlantic, in our opinion, only wants a little management on the other. The likelihood of Swedish or White Sea deals of the better class ever going back to the low prices of ten years ago is highly improbable from the lessened supply, which has been decreasing for years. To find some class of timber that will do in the place of the North of Europe yellow deal, that is equal in quality, at a lower price, is what consumers are looking for, and importers might probably meet the desire by enlarging the trade in red pine. But the shippers, or lumbermen, in Canada would have to cut the

wood in a suitable way for the building trade, and mark or brand it as well. To both the importer and the consumer the distinguishing mark is of considerable utility as forming a guarantee of quality that obviates all disputes, besides facilitating sales amongst the building fraternity, who have not always the leisure or the ability to judge those essential points for themselves. At any rate, the suggestions we offer seem feasible, and we shall be glad to hear the opinions of those who have dealt in red pine as to any reasons that may stand in the way of its adoption as a cheap building wood of the future.

## SALE OF TIMBER PROPERTY.

Nearly five hundred square miles of timber limits belonging to the Cook Bros. Lumber Company, Limited, were offered for sale in the rotunda of the Board of Trade building, Toronto, on Thursday, May 3rd. The limits are situated on the north shore of Lake Huron, and consist of thirteen parcels of 36 square miles each and one parcel of 25 1-2 square miles, making a total of 493 1-2 square miles.

There was a large attendance of lumbermen, but only one or two persons represented the Michigan interests. The sale was conducted by Mr. Peter Ryan. At the beginning the bidding was decidedly slow and the first five parcels were withdrawn. The sixth berth, No. 155, on the north shore of Lake Huron, and containing 25 1-2 square miles, was purchased by the Victoria Harbor Lumber Company, at \$1,500 per mile. Berths No. 156 and 157 were withdrawn at \$5,500 and \$6,000 per mile respectively. Parcel No. 9, being berth No. 161, was purchased by W. J. Sheppard, of the Victoria Harbor Lumber Company, at \$3,800 per mile. No. 10 and 11 were withdrawn, while No. 12, Berth No. 167, was secured by Brennan & Sons, of Hamilton, at \$1,600 per mile. There was no bid for parcel 13, but parcel 14, Berth No. 194, township of Otter, went to W. J. Sheppard, of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company, at \$1,600 per mile. The saw mill property at Spragge and the side-wheel steamer "Meteor" were then offered, but no bids being received both were withdrawn.

Mr. Ryan also placed under the hammer timber Berth No. 139 on the north shore of Lake Huron, the property of George H. Perley, Ottawa. This berth was also withdrawn.

## THE COOPERAGE MARKET.

The American Lumberman thus refers to the cooperage market at Buffalo:

There is already a casting about for apple-barrel stock, as the prospect of a crop is so far good. There will be no buying of second-class supply by barrel men as yet though, for there are plenty of chances to take between now and fall. The jobbers think they will be able to stand the demand, especially as the eastern call for flour-barrel stock is light, though most other industries needing barrels are active. The big decline of late is in coiled hoops, 6 foot lengths, selling at \$9.50 to \$10 and 5½-foot at \$8.75. Staves remain firm at \$8.75 to \$9 for first class dry elm flour-barrel stock, with basswood heading at 6½ to 6¼ cents a set, all by carload lots. In tight barrel stock tierce staves bring \$28 and hoops \$13. Coopers are getting 38 to 40 cents for flour barrels and paying 6½ to 7 cents for making. Tierces bring from \$1.25 to \$1.35 and the maker gets 33 cents. There is the usual complaint of low prices and small profits in the barrel business, though jobbers appear to be doing pretty well. The growing scarcity of elm constantly increases the use of maple and other hardwoods for slack barrel staves.

The Laurentide Pulp Company suffered a loss of \$20,000 by fire a few days ago, their pulp and wood-preparing mills at Grand Mere, Que., being destroyed.

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Following is the result of a sale of wood goods held by Churchill & Sim, London, England, on April 26th:

PINE—Ex Ailsa Craig, from Quebec—13 ft. 3x8 in. third quality white pine, £9; 12 ft. 3x8, £9; 13 ft. 3x7, £9; 12 ft. 3x7, £9 and £9 5s. Ex Leander, from Quebec—13 ft. 3x9 in. third quality white pine, £9 15s and £10; 11 ft. 3x9, £11 10s; 10 ft. 3x9, £9 10s. Ex Yola, from Quebec—13 ft. 3x12 24 in. first quality, £18 15s; 12-16 ft. 3x12-19, £19; 14-16 ft. 3x11, £18 15s; 12-13 ft. 3x11, £18 15s. Ex Castlemoor, from Quebec—11 ft. 3-11 in. third quality, £10 5s; 11 ft. 3x11 in., £10 10s. Ex Forest Holme, from Botwoodville, Nfld.—6-16 ft. 2x8-16 in. second quality, £11 5s; 10-14 ft. 2x7, £10 5s; 8-16 ft. 1½x8-13, £11 10s; 6-18 ft. 1½x4-6, £10; 7-18 ft. 1¼x6, £9; 12-16 ft. 3x13-16, £8 10s; 6-11 ft. 3x12, £8 15s; 6-17 ft. 1x8, £8 15s; 9-13 ft. 1x7, £8 15s; 11-13 ft. 1x6, £8 5s; 11-14 ft. 1x5, £8.

SPRUCE—Ex Ella Sayer, from Quebec—14 ft. 2x7, unassorted, £9. Ex Leander, from Quebec—10-11 ft. 3x9-14 in. second quality, £10; 10-11 ft. 3x9, £10 5s. Ex Canada, from Quebec 13 ft. 3x9 second quality, £10 5s.

## SHIPPING MATTERS.

Lumber freights are firm at \$2 from Bay City and \$2.12½ from Saginaw to Buffalo and common points, and \$1.75 to \$1.87½ respectively to Ohio ports.

The following charters are reported: Str. Lady Inveagh, St. John, N. B., to e.c. Ireland, deals, 52s 6d, July sailing; str. Pandosia, St. John, N. B., to w.c. England, deals, 50s; str. Kromberg, 2,217 tons, St. John, N. B., to w.c. England, deals, 50s, June loading.

The Timber Trades Journal reports the following charters: Steamer, 1,400 standards, St. Margaret's Bay, N.S., to Manchester, deals, 52s 6d; 1,200 standards, Hopewell Cape, N.B., to Manchester, 55s; boat, 750 standards, Montreal to east coast England, 50s; 750 tons, Miramichi to Cardiff, 52s 6d; 425 tons, Cape Tormentine, N.B., to Preston, 57s 6d.

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