

list adopted by the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association, sharp advances are made in high-grade lumber. First and second clear, A selects, B selects and high-grade thick finish were advanced \$3 to \$5 a thousand, 1 1/2 and 1 1/4 inch C selects 50 cents, and 2-inch \$1.50. Siding was heavily advanced in the better grades, but only slightly in the lower grades. Lath was reduced 25 cents, making the price \$4 for No. 1 white, \$3 for No. 2, and \$5.50 for mixed. The advances were considered justified by the conditions, as the report of stocks presented by the secretary was a most favorable document. Some of the chief items are given elsewhere. A new official hardwood price list was decided upon by the Hardwood Manufacturers' Association on August 6th, although only some classes of lumber were included, the others to be considered later. Basswood was fixed at \$32 to \$34 for firsts and seconds, \$25 to \$27 for No. 1 common, and \$16 to \$21 for No. 2 common. A range of \$36 to \$48 for firsts and seconds and \$26 to \$38 for common was allowed for ash. While hemlock prices have not yet advanced, a meeting of the Northwestern Hemlock Manufacturers' Association is to be held this week, when action will likely be taken.

Buffalo reports a scarcity of 10 and 12 inch box and cutting-up lumber. The demand for birch and basswood is in advance of the supply, with prices slightly higher. Black ash sells quickly. Lath prices are a shade weaker, with shingles firm.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The tone of the British timber market continues very good. The import has been on a moderate scale, and appearances point to firm prices throughout the year. Reports of a short supply have at last influenced importers, who are not disposed to delay the placing of orders. Canadian pine deals of first quality are very scarce, while the supply of the lower grades is plentiful. At Liverpool the maximum quotation for best quality is £28 per standard. Of the spruce market a recent report from Liverpool, says: "Unless the unforeseen happens, we think the spruce market has seen its worst for this season; the pressure to sell steamers 'to arrive' has been relaxed, and the attitude of the shipper is now one of complacency." Advices from London are not so assuring, as the following from the Timber News, would indicate: "Several sales have taken place in spruce deals from the docks during the last week, at varying prices. If the report is correct that a firm of importers has sold a parcel of 3rd 3 by 9 12/13ft. at £9 7s 6d, it would appear that goods are to be purchased at cost price at any rate, the sellers can only have made the 'handsome' profit of 2s 6d per standard. The majority of contracts for deals are based on £9 12s 6d to £9 15s for 3 by 9 3rd spruce, and £10 2s 6d to £10 5s for second quality in dock." The best information, however, is to the effect that spruce prices are more likely to advance than to recede. In square and waney timber a steady trade is doing at firm prices. Birch logs are scarce at Liverpool, but more plentiful at Glasgow.

J. T. Marchand and T. Prefontaine & Company will supply the lumber required this year by the Montreal Waterworks Department.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Messrs. Reid & Company, Esplanade street, Toronto, are still in the market for 4x4 cedar, 10 to 16 feet in length.

At an auction sale held by Foy, Morgan & Company, London, Eng., recently, waney ash, 8-21 feet long, 14-20 inches in diameter, brought 8d per cube; waney elm, 16-26 ft. long, 14-19 inches diameter, 9 1/2d per cube, and American round ash from 5 1/2d to 6d per cube.

Stocks of white pine in Chicago are getting into better shape, but there is no surplus of dry stock there or at the northern mills. A feature of the trade is the weakness in No. 3 and No. 4 common boards, which are in better supply. At the same time there is also a little easiness in short and narrow piece stuff, which is selling in Chicago at \$15.75 to \$16.00.

LUMBER IN THE LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

The following extracts from the report of the secretary of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association contain much interesting information regarding lumber stocks and demand:

Sales up to July 1st this year were 11 per cent. less than during the same time last year, or 1,132,218,890 feet as compared with 1,258,980,473, but they are 25 per cent. larger than during the same months of 1900, when the total was 903,228,163 feet. The apparent decrease this year is almost entirely due to the shortage of the stock. Shipments have been so much greater than the production for the past three years that the time was finally reached when sales were of necessity restricted because of scarcity of lumber. For the past five months the majority of our members have been unable to fill more than from 50 to 75 per cent. of the orders offered. There is little doubt but that shipments would have nearly equalled the high record of last year had there been as much stock in shipping condition.

Stocks of lumber held by the manufacturers of the Mississippi and Wisconsin valleys on August 1, 1900, were 11 per cent. less than those on hand August 1, 1899.

On August 1, 1901, stocks were 7 per cent. less than those on hand August 1, 1900.

On August 1, this year, stocks of lumber were 7 per cent. less than those on hand same date last year. This makes a total percentage of shortage August 1, 1902, over the same date 1899 of 25 per cent. These percentages were based upon comparative reports from practically the same firms each year.

On January 1 this year stocks were 16 per cent. less than those on January 1, 1901, as shown by the annual inventories.

Lath, to-day is 35 per cent. more than the amount on hand August 1 last year.

Shingles are to-day 26 per cent. less than the amount on hand August 1, last year.

On January 1, this year, dimension constituted 24.9 per cent. of the whole amount of lumber on hand, which was a decrease of 5.8 per cent. over the proportion of dimension on hand the year previous, as shown by the inventories.

On August 1st the stock of dimension carried by our members was 61,450,000 feet less than that carried by them on August 1 last year. On January 1st the total stock of dimension was 286,006,513 feet. This shortage would indicate that

there need be no fear of any accumulation of piece stuff of northern pine this year. It also indicates that there is an increasing percentage of inch stuff being sawed, largely due to the higher price for the latter.

