

At Saginaw, Mich., log run pine is held at \$18 to \$22 for Michigan stock; \$17 to \$20 for Canadian; box lumber, \$15 to \$16; mill culls, \$12 to \$13. One firm has constructed its entire season's cut of mill culls at over \$12 a thousand. A sale of 1,500,000 feet of dry hemlock at \$8.50 and \$9.50 is reported.

Of the 100,000,000 feet of logs taken out in the Rainy River and Thunder Bay district during the past winter, the Rat Portage Lumber Company cut more than half. Siemon & Company's contractors 20,000,000 feet, Alger, Smith & Company and the Pigeon River Lumber Company 10,000,000 feet each, and smaller firms the balance.

Short piece stuff is selling in the Chicago market at \$14.50 to \$15 from the yards, while long stock, from 2x4 to 2x8 inclusive, brings from \$15.50 to \$18. Twelve inch No. 1 common boards are quoted at \$22, but are difficult to obtain at any reasonable price, No. 2 12-inch selling at \$19, and No. 3 12-inch at \$16.50. Dry hemlock is in fair enquiry in cargo lots, being held at from \$9.25 to \$9.50 for shorts, and \$10.50 to \$11 for long stock.

Concerning the Barbadoes lumber market Messrs. Clairmonte, Mann & Company say: "There is still a good demand for both spruce and white pine lumber, with no arrivals during the last two weeks of March. Latest sales have been at \$24 for merchantable white pine and \$18 for second quality; \$21.50 for merchantable spruce and \$17.50 for second quality. Gaspe cedar shingles are in supply. Dimension shingles have sold at \$8.03, \$7.03, \$6.03, \$5.03, and \$4.03 for 8, 7, 6, 5, and 4 inch respectively. Last sales of cedar laying have been at \$2.10, and spruce lay at \$2.09.

ST. JOHN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The following shipments of lumber, etc., were made from the port of St. John, N.B., for the week ending April 20th: Per str. Salacia, for Glasgow, 350 pieces birch timber, 827,875 feet deals and battens, 5,477 feet scantling, 37,973 feet ends. Per schooner Priscilla, for Pawtucket, by A. Cushing & Company, 131,824 feet plank, 13,638 feet deals, 10,109 feet scantling, 1,722 feet boards. Per sch. James Hay, for City Island, by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 124,404 feet deals, 60,943 feet scantling, 64,406 feet plank. Per str. Leucra, for River Mersey, by W.M. Mackay, 2,505,817 feet deals and battens, 149,619 feet scantling, 57,604 feet ends, 202,514 feet boards. Per barkin. Antilla, for Bantry, by W. M. Mackay, 508,211 feet deals and battens, 178 feet ends. Per sch. Hazelwood, for City Island, by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 194,851 feet deals. Per sch. Harry W. Lewis, for Havana, by A. Cushing & Co., 87,394 feet plank, 277,802 feet boards. Per sch. Avalon, for Fall River, by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 34,395 ft. scantling, 91,026 ft.

plank, 21,209 ft. boards. Per Manchester City, for Manchester, 624 standards spruce deals, 165 bundles maple flooring. Per str. Evangeline, for London, 63 standards birch timber, 20 standards spruce deals.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

In local lumber circles extensive preparations are being made for the opening of the mill season. Everything points to a large cut. There is a shortage in several lines, and the extensive building operations promise to establish a strong local market for other lines. Prices are firmer, and in nearly every instance meet the higher figures quoted during the past month.

Pine mill and box culls are scarce; \$13 was recently offered for small quantities of the former. This shortage, of course, will be supplied when the new cut is ready, but prices on account of demand show no prospect of weakening. The season in short opens on a firm market, with an upward tendency.

The stock from the hardwood mills, which have been running since February, will soon be on the market. The supply of basswood is sold out. Hemlock, maple and birch remain at prices previously quoted. With the near approach of the opening of navigation mill owners and shippers are making preparations for the American and European trades.

Reports from the limits promise a satisfactory movement on the early runs. Ald. R. J. Davidson, of the firm of Davidson & Thackeray, state that their drive on the Quyon, consisting of 35,000 logs, has been brought down. This firm will move its mill this summer from Coulonge village to the junction of the Coulonge and Ottawa rivers. Lumber is to be cut for a large mill which will be erected next year.

