

ness generally has improved in response to better conditions. There is much building in progress and lumber is going into consumption actively. Several advances in prices have been made. Under the new white pine list, first common pine boards are quoted at \$25 for 12-inch and \$24 for 8 and 10-inch, while the corresponding prices for second grade are \$20 and \$19. There has also been an advance of \$1 per thousand in the wholesale price of British Columbia fir lumber, and of \$2 per thousand in the price of cedar. The higher price of British Columbia cedar shingles which went into effect two months ago have been maintained without difficulty. The movement is quite brisk and the mills are behind with orders.

#### UNITED STATES.

Farmers are now busily engaged with their crops, and for that reason are not purchasing lumber in any quantity. The consumption for building purposes in the cities is as heavy as ever, the record of building operations for May showing a substantial gain over the corresponding month of the previous year. The movement of lumber, taken as a whole, is entirely satisfactory. The eastern requirement is large, and notwithstanding the labor troubles in the anthracite mining district, a considerable quantity of lumber is finding a market there. A report just received from Pittsburg states that the outlook is for an early advance in the price of lath. Stock is more plentiful in eastern wholesale centres than it has been for months, but there is still a scarcity of some grades owing to the fact that dealers have not yet been able to get their lumber shipped from the mills. At Buffalo and Tonawanda slight advances have been made on some of the better grades within the past week. No. 1 and No. 2 barn in 12-inch has been advanced 50 cents. In Chicago dealers are experiencing greater competition than earlier in the year, in consequence of which prices have been shaded in one or two instances. A cargo of common inch pine, practically No. 2, but with 10 per cent. of No. 1 and 15 per cent. of No. 3, was sold last week from \$17.50 to \$18. Piece stuff is reasonably firm at \$15.50 for short and \$17.50 for long. Spruce lumber is strong with the exception of small tradoms, the demand for which has been curtailed by the recent strikes in the New England States, which have interfered with the class of building in which they are used.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

The lumber market of Great Britain remains steady. The volume of business is not unusually large, but it is encouraging to learn that Canadian spruce and pine lumber has held stronger than almost any other class. Cargoes of spruce have been sold at £7 10s to £7 12s 6d c. i. f. Liverpool for New Brunswick stock. The former price is for inferior specifications and the latter for the usual proportion of 10 per cent. 3 x 11. At recent auction sales high prices were obtained for spruce, third quality bringing £9 10s and fourth quality £9. What effect the postponement of the Coronation celebration will have upon the lumber market is yet unknown, but it has involved considerable loss to persons who had invested heavily in undertakings of various kinds.

Accurate figures have been compiled showing the reduction in the log production in Sweden last winter. The total number of logs taken out by one hundred

of the leading firms was 18,930,430, as compared with 31,735,503 in the previous winter. This is a reduction of about 40 per cent., which, taken in conjunction with the lessened quantity of lumber for export from Canada to Great Britain, should cause an all round advance in prices. The fact that freight rates are so low is an indication that there is no great quantity of lumber awaiting shipment. A steamer has been chartered at 30s from St. John, N. B., to Liverpool, which is about the lowest rate on record.

#### STOCKS AND PRICES

Extra cedar shingles are selling at \$2.80 delivered to Chicago.

Owing to the water rising at St. Francis, N. B., a number of cedar logs were carried away.

The Newville Lumber Company, of Parrsboro, N. S., shipped 171,381 feet of scantling to Vineyard Haven last week by the steamer St. Bernard.

The steamer Mechanician sailed from St. John, N. B., last week for Liverpool with 1,500 standards of deals and a quantity of box shooks and pulp.

All the logs cut on the St. John river and its tributaries are now believed to be in safe quarters except 3,000,000 feet for Stetson, Cutler and Company.

It is reported that the Cook-Lummi Company have sold their cut, estimated at over 25,000,000 feet, to Mershon, Schuette, Parker & Company, of Saginaw.

The steamer Inishowen Head sailed from Montreal last Saturday for Davenport and Plymouth, England, with a cargo of timber and deals for the Imperial Government.

Eddy Bros. & Company, of Blind River, Ont., are reported to have sold the Norway lumber in their stock to Walworth & Neville, of Bay City. It is estimated at 4,000,000 feet.

The Tobique Manufacturing Company, of Plaster Rock, N. B., have shipped in the past two weeks fifty cars of lumber. Their cut this season will be about 5,000,000 of spruce and 25,000,000 shingles.

McArthur Bros. & Company, of Little Current, Ont., are operating their mill day and night, cutting their own stock and about 2,000,000 feet for the Edward Hines Lumber Company, of Chicago. The mill will cut about 30,000,000 feet this season.