On account of the deterioration of standing timber there is an increasing percentage of low grade stock being obtained, and there must consequently be an increasing discrepancy between the prices of common and better grades.

Our reports show that the members of this association will produce about the same amount of lumber that was sawed last year, provided conditions are favorable from now to the end of the season. There are a number of mills which will saw considerably less, as a few which last year sawed both night and day are now sawing but day only, but this decrease is offset by small increased estimates by many other mills. It is not at all likely that the production will be any greater than it was last year.

TRADE OPENINGS.

An eastern firm desires to purchase several carloads of hard maple logs from 22 to 27 inches in diameter and 10 to 12 feet long.

A letter from the Canadian secretary of the Wolverhampton Exhibition of Arts and Industries has been forwarded to the Manufacturers Association in Toronto, through the Department of Trade and Commerce, which states that large contractors in Bombay are very anxious to obtain a Canadian hardwood suitable for flooring which the white ants cannot penetrate. The secretary would be very glad to receive samples of wood for inspection.

F. K. Lyons, agent for L. W. Bates, of London, England, who has a contract for extensive harbor improvements to be made at Shanghai by the Chinese government, is touring the Pacific Coast, conferring with lumber manufacturers in regard to a heavy order for shipment to Shanghai. The order will include piling, sheeting and heavy timbers. The main work will be the erection of extensive wharves and docks along the river front, and these are to be sheathed up in a substantial manner.

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

From Montreal: Str. Montreal, sailed July 28th, for London, 620 pieces hardwood lumber, by W. & J. Sharples; 5,031 pcs. lumber by G.T.R. Str. Tiger, sailed August 5th, for Rotterdam, Leith, 5,957 pcs. deals, 212 logs, by W. and J. Sharples; 5,204 pcs. deals by Dobell, Beckett & Co.; 518 pcs. deals by McArthur Export Co.; 5,905 pine boards by Watson & Todd. Str. Langford, sailed August 6th,

Orillia Planing Mills

and Sash and Door Factory  
Near G. T. R. Station.

PLANING, MATCHING AND RE-SAWING

Done in any quantity. We guarantee satisfaction. Write for prices. Address,  
S. POMEROY, Box 428, Orillia.

Bulmer McLennan & Co.

EVERYTHING IN

LUMBER AND TIMBER

Rough or Dressed Wholesale and Retail  
Office and Yard:  
571 Dorchester St., Montreal, P. Q.  
Telephone Main 368 Correspondence Solicited

for Newcastle, 2,864 deals by J. Burtall & Co.; 33,365 pcs. deals, 375 boards, by Dobell, Beckett & Co. Str. Bengore Head, sailed July 29th, for Chatham, 15,694 pcs. deals by Watson & Todd. Str. Marina, sailed July 30th, for Glasgow, 4,544 pcs. deals by McLaurin Bros.; 6,201 pcs. deals by R. Cox & Co.; 1,588 pcs. deals by J. Burtall & Co.; 11,164 pcs. deals, timber and boards, by Dobell, Beckett & Co.; 2,252 pcs. deals by Watson & Todd. Str. Lake Champlain, sailed July 30th, for Liverpool, 4,675 pcs. lumber by G.T.R.; 13,784 pcs. lumber by Charlemagne Lumber Co.; 5,716 pcs. lumber by R. Cox & Co.; 13,399 pcs. lumber by J. Burtall & Co.; 2,150 pcs. lumber by Watson & Todd; 4,063 pcs. lumber by McLaurin Bros.; 2,750 pcs. lumber, 460 pcs. maple maple lumber, 700 bundles elm, by C.P.R.; 460 pcs. hardwood lumber, by Elder, Dempster & Co.

From Hopewell Cape, N.B.: July 14th, Str. Ovidia, for Manchester, Eng., 3,136,590 sup. feet deals, boards, ends, etc., value \$30,362, by W. Malcolm McKay; July 31, 1902, Str. Platea, for Manchester, 3,194,932 sup. feet deals, ends, scantling and boards, value \$36,107, by W. Malcolm McKay.

From Yarmouth, N. S.: July 25, Str. Ella, for Fleetwood, Eng., 1,325,909 feet deals ends and scantling, value \$18,563, by Dickie & McGrath.

From St. John, N. B.: Schr. Ina, for Bridgeport, 105,543 ft. plank, 36,025 ft. scantling, by A. Cushing & Co. Sch. Beaver, for City Island, 1,280,000 laths, by A. Cushing & Co. Sch. Pardon G. Thompson, for City Island, 95,342 ft. plank, 78,471 ft. scantling, 13,010 pickets, 201,000 cedar shingles, by A. Cushing & Co. Sch. Jennie C, for Boston, 81,903 ft. plank, 241,000 shingles, by Steison, Cutler & Co. Sch. Ida May, for Stamford, Conn., 60,946 ft. scantling, 104,696 ft. plank, by A. Cushing & Co. Sch. limrod, for Philadelphia, 1,703,000 laths, by Dunn Bros. Sch. H. A. Holden, for Boston, 680,000 laths, by A. Cushing & Co.

DOORS AND MOULDINGS.

A large buyer of Canadian white pine doors and mouldings is open to contract with a mill for their entire output of No. 3 and 4 qualities of doors and all their mouldings during 1902. Write in first instance to "Empire," CANADA LUMBERMAN.

THE CLEVELAND-SARNIA SAW MILLS CO., LIMITED

SARNIA, ONT.

Manufacturers and Wholesale Dealers in

Band-Sawed Timber and Lumber  
White Pine Lath

Daily capacity 250,000 feet

Special bills cut to order in

WHITE PINE  
RED PINE  
HEMLOCK  
and FIR

CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.