

of it. There is a fair supply of quartered oak, but this is on account of all oak dealers hustling through producing districts after it, most of them cutting their own timber.

There has been an unusual amount of certain hardwoods shipped in here from the American shore of the lakes, but dealers say that the asking price for it this winter is such that they cannot do anything with it and may have to return southward for supplies.

This market is against any further advance of the price, either in hardwoods or pine, but if the producer has his way it will have to be done. Already the price has gone up so that the builder is afraid to touch any sort of building material and is waiting, either for prices to come down or rents to go up.

The steady advance in hemlock is another factor in the case. It is now \$16 for base price, fairly twice what it was before the rise set in. There is complaint that there is no stock of hemlock anywhere and that it is sure to remain scarce, no matter if the price goes to \$20, which is freely predicted.

The Goodyears appear to be preparing to add to their output of hemlock for a considerable time yet, for they have just bought a large tract in the vicinity of their Pennsylvania headquarters, all of which is to be made tributary to their mills at Austin, Pa.

Other travelling Buffalo lumbermen are Alfred Haines and W. W. Reilly, also bound for southern Italy. The hardwood fraternity somehow sticks to business. J. B. Wall, F. W. Vetter and H. S. Janes are in the southwest, all looking after timber tracts that they are urging into the market.

Good reports come from the Arkansas tracts of Scatcherd & Son and the Empire Lumber Company. Mr. Scatcherd has just sold a lot of cottonwood timber to the McCormick Reaper Company of Chicago, which he estimates will cut at least 35,000,000 feet.

Buffalo and Tonawanda lumbermen are getting together this winter on general principles, feeling, apparently, that there is more than the usual need of co-operation. Two joint meetings have been held in Buffalo this winter, but nothing was done but compare notes in a general way and endeavor to post each other on the situation, which will be peculiar till it is known whether the price is to go up again.

There is about the usual amount of stock here. Tonawanda reports 806,000 feet more than last winter, but Buffalo has not completed a report yet.

Buffalo, Jan. 5th, 1900.

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LONDON AUCTION SALE PRICES.

Messrs. Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., held an auction sale of wood goods on Wednesday, January 24th, at which Canadian deals and timber sold as follows:

PINE.—Ex. Tartallon, from Quebec, 10-14 ft. 2x9-11 in. second quality, £14; 14 ft. 2x8, £11 15s; 12-13 ft. 2x8, £12; 12-15 ft. 2x7, £12; 13-15 ft. 2x6, £10 15s; 12 ft. 2x6, £10 10s; 12-14 ft. 2x5, £9 15s; 10-11 ft. 2x8, £10 15s; 10-11 ft. 2x7, £10 5s; 10-11 ft. 2x6, £9 15s; 9-11 ft. 2x5, £9 5s; 6-8 ft. 2x4, £8 10s. Ex. Memnon, from Quebec—12-16 ft. 1 1/2 x 7, first quality, £16 5s; 12-16 ft. 1 1/2 x 5, £15 5s; 12-16 ft. 1 1/2 x 4, £15 15s. Ex. Mount Royal, from Quebec—12-16 ft. 1 1/4 x 7, first quality, £16; 1 1/4 x 6, £16; 1 1/4 x 5, £15 10s; 1 1/4 x 4, £15. Ex. Cervona, from Quebec—16 ft. 1 1/2 x 7, first quality, £16 10s; 12-16 ft. 1 1/2 x 6, £16 10s; 12-16 ft. 1 1/2 x 4-5, £15 10s; 12-13 ft. 1 1/4 x 12-20, £20 15s; 12-13 ft. 1 1/4 x 11, £21 10s; 12-13 ft. 1 1/4 x 10, £18; 12-13 ft. 1 1/4 x 8, £16 15s; 12-13 ft. 1 1/4 x 7, £16 10s; 1 1/4 x 6, £16 5s; 1 1/4 x 5, £15; 1 1/4 x 4, £14 15s; 1 1/4 x 3, £14 10s. Ex. Melrose, from Quebec—9-13 ft. 3x11-19 in. third quality, £10; 12-13 ft. 3x8, £8 5s; 12 ft. 3x7, £8 10s; 9-11 ft. 3x8, £8 5s; 3x7, £8 10s.

SPRUCE.—Ex. Zanzabar, from St. Thomas, Que.—12 ft. 3x9, first quality, £11 10s; 11 ft. 3x9, £10 5s; 9-10 ft. 3x9, £10 5s; 12-13 ft. 3x8, £10; 9-11 ft. 3x8, £9 10s. Ex. Melrose, from Quebec—9 ft. 3x5, first quality, £9; 6-8 ft. 3x5, £9; 9 ft. 2x7-9, £9 5s; 9 ft. 2x6, £8 15s; 9 ft. 2x5, £8 15s; 6-8 ft. 2x7-9, £9; 6-8 ft. 2x6, £8 15s; 6-8 ft. 2x4-5, £8 10s; 9 ft. 3x5 9, second quality, £8 15s; 6-8 ft. 3x5 6, £8 5s; 9 ft. 2x7-9, £8 15s; 9 ft. 2x6, £8 10s; 9 ft. 2x5, £8 10s; 9 ft. 2x4, £8; 6-8 ft. 2x7-9, £8 15s; 6-8 ft. 2x6, £8 5s; 6-8 ft. 2-5, £8 10s; 6-8 ft. 2x4, £8; 12-13 ft. 2x8-12, first quality, £11 5s; 2x7, £9 15s; 2x5-6, £9 10s; 9-11 ft. 2x8-12, £10; 2x7, £9 10s; 2x5-6, £9 5s; 6-8 ft. 2x5-11 in. second quality, £8 15s; 12-13 ft. 2x6-9 in. first quality, £9 10s; 12-16 ft. 2x6-7 in. second quality, £8 15s; 12-13 ft. 2x6, £8 10s; 7-11 ft. 2x6-9, £8 10s. Ex. Halifax City, from St. John, N.B.—1-28 ft. 3x7 in. first, second and third quality, £8 15s; 16-28 ft. 3x7, £8 15s; 13-28 ft. 3x7, £8 15s; 3-5 ft. 3x7, £7 5s.

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ENQUIRIES FOR WOOD PRODUCTS.

The following were among the enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada in London, Eng., during the week ending 19th January:

9. Enquiry comes from Dublin for the names of Canadian exporters of railway square sleepers.

10. An enquiry has been received for names of lumber merchants who can guarantee supplies of birch in fairly straight round logs, 4 to 8 feet in length and 18 inches and upwards in diameter. The wood is required for cutting veneers and quotations must be at a very low figure.

11. A Paris house asks to be placed in touch with large exporters from Canada of spruce wood and white pine.

12. A party desiring to import wood powder in quantities of 5,000 to 10,000 tons per annum wishes to get into communication with Canadian producers.

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