

generally considered. For instance, the stock of pine and spruce boards in the London docks is less than at the same time last year, while pine and spruce deals are represented by only a slightly heavier stock. At Liverpool the stock of Quebec pine and spruce deals and square and waney timber, as well as red pine timber, is lighter than one year ago, but there is a heavier stock of elm, birch and ash timber. It is reported that several large contracts for spruce have recently been closed at an appreciable advance on last season's figures, also that some 5,000 logs of birch have been placed principally to London, Liverpool and Manchester, at a shade over the prices of last year. The standard sizes in 9 and 11 inch deals are regarded as likely to advance during the year, but the course of irregular sizes and low grade stock is in some doubt. We are told that Quebec pine deals are finding a ready sale at Hartlepool, where first and second quality are almost exhausted and the stock of thirds is limited. On the whole, there seems to be a better demand for Canadian hardwoods and prices all round are a little firmer.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Richard Vigers, of Port Arthur, has purchased the planing mill of M. S. Kelly at that place, together with the stock on hand.

The Dominion Government is asking for tenders up to March 3rd for construction of breakwaters at Herring Cove, N.S., and at Upper Salmon River, Albert county, N.B., also for the supply of poles for the construction of 125 miles of telegraph lines in Cape Breton.

The City of St. John, N.B., recently invited tenders for 2,000 tons of birch or maple timber and 500 tons of white pine. The contract for supplying the timber has been given to J. M. Scott, of Hawkshaw, York county, at \$7 per ton. A. H. Hilyard & Company offered 125 tons of white pine, in lengths from 14 to 22 feet, at \$10 per ton, and the longer lengths at \$12.50 per ton. C. E. Gallagher, of Perth, tendered on 100 tons of birch or maple in 14 foot lengths, 200 tons in 22-foot lengths, and 200 tons in from 12 to 22-foot lengths, at \$5.70 per ton.

TRANSACTIONS IN TIMBER PROPERTIES.

The largest private transaction in timber properties that has taken place in Canada for many years was consummated last week, by which the timber limits, saw mills, water power, and other property of Cook Bros., of Toronto, passed into the possession of George W. Cook, nephew of H. H. Cook, and George J. Cook, members of the old firm, and William Lummis, late manager of part of Cook Bros' properties. The limits sold are on the north shore of the Georgian Bay and cover eight townships, or 300 square miles of territory. The saw mill is located at what is commonly called Cook's Mills.

The exact purchase price could not be ascertained, but it is understood that it was in the vicinity of \$1,250,000. The new firm will be known as Cook & Lummis.

Edgar G. Murphy, of New York, has purchased the mill and other property of Henry V. and Frederick Dewar at St. George, N. B. The limits are situated in Charlotte and York counties, and include the lands purchased from the Gilmore estate some years ago, on which some of the best timber of the province is to be found. The consideration is said to be about \$60,000. It is understood that the purchaser is acting for a syndicate who have in view the building of a large pulp mill at St. George.

TRADE OPENINGS

The following were among the inquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the Canadian Government Office in London, Eng., during the week ending 7th February, 1902:

Information respecting Canadian hardwoods for street paving purposes is asked for by a selling agent who has experience in placing such goods on the English market.

A London firm at present doing a good business in chair-stock, backs, seats, legs, etc., ask for names of additional exporters of such goods in Canada.

The names and addresses of the parties may be obtained at the office of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

"Cleaned out of better lines, scarce in others," is the general report of millmen and dealers on the lumber market. As can be seen by a look over the latest revised market list sent out from Ottawa, there is an advance in all the higher grades, including sidings, strips, shorts, shingles and lath. Good sidings according to dimensions sell from \$34 to \$45, and in some cases higher figures approaching the half century mark are quoted. Millmen who have stocks are not in a feverish heat to sell, for they know that the demand with the opening of the building season, before the saws again start, will be a large one. In some lines the high prices have placed a damper on business.

Good pine strips, according to dimensions, range from \$29 to \$35, and shorts for different sizes range between \$20 and \$30.

Lath and shingles furnish strong features of the market. No. 1 white pine lath sells as high as \$3.25, and is scarce at that; No. 2 is quoted at \$2 to \$2.25. Red pine lath is quoted at \$2 to \$2.50. Cedar shingles are in the fancy price list, selling at \$2 to \$2.25 for clear butts and \$2.60 to \$3 for xxx. The quotations on pine shingles are xxx \$2.50 to \$3, clear butts \$1.75 to \$2, and xx \$1.25 to \$1.50. In this connection it may be stated that the shingle of the Ottawa Valley is an 18 inch product, while that of the Georgian Bay

mills is 16 inches wide. In former years the latter width was turned out at Whitney, but as there was little or no demand a change was made to the wider and more popular shingle. Occasional orders for the 16 inch shingle have to be filled at the western mills.

A record in the lumber business has been established at Mr. J. R. Booth's mill. Twenty-four hours from stump to saw reaches the limit where the distance is taken into consideration. Logs are brought from the Madawaska district, 180 miles distant, to the Ottawa mill over a spur line and the Parry Sound branch of the C. A. Ry. Trees are felled, fashioned into logs and loaded on cars all in one day. The run by rail is made by night, and at 7 o'clock next morning the logs are on hand at the mill. A 16 foot log brought down recently measured seven feet across the butt. In one sleigh load there was 3,500 feet of lumber. Who says the lumber industry is declining?

Negotiations have not yet been completed for the erection of the mill at Ottawa re-

ferred to some weeks ago, but work will be started, it is expected, in time to have the saws going in the fall.

OTTAWA, February 17th, 1902.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

Spruce lumber at Boston is seasonably quiet, with the position firm. Orders are declined at anything below full prices, although it is understood that randoms on the market and forced to be sold do not bring full quotations: Ten and 12 inch dimensions, \$20; 9 inch and under, \$18; 10 and 12 inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$19 to \$19.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$16 to \$16.50; all other randoms, 9 inch and under, 10 feet and up, \$17 to \$17.50; 5 inch and up merchantable boards, \$15 to \$16; matched boards, \$18 to \$19; out spruce boards, \$13; bundle furring, \$16 to \$17.

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