

**THE OTTAWA VALLEY.**

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN)

OTTAWA, June 24th, 1904.—Comparatively little lumber is being shipped from the Ottawa district mills these days, either by rail or water. The English market is receiving but small shipments and nothing is going to the United States outside New York and district. About a score of lumber barges were here with coal this week, but only a very few could get lumber as a return cargo to the States.

High water in the Ottawa has interfered with the movement of lumber by barge. However, as the river is dropping to its normal level, the shippers are finding it possible again to work at the docks. Most trouble was experienced at Calumet and Rockland. At the latter point part of the yards was flooded and the tracks will need repairing.

It is likely that the high water will have the effect of reducing the season's lumber cut. The L'Original mills have only been running about half time and the Parley mill at Calumet and the Edwards Company's mill at Rockland were also interfered with by the high water.

Inquiry shows that Ottawa lumber prices are stationary, holding to the figures that have ruled all spring. Dullness is about the word that describes the lumber trade hereabouts at present.

The English market is quiet, so quiet in fact that considerable square timber that was cut for summer sale in the Old Country will be left on the limits until next season. Discussing the square timber end of the business, a leading operator said that present prices are not within eight to ten cents a foot as good as the prices at which sales were made last fall. Fraser & Company and Brennan & Company are two firms that have decided to hold over their square timber on account of the slump in prices.

From present indications, and for the above reasons, there will be a big decline in the production of square timber next season.

It was persistently rumored recently that Mr. Thomas Mackie, M.P., had sold

his newly purchased limits along with others at an advance of \$100,000 on the price he paid at the December sale in Toronto. However, Mr. Mackie is purchasing horses and making other arrangements to work the limits himself, so that the talk of sale is groundless.

The high water in the Ottawa river caused a break in the Les Joachim dam above Pembroke lately. About 300,000 logs and pieces of pulpwood were liberated, and it was feared at first that great damage and delay would be caused by the distribution of the logs. However, the logs were all collected by the steamers of the Upper Ottawa Improvement Company within a few days. The company was favored in the work by natural conditions, a strong east wind holding the logs in place. The companies interested were J. R. Booth, W. C. Edwards Company, Hawkesbury Lumber Company, McLachlan Bros. and E. B. Eddy Company.

Reports show that all the log drives are coming along in fine shape and the firms will have to report but few logs as "hung up".

Charles Desmarais, of Hull, has a stock

of cedar poles 24 to 30 feet in length at Mellon station on the Pontiac branch of the C.P.R. He is open for offers.

A lumber traveller returned from an American trip reports business in his line better throughout New York state than in the city itself.

**CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.**

From Parrishoro, N.S.: Steamer Gladestry, for Sharpness, Eng., 1,724,979 ft. deals and battens, value \$18,975, 81,662 ft. scantling, value \$786, 33,248 ft. ends, value \$249, 55,628 ft. boards, value \$610, by N. C. Nordly, for George McKean, of St. John.

From Halifax, N.S.: Barque Lima, for Ayr, Scotland, 678,105 ft. spruce deals, value \$8,700, by W. M. Mackay. Steamer Evangeline, for London, 27,706 ft. hemlock deals, value \$248, by Furness, Withy & Co. Barque Lazzaro, for Lianelly, Eng., 551,355 ft. birch deals, value \$5,820, 404,812 ft. spruce deals, value \$5,208, by W. M. Mackay. Barque Titania, for France, 809,405 ft. spruce deals, by W. J. Fisher. Barque Marie, for Bristol, Eng., 371,649 ft. spruce deals, value \$4,132, by W. M. Mackay.

From St. John, N.B.: Schooner E. H. Foster, for Boston, 79,667 ft. box shooks, 70,337 ft. spruce boards, 1,197 ft. scant-

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