

## QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The spruce lumber market is remarkably strong. Inquiries for stock are coming in faster than the orders can be filled. A favorable factor is that the buying is not confined to any one market, the lumber being wanted for Great Britain, United States, West Indies and South America, as well as for home consumption. It is not anticipated that prices will advance materially, although certain grades may go higher. Clapboards have retained their recent advance to \$40 to \$42 for extras, Boston delivery. Large shipments of lath are being made to the United States. Shingles are firm at recent quotations.

## MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The lumber demand throughout Manitoba and Western Ontario could scarcely be better. Mills are far behind with orders and the immediate future promises no relief. Naturally prices have advanced. British Columbia lumber has recently been advanced \$1 on eastern shipments, \$2 on foreign shipments and 15 cents on shingles. Freight rates are weak with a downward tendency, particularly for Australia and South Africa. Exporters are thus enabled to place lumber on foreign markets at the minimum of cost. A scarcity of freight cars has interfered with eastern shipments, but the railroad companies have promised to remedy this trouble.

## UNITED STATES.

The white pine lumber situation has changed in one or two respects. Dimension and norway are exceptionally scarce and strong, while No. 4 and 5 boards are slightly weaker. There is a growing feeling that a further advance will take place in the price of all piece stuff, notwithstanding that dimension is probably selling higher than ever in the past. The weakness in the lower grades of boards is not such as to cause alarm, but is probably due to the fact that wet weather and delayed farming operations have combined to prevent a large movement of lumber in the agricultural districts, where the poorer class of lumber is consumed. The white pine market as a whole is very strong, and expectations justify the prediction that trade during the fall will be unusually active. It is reported that lumber is being shipped in large quantities to the striking coal regions, which is regarded as indicating an early settlement of the strike. Hemlock lumber is stronger. A new price list went into effect at Philadelphia on September 2 making an advance of from 50 cents to \$1.50 per thousand and establishing a new base by excluding the 16 foot lengths, which are given a price \$1 higher. The domestic demand for hardwoods has made up for the slackness in export trade. Prices remain firm and are expected to advance with the full advent of the fall demand, which is now exhibiting itself only in a moderate degree. The maple flooring market is again quieter. Shingles and lath are advancing. In the Saginaw Valley the best grade of pine shingles is held at \$4.25 and 18-inch white cedar shingles at \$3.90 for XXXX.

## GREAT BRITAIN.

Further strength has been shown in lumber prices in Great Britain since our last report. The advance in spruce

values has come sooner than was anticipated, and all grades have been marked up fully five shillings per standard at Liverpool. A few lots are still offering at £8 15s. c.i.f. London for 3x9 third quality, but most shippers are obtaining an advance on these figures ranging from 2s. 6d. to 5s. per standard. At the public sales £9 15s. has been realized. First-class pine in all dimensions continues scarce, whilst 3x9 third quality is commanding £11 15s. c. i. f. Liverpool. Importers who purchased early in the season have profited thereby, and are likely to be further benefited, as the chance of a decline in prices is very remote. Birch timber brought from 32s. to 35s. per load at a recent auction sale. Staves have declined from £3 10s. to £3, but it is predicted that this weakness will be only temporary.

## STOCKS AND PRICES.

A raft of 6,000 logs containing about 4,000,000 feet recently arrived at Collingwood, Ont., for the J. & T. Charlton Saw Mill Company.

J. R. Booth, of Ottawa, will engage in the square timber business this winter and will take out about 150,000 cubic feet on his Mattawa limits.

The barque Hecla is loading lumber at Chemainus, B. C., for Australia. The barque Emma Louisa sailed last week from Chemainus for Valparaiso with lumber.

The Rathbun Company are reported to have purchased a block of timber in Burton township, Haliburton county, from the Canadian Land Company, which they will operate this winter.

Fire in the yard of Bradley, Miller & Company, Bay City, Mich., last week destroyed 1,000,000 feet of lumber, 3,000,000 pieces of lath, 200,000 shingles and several hundred feet of deckage.

Chas. Queregenss, of Brodhagen, Ont., has formed a syndicate to operate the timber limits which he recently purchased in New Ontario. A fortnight ago an additional 900 acres were purchased. It is understood that several portable mills will be operated on the limits this winter.

The Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company, of Sandwich, Ont., will operate five camps in the woods this winter. They expect to take out 5,000,000 feet. Joseph Turner expects to take out a similar quantity, and the Mouthrop Lumber Company, of John's Island, will take out about 15,000,000 feet.

The Cleveland-Ohio price list on white pine, adopted a fortnight ago, makes several changes, including the following: \$19 for 2 x 4, 6 and 8 inch, 16 feet and under; \$20 for 2 x 10, 18 feet and under; \$23 for 2 x 12, 18 feet and under. For hemlock \$14.50 is named for 2 x 4 to 10, 14 feet and under; \$15 for 16 foot same sizes; \$17 for 2 x 4 to 2 x 12, 18 foot.

During the month there were received at Tonawanda by vessel 70,000,000 feet of lumber, as compared with 63,000,000 feet for the preceding month. Shipments of lumber from the Tonawandas by canal last month exceeded those of any previous month this season, being over 30,000,000 feet.