L. H. Swan & Company, of North Tonawanda, have bought the balance of the stock, 750,000 feet of white pine, which was purchased by Montgomery Bros., of Buffalo, from the Clark-Swan-Jackson Company. Swan & Company have also bought the remainder of Shepherd & Morse's stock of white pine, nearly 1,000,000 feet.

N. N. Wright & Company have been cutting 5,000,000 feet of logs at Cutler, Ont., for Frank Perry, the stock being sold to E. B. Foss & Company, of Bay City. About 5,000,000 feet will be cut for Pitts & Company, which has been purchased by Prescott & Company, of Cleveland. The Spanish River Lumber Company's mill will cut 16,000,000 feet for Foss & Company, of Bay City.

#### 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.

#### PRICE OF B. C. SHINGLES.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 23, 1902.

Editor CANADA LUMBERMAN:

DEAR SIR,—I notice in your weekly issue of June 4th, that a correspondent who signs himself as "One Interested" takes objection to my letter in your monthly edition of June in relation to the price of B. C. shingles in Ontario. Your correspondent is quite correct in stating that the prices were advanced 15 cents a thousand about April 1st. Now, while this statement is quite right in this respect, at the same time it is a fact, which I have no doubt all the manufacturers in B. C. very much regret, that practically all the shingles which have been sold so far in Ontario this year have gone on the market at last year's prices, and I have very grave doubts if more than a few car loads have been sold at the advanced price. The simple reason of this is that about all the mills had contracted their shingles before the advance at the old price. This is, of course, unfortunate for the manufacturers, but it is nevertheless true.

Yours truly,  
S. H.

#### THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

The June activity in the local lumber market was fairly well pronounced. The railway report a good movement of lumber to Montreal for export, and consignments for points in the States are numerous. While the mining and other industrial strikes across the line had a depressing effect on the lumber trade with the New England States, the demand from other States comprising new territory is quite strong.

Generally speaking, the business can be said to have a buoyant tone. The voice of the chronic kicker is heard in the land, but the majority of the mill men and operators speak well of the present and hopefully of the future. While prices have not advanced they have not declined, and it would appear as if they had reached a limit. Be this as it may, the trade does not seem to fear an early decline. Inquiries for good stock continue to roll in with every mail and there will be "doings" when the present season's cut is ready for shipment.

Mr. George H. Fowler, Lumber Agent of the C. P. R., reports a brisk movement of telephone and telegraph poles, a movement in advance of that of previous years. From points on the Pontiac and Gatineau branches and Buckingham, Araprior and Ottawa the "long fellows" are being shipped in large numbers.

Other stock that is moving freely from points in the vicinity of Ottawa is wood pulp and lath. The wood pulp is bound for mills in New York State. The lath is consigned to points in Pennsylvania and Ohio. While this year's cut of lath is being handled in large quantities, shippers are still busy with last year's cut. There is a brisk movement of lath from Rockland. The Interior Lumber Company, of Pittsburg, Pa., last fall closed a deal with the W. C. Edwards Company for two millions and a half of lath cut at the Rockland mill. This stock is being

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shipped now. J. R. Wheeler, a lumber operator of the same American city, closed a big deal with the Hawkesbury Lumber Company for a large stock of lath, which is now being shipped from the Hawkesbury yards.

'Everything is moving along O.K., there's no chance for a break in prices.' This parting shot from a well known operator sums up the situation.

The tributaries of the Ottawa are full of logs these days, and the main stream has received several of the drives. A large quantity of pulp wood is in sight ready for the saws. The Rouge river, which enters the Ottawa on the Quebec side at Calumet village, is literally floored with logs and pulp wood. The logs belong to Mr. George H. Perley, who operates a large mill night and day at Calumet. This mill was formerly operated by the Ottawa Lumber Company. Last winter Mr. Perley overhauled it and fitted it up anew. The pulp wood on the Rouge river belongs to the Riordan Paper Company, of Hawkesbury. Mr. Thos. Mackey, M. P., who was in the city this week, reports the mills in and about Pembroke doing a rushing business. Steady rains have brought along the drives which were in the early part of the season accepted as abandoned for this year at least. The same report applies to the Coulonge, Gatineau and Black rivers.

Mr. W. A. Sheriff, slide master at Chats Rapids, states that fully two-thirds of the present season's cut of square timber has passed down the Ottawa river en route to Quebec. He figures that fully 590,000 cubic feet of square timber has passed down in cribs, with 250,000 feet to follow, making 840,000 feet to traverse the water route this summer. So far 478 cribs have been moved.

This year's movement of square timber has been the best and largest in recent years. The timber taken out by Mr. Hurdman is, according to knowing ones, of the first quality. Much of the timber is being handled by Dobell, Beckett & Company for export to England. It is there used largely in pattern making.

The square timber trade has an advantage over the saw mill business, as it gives quick cash returns. The monetary equip-

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