

Maple flooring has advanced in New York city \$1 a thousand on clear, \$2 on common, and \$1 on factory.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The outlook for shippers of lumber to Great Britain is better than was expected a few weeks ago, although importers are not exhibiting much confidence in the year's operations. It is almost certain that the better grades of pine deals will find a market at remunerative prices. The course of the spruce market, however, is less certain, as it will depend largely upon the extent of imports into Great Britain from the Baltic. If these should prove unexpectedly large and greater than the market can absorb, a slump in spruce prices will likely result. Stocks in London, however, have become considerably reduced during the past two months. The peace proposals that have been made to the British Government are a hopeful sign, and although meeting with refusal, are regarded as indicating that negotiations for a settlement of the South African war will soon be under way.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The city engineer of St. John, N. B., has been instructed to invite tenders for the supply of 2,500 tons of timber for the building of a wharf.

The cooperage market at the present time is quiet. Buyers are not in the market to any extent. In Chicago pork barrels are offered at from 90 to 95 cents.

Mr. Kennedy, of North Brook, Ont., has taken out 20,000 cubic feet of board timber for Burton Bros., of Barrie. The timber was cut on the Drinkwater limits.

During the year 1901 Buffalo dealers imported from Canada 69,212,106 feet of lumber, 44,803,333 shingles, and 12,071,570 laths. These figures show a large increase over those of 1900, which were 43,562,741 feet of lumber, 23,360,400 shingles, and 3,151,400 laths.

In the Chicago market there are many items of white pine lumber that are exceptionally scarce. No. 1 and No. 2 12-inch boards in any length are difficult to get hold of, and everything over 16-foot in both Norway and white pine piece stuff is exceedingly scarce, also 2 x 12 and 3 x 12.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, Capt. Wright and F. C. Robinson, of Moncton, and C. S. Hickman, of Dorchester, N. B., have purchased the mills and 30,000 acres of timber lands from Gillespie Prescott, of Cumberland county, N. S. The property is situated near Shulee, and the purchase price is about \$100,000.

McLachlin Bros., of Amprior, Ont., recently sold about 8,500,000 feet of 12-inch stock to the Shepard & Morse Company for shipment to South America. The

cash equivalent was in the neighborhood of \$150,000. Hostilities in the southern republics have interfered with the business for months past, but it is now recovering its former activity.

Mr. G. W. Campbell is understood to have entered into an agreement with the Pacific Coast Lumber Company, of New Westminster, B.C., to handle their entire output. This company is now building a mill on Coal Harbor, within the city limits of Vancouver.

The R. Laidlaw Lumber Company, of Toronto and Buffalo, are reported to have purchased the entire output of the Huntsville Lumber Company's mill for the coming season. This company have purchased largely in Ontario within the last two months.

The vessel Wetmore, loaded with lumber, recently became stranded at Tobermory, Bruce county, Ont. The lumber was en route to Buffalo, being the property of Hurd & Hauenstein and Hurd Bros., of that city. It comprised about 2,000,000 feet, of which about four-fifths has been saved and is now offered for sale by the insurance agents.

The red shingle situation in Washington is marked by a steady improvement in prices. Clears are bringing about \$1.85, and stars about \$1.65. Stars are stronger in the market than clears, a reversal of the order prevailing near the close of last season. This is attributed to the fact that the poor market for stars which prevailed at that time caused many mills which had been cutting that grade to turn to clears, with the result that the stock of stars has been reduced.

Of the hardwood situation at Buffalo, N. Y., the American Lumberman says: Dealers find that the demand is improving and the supply is not only small, but is growing smaller right along. While New England is not buying as readily as it might, waiting for more favorable prices, New York State and City are quite in line and will have lumber if they can get it, whether the price is what they want or not, for the outlook is that this state is building as it never did before, taken as a whole, and will keep on building as long as general business may be good. What is going to be done for stock, especially oak, is hard to say. Some dealers, who used to be the standbys in that sort of lumber, say that they are very low in it, while others, who are very inclined to boast of their supply, admit that they are out of this or that, especially certain thick cuts. The demand is more general than it was and calls for all sorts and all cuts, but it will have to be satisfied with what there is. Prices are about as formerly, though some dealers are asking more for oak.

A market report from S. P. Musson, Son & Company, dated January 18th, contains the following reference to the Barbados lumber market: "Arrivals have been heavy, and dealers were so fully stocked that a decline was bound to take place, and if further arrivals occur, we shall probably see even lower prices. The

arrivals have been the "Alexandria," from Weymouth, N. S., with 29,000 feet white pine, and 180,000 feet spruce; the W. F. Gordon, from Liverpool, N. S., with 50,000 feet shipping and 32,000 feet second quality white pine, 21,000 feet shipping spruce, and 41,000 feet hemlock; and the "Pilgrim," from Bridgewater, N. S., with 8,000 feet shipping and 50,000 feet second quality white pine and 45,000 feet shipping spruce. The former cargo was sold at \$23.06 and \$17.51 respectively for white pine and \$20.36 for shipping, \$16.26 for second quality spruce, and \$16.87 for hemlock. The cargo of the latter sold at \$23.06 and \$17.51 respectively for white pine; and \$19.75 for spruce. The "Trader," from Shelburne, arrived on January 12th with 109,000 feet white pine intended for Demarara, but owing to loose sails the vessel could not proceed there and the cargo was sold at \$21 for shipping, and \$16 for second quality. The cargo of the "Bertha Gray" from Tusket Wedge, N. S., brought \$20.60, \$16 and \$20.05 respectively for white pine, \$18.50

by A. Cushing & Co. Schr. G. H. Perry, for Boston, 64,373 feet plank, 67,408 feet scantling, 184,000 cedar shingles, by A. Cushing & Co. Str. Corinthian, for Liverpool, 203,094 feet deals, by W. M. Mackay; 526,450 feet spruce deals, 47,945 feet birch plank, 7,158 feet birch ends, by George McKean; 7,787 pieces deals and ends, by William Thomson Company. Str. Amarynthia, for Glasgow, 167 pieces oak lumber, by Schofield & Co.; 1,200 bundles box shooks, 5687 feet spruce deals, 75,211 feet scantling, by A. Cushing & Co.; 55,182 feet pine deals by J. B. Snowball & Co. Str. Bengore Head, for Belfast, Ireland, 70 tons birch timber, by Jarvis Wilson; 9,209 feet pine deals, 198,050 spruce deals, 883 maple blocks, by William Thompson & Co.; for Dublin, 95,647 feet deals, by George McKean. From Halifax, N. S.—Schr. Nellie Louise, for New York, 173,521 feet lumber, value \$2,110. Str. Corinthian, for Liverpool, 418,805 feet deals, etc., value \$3,717. Str. Amarynthia, for Glasgow, 315,593 feet deals, value \$3,943.

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From Annapolis, N. S.—Schr. Foster Rice, for Barbadoes, 225,000 feet lumber, by Pickles & Mills. Barque Alert, for Buenos Ayres, 637,500 feet lumber, by Pickles & Mills. Schr. Hatte P., for Barbadoes, 100,000 ft. lumber, by Clarke Bros. From St. John, N. B.—Schr. H. A. Holder, for Boston, 53,538 feet plank, 21,382 feet scantling, 506,133 feet boards,

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