

## LONDON LUMBER PRICES.

Canadian pine and spruce brought the following prices at an auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, England, on October 27th:

**PINE.**—Ex. Loughrigg Holme, from Quebec—9-11 ft. 3x10-14 in. 3rd quality, £2 5s per standard of 1,980 feet; 14-15 ft. 3x8 in., £8 10s. Ex. Hirundo, from Quebec—12-13 ft. 3x8 in. unassorted red, £7 5s. Ex. Hermes, from Quebec—9-11 ft. 3x11 in. 3rd quality, £9 10s. Ex. Verdandi, from Quebec—6-8 ft. 3x7-11 in. 3rd quality, £8. Ex. Lobelia, from Quebec—10-15 ft. 3x9 in. unassorted red, £8 10s. Ex. Montezuma, from Quebec—6-18 ft. 2x6 in. unassorted red, £7 5s; 6-18 ft. 2x5, £7; 6-18 ft. 2x4, £7 10s.

**SPRUCE.**—Ex. Atbera, from Saguenay, Que.—16 ft. 3x9 in. unassorted, £8 15s; 12-16 ft. 3x11, £8 5s. Ex. Brantingham, from Quebec—13 ft. 3x7 in. 4th quality, £7 10s. Ex. Cunaxa, from West Bay, N. S.—3-21 ft. 4x5 in. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quality, £5 5s; 5-24 ft. 4x4, £5 5s; 4-20 ft. 2x4, £6 15s. Ex. Heros, from Quebec—9-12 ft. 2x6-10 in. unassorted, £6 15s; 9-12 ft. 2x5, £6 15s; 6-8 ft. 2x4-8, £6. Ex. Verdandi, from Quebec—10-15 ft. 3x4 in. 5th quality, £5 10s.

A quantity of birch timber, from Quebec, sold as follows: 16-24 in., 57s 6d per

load of 50 cubic feet; 14-18 in., 52s 6d; 13-16 in., 47s 6d.

## COOPERAGE STOCK SITUATION.

Messrs. Sutherland, Innes & Company, of Chatham, Ont., report upon cooperage stock conditions as follows:

There has been quite a lull in the demand for cooperage stock for the last month, especially in the apple-barrel trade, the rush which was expected not having materialized, although trade has opened up this month very much better, and during the last few days orders have been coming in freely for apple-barrel material.

The flour-barrel trade is also opening up, and millers are beginning to store up their stock for use during the winter months. This is going to make quite a rush in flour-barrel stock for some little time to come. The general demand for cooperage stock throughout the country, however, has been comparatively light, although no lighter than is usual during the month of September, and an improvement has already set in in the general demand, which is more than likely to be maintained for the balance of the year.

No. 1 elm staves are comparatively scarce, but there are quite a few No. 1

mixed wood staves coming up from the South, and also manufactured in the North, which are being used considerably by the coopers, on account of the cheapness in comparison with elm staves.

Mill-run staves, especially apple-barrel stock, appear to be quite plentiful, and prices are such that coopers are able to sell their barrels freely. The buyers of apples held off for a considerable time in purchasing their barrels; but are now getting in with a rush, and this and next month should be a very busy time for the apple-barrel coopers.

The beet-sugar season has also opened up, and there is a good demand for sugar-barrel stock from the sugar-beet factories. The lime and cement trades have been comparatively quiet, but even these trades are looking up and using more barrels during the last two weeks than they have for some time. On the whole, the outlook for a good demand for stock is very bright, and, from present appearances, there is going to be enough stock to meet the demand. The only shortage which is likely to occur will be in No. 1 elm staves. Hoops and heading are fairly plentiful, and can be obtained at reasonable prices.

The tight-barrel stock situation is somewhat different. The demand is heavy and the supply is limited. While prices

sagged off somewhat during the month of September, they are now stiffening up again, and tight-barrel stock is not only in good demand, but prices are advancing. It looks at present as if there is going to be a general clean-up of tight-barrel stock by the end of the season.

## BUSINESS NOTES.

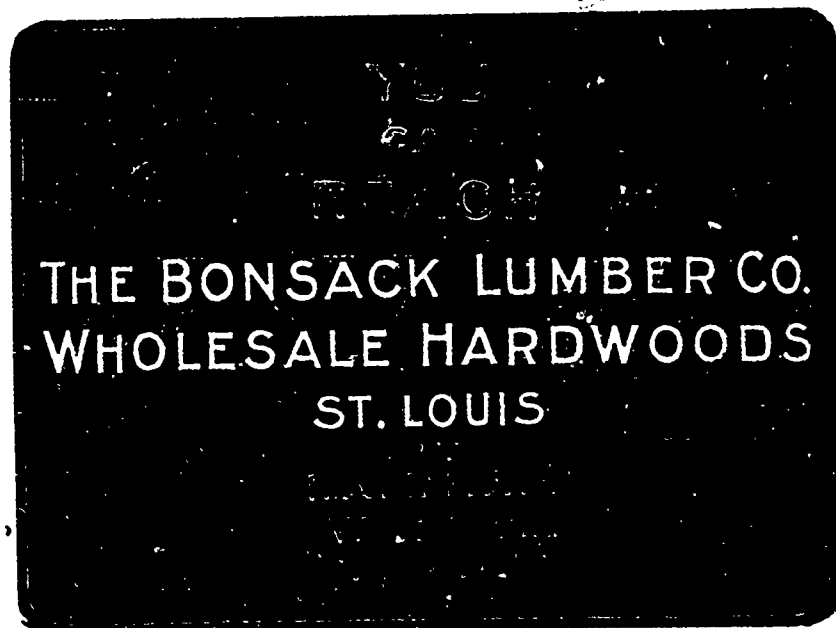
DeLapante & McBurney have opened an office in the Manning Arcade, Toronto.

A. E. Adam, general store and lumber, D'Israeli, Que., is offering to compromise at 60 cents on the dollar.

The Canada Lumber Manufacturing Company, of North Tonawanda, N. Y., are reported to be in financial difficulties, DeLapante & McBurney having issued a writ of attachment against them.

The Cascade Lumber Company, of Vancouver, B. C., is apparently temporarily embarrassed, their mill premises and property on False Creek having been placed under seizure at the orders of R. J. Skinner, Provincial Timber Inspector. It is stated that the company is indebted to the Department of Lands and Works for timber royalties. The company was organized less than three years ago, the present partners being Messrs. Tait and McTavish.

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