Building operations in Hull are exceptionally active. Over 75 houses and business blocks have been started already this spring. In all, over 400 structures have been built in Hull since the fire a year ago. Two large planing mills are in operation there, D. Amour's on Brewery street, and Morin & Ouellette, on Lake street. In Ottawa building operations, according to conservative reports, promise to continue brisk for at least two years. Prospective builders who held off expecting a downward movement in the lumber market, waited in vain, and have decided to go ahead with their structures.

The first building material sent from Ottawa to South Africa since the war was started eighteen months ago, was forwarded last week. It consisted of a car load of sashes and doors sent from Davidson & Thackeray's factory to their Cape Town head-quarters. A revival and boom in this business is expected to follow, now that trade relations have been restored.

On April 24th many of the lumbermen of Ottawa, including Mr. J. R. Booth and the members of the Hull Lumber Co. and E.

B. Eddy Co., will be strongly reminded of the losses sustained, a twelve-month before, in the fire that swept parts of Hull and Ottawa. The district has been in a great part restored. Many of the mill yards are piled high once more, but the Quebec side of the Ottawa river, south of Main street, Hull, is still a barren waste of ashes. This, however, will likely be piled high during the coming season.

The Eddy Company has rebuilt its mill, and two new pulp mills are to be erected at the Chaudiere. The paper and pulp mills of the Eddy Company will all be rebuilt before the end of the year. Work in the match and paper factories, already completed, is booming.

An important lumber case is now being tried in the Superior Court, Hull. About \$400,000 is involved in the action, which was instituted by Mrs. Dezouche against Alexander Fraser, the well-known lumberman. Plaintiff's first husband, Mr. McCoshan, was foreman for and afterwards partner of Mr. Fraser in the ownership of an extensive and valuable limit in the Ottawa district. Shortly after McCoshan's death in 1885, the limit was sold, presumably at the instigation of Mr. Fraser. Mrs. Dezouche now claims that the interest of herself and children, the heirs of McCoshan, were not protected in the deal, in short, that the limit was sold below its value. Defendants, on the other hand, claim that the partnership affairs were wound up on the most advantageous terms to all concerned. Legal advice was taken and the limit properly advertised and sold by public auction. In the case, evidence was given by J. K. Booth, W. J. Poupore, ex-M. P., Hiram Robinson and other well-known lumbermen regarding the value of the limit, the terms of the sale and the business relations between Mr. Fraser and Mr. McCoshan. The action has produced an interesting and keen legal battle. Judgment will not be given for several months, as there is a large array of witnesses yet to be heard.

Mr. William Bowden, for many years book-keeper with the Hull Lumber Company, has resigned that position. Hereafter he will travel in the interests of the Sanitaris' Mineral Water Company, with headquarters at Toronto. Mr. Bowden was one of Ottawa's most progressive citizens, and very popular. He was a leading member of several fraternal societies. In the lumber business there were few better posted than Mr. Bowden, who carries hearty wishes for his future success.

Ottawa, April 22nd, 1901.

DRIVING PROSPECTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

A dispatch from Fredericton, N.B., on April 18th, stated that the reports from the logging regions were very favorable. The river had risen a couple of inches the previous night, and a further rise was expected. There is considerable snow on the head waters of the St. John and Miramichi.

William Richards & Company have their drive of 4,000,000 feet on Burnt Land Brook out into the main river. On Cain's river and Taxis they have the logs well along, but the Dugarven is yet full of ice.

Lynch has now about one hundred and seventy-five men at work on the Clearwater and South-west rivers and at the head of the Miramichi. The prospects on the St. John are quite encouraging. R. A. Estey is ready to turn his logs into the main Tobique, only waiting for the booms to be put in readiness. Hale & Murchie state that the prospects in their vicinity are good, and they anticipate no trouble in getting their logs out. The situation on the Nashwaak is also bright. Logs are running freely in all the tributaries, but particularly in Cross creek.

Word was received at Fredericton last week that the Seven Islands cut above Grand Falls had broken loose. There are about 7,000,000 feet in this stock.

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