

BRITISH LUMBER PRICES.

At a recent auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, England, the following prices were obtained for Canadian pine and spruce:

Pine—Ex. Andoni, from Quebec—7-9 ft. 3x8-19 in. first quality, £9 per std. of 1980 ft. Ex. Loango, from Quebec—13 ft. 3x11 in. fourth quality, £9 1/2; 12 ft. 3x11 in., £10. Ex. Montezuma, from Quebec—13-18 ft. 3x9 in. second quality, £10 1/2; 12-13 ft. 3x9 in., £8 5/8. Ex. Prome, from Montreal—6-22 ft. 1x11 in. second quality red, £8. Ex. Everingham, from Montreal—15-16 ft. 3x11 in. third quality, £11. Ex. Edga, from Montreal—12-13 ft. 3x10 in. third quality, £10 1/2; 9-11 ft. 3x10 in., £10; 12-13 ft. 3x8 in., £10 5/8; 9-11 ft. 3x8 in., £10; 12-13 ft. 3x7 in., £10 4/8; 9-11 ft. 3x7 in., £10. Ex. Nordboen, from Quebec—10 ft. 3x7-8 in. first quality, £22. Ex. Ella Sayer, from Quebec—13 ft. 3x7 in. first quality, £22 1/2. Ex. Belgian, from

Quebec—12-18 ft. 1x9 in. second quality, red, £9 1/2.

Spruce—Ex. Mount Royal, from Quebec—11-17 ft. 3x9 in. first quality, £9 5/8 per std. Ex. Montezuma, from Quebec—10-14 ft. 3x8 in. second quality, £8 5/8. Ex. Milwaukee, from Montreal—10-16 ft. 3x10-11 in. second quality, £9 1/2; 10-16 ft. 3x9 in., £10; 10-14 ft. 3x12-16 in., £8 1/2; 10-16 ft. 3x8 in., £8 1/2; 8-16 ft. 3x7 in., £8 5/8. Ex. Atbara, from Quebec—9-15 ft. 3x11 in. unassorted, £8 1/2; 9-15 ft. 3x10 in., £9 5/8; 12 ft. 3x9 in., £9 5/8 and £9; 11-14 ft. 3x9 in., £8 1/2; 12-16 ft. 3x9 in., £9; 9-11 ft. 3x9 in., £8 1/2; 9-16 ft. 3x8 in., £8. Ex. Romford, from Quebec—8-17 ft. 2-3x4-9 in. unassorted, £7 5/8. Ex. Aboukir, from Quebec—11-16 ft. 3x9 in. third quality, £9. Ex. Nordboen, from Quebec—11-14 ft. 3x7 in. fourth quality, £7 5/8. Ex. Sigrid, from Bonaventure River—10-18 ft. 3x5 in. first, second and third quality, £6 1/2. Ex. European,

from Quebec—12 ft. 3x11 in. unassorted, £8 5/8. Ex. Hedwig, from Miramichi—18-19 ft. 3x7 in. unassorted, £7 5/8. Ex. Andoni, from Montreal—13-16 ft. 3x11 in. unassorted, £8. Ex. St. John City, from Halifax—6-23 ft. 3x9 in. first, second and third quality, £8 1/2. Ex. Rosetti, from Miramichi—10-20 ft. 3x11 in. fourth quality, £7 5/8.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

Millions of feet of spruce logs were left in the Maine rivers last year, which will come down early this spring. The high prices of lumber have stimulated logging, so if the weather is favorable a large amount of logs will be put into the rivers this winter. The large supply of this year added to the surplus of last year may depress the price of spruce lumber. Reports from most of the large lumber yards of New England say they have on hand

only from one-half to two-thirds the amount carried in previous seasons.

The lumber business in New England is improving slowly and will in all probability continue to do so from now on. Prices are unchanging and wholesalers look for a drop in prices in the spring. Boston prices are as follows: Rail shipments: Spruce—10 and 12 in. dimensions, \$21; 9 in. and under, \$19; 10 and 12 in. random lengths, 10 ft. and up, \$20.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 ft. and up, \$17; all other random, 9 in. and u. Jer, 10 ft. and up, \$18 to \$18.50; merchantable boards, 5 in. and up, \$17; matched boards, \$18.50 to \$19; bundle lurring, random lengths, p. 1 s., \$17.

Shingles—Cedar extras, \$3.35 to \$3.40; do., clear, \$2.85; do., sds., \$2.25; do., clear white, \$2.10; do., No. 1, \$1.55. Laths, spruce, 1 1/2 in., \$3.20 to \$3.25; 1 3/8 in., \$3.40.

Clapboards, spruce, 4 ft. ex., \$44 to \$45; do., clear, \$42 to \$43; do. and clear, \$40 to \$41; pine, extras, \$59 to \$60; clear, \$54 to \$55; and clear, \$49 to \$50.

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