The following reference to the Barbadoes market is furnished by Clairmonte, Mann & Company: "Merchantable white pine is wanted, the last sale being at \$26 per thousand. Second quality is in oversupply and sells at \$17.50. The last sale

of spruce was at \$19.60. The "Lizzie Lindsay" arrived from Gaspé, Que., with 506,000 Long Gaspé cedar shingles. Sales were made at \$3.67½ to \$4.07 per M, quality ordinary. Laying shingles are quoted at \$2.25½.

## THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

Mr. Charles McCool, M. P., of Nipissing, now a resident of Ottawa, and Mr. John P. Millar, of Pembroke, have formed a partnership to conduct lumbering operations. They have purchased from the estate of the late J. W. Munro, M. P., Pembroke, a limit in Whitman township near Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. The financial consideration is in the neighborhood of \$150,000. Square timber operations will be conducted on the new limits. Another deal involving a large sum is under consideration. Other parties are interested in this.

Continued prosperity and a promising future have created a revival and an increased demand for good limits. From present indications the Ottawa and Ottawa Valley companies will work every foot of available territory this season.

Canadian lumbermen are turning their attention towards the States. Recently the Read Lumber Company was organized in Ottawa to operate in Southern California. Last week Mr. Charles Warren, of the Imperial Lumber Company, Toronto, returned from Kentucky. He is said to have secured 3,600 acres of hardwood lands in that State, which will be operated.

The last number of the Canada Gazette contained notice of the formation of a new lumber company with a capital of \$500,000. The members are James H. Sanderson and Edward Moore, Prince Albert, N.W.T., and Kenneth McDonald and Hector McDonald, merchants, Ottawa. The seat of operations is not mentioned.

J. B. Giroux, of Lefebvre, a village on the Ottawa River, was yesterday committed for trial on two charges of "defacing and concealing saw logs."

It was Ald. Charles Desmaris, of Hull, not Ald. Charles D'Amour, as previously announced, who secured the contract for supplying timber for the new Montreal harbor works.

Ex-Mayor Bingham, who has charge of the log drives on the Gatineau, was in the city to-day. He reports the drives in point of number of logs contained ahead of last year's. Continued rains facilitated the work, and the logs were moved somewhat earlier this year than last.

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## BRITISH TIMBER SALE.

The following prices were paid for Canadian deals, etc., at an auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, England, on August 27:

PINE.—Ex. Etolia, from Montreal—12-13 ft. 3x11 in. second quality, £19 per std. Ex. Brazillian, from Montreal—6-9 ft. 3x7-8 in. third quality, £11. Ex. Drot, from Montreal—12-16 ft. 3x9-10 in. fourth quality, £9 10s; 12-16 ft. 3x7-8, £9 5s. Ex. Forest Holme, from Quebec—9-17 ft. 3x6-10 in. first quality, £19. Ex. Everingham, from Montreal, 15-17 ft. 3x11 in. third quality, £12 15s; 12-16 ft. 3x11-12, £12 10s; 12-13 ft. 3x11, £12 10s.

SPRUCE.—Ex. Drot, from Quebec—10-16 ft. 1x11 in. first quality, £11 10s. per std; 10-16 ft. 1x10 in., £10 15s; 12-13 ft. 1x9, £7 5s; 9-16 ft. 1x9 in., £7 5s; 10-16 ft. 1x11 in. second quality, £9 10s; 12-16 ft. 1x10, £8 15s; 12-16 ft. 1x9, £9 5s; 6-8 ft. 3x11 in. fourth quality, £7 10s; 6-8 ft. 3x7-8, £7. Ex. Marian, from Quebec—11-17 ft. 3x6 in. third quality, £7; 10-16 ft. 3x6 in. fourth quality, £7. Ex. Yoruba, from Montreal—12-13 ft. 3x10 in. fourth quality, £7 15s; 12-16 ft. 3x8, £7 5s; 11-14 ft. 3x7 in., £7. Ex. Milwaukee, from Quebec—6-14 ft. 3x5-9 in. first quality, £6 15s. Ex. Ripplingham, from Chatham, N.B.—10-11 ft. 2½x7 in. unsorted, £7. Ex. Mexican, from Quebec—6-15 ft. 2x9 in. third quality, £8 15s; 6-15 ft. 2x7 in. £8 5s; 6-15 ft. 2x8-9 in. fourth quality, £7 10s; 6-15 ft. 2x7 in., £7 5s. Ex. Stratford, 10-15 ft. 3x6 in. fourth quality, £6 15s; 10-14 ft. 3x6 in., £7. Ex. Hovding, from Quebec—12-15 ft. 3x10 in. unsorted, £8 10s; 12-13 ft. 3x10, £9; 10-12 ft. 3x10, £8 15s.

BIRCH.—Ex. Runmoor, from Miramichi, N.B.—5-15 ft. 3-4x5-12 in., 1s per cubic foot; 4-18 ft. 2x4-12 in., 1s. 2d. Ex. Iberian, from Quebec—18 inch and under 20 inch, 32s. 6d. to 35s. per load of 50 cubic feet; under 16 in., 35s.

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