

reached the bottom then business will improve and not before." All this, our contemporary says, it saw coming, and had warned the trade, but they persisted in making contracts when the situation called for restriction. When, however, a reference is made to specific markets it is found that trade, after all, is not so thoroughly demoralized. At Manchester, the timber trade is putting on considerable activity, the number of vessels fixed to arrive in the canal is increasing, and there is every outlook of a good season's trade. Quietness prevails at Liverpool, and yet beneath the surface strengthening of conditions is said to be manifest, and the lumber trade is securing benefit in this way. Glasgow trade does not by any means call for a gloomy statement. At other foreign points, Australia, South Africa, West Indies and China, a fair trade is reported.

HARDWOODS.

The growing use to which hardwoods are being put is shown in the measure of firmness that exists in this branch of the trade, where white pine is slow. A fair trade has been done throughout the week. Maple is reported in good demand, and it is to be explained to some extent by the growing activity in building operations. Quartered oak still holds a strong position. Cherry is dull, and the price declining somewhat. Birch does not hold quite as strong a position as early in the season. It is said there is a reversion from cherry and birch to mahogany. A report from Philadelphia says, that hardwood is coming into increased use among house finishing men, and that many houses are being erected finished nearly altogether in hardwoods. In the Buffalo market, oak is in fair request, with maple weak. A good demand continues for basswood.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

CANADA.

The American sch. Compeer, has left Vancouver, B. C., with a cargo of lumber, from George Cassady & Co., Ltd., for San Francisco, consisting of 430,000 feet of rough lumber, which is valued at about \$5,000.

Shipments from St. John, N. B., for the past week, embraced 3,250,000 feet of deals, etc., for British ports, and 2,000,000 feet of long lumber, 1,300,000 shingles, 1,112,000 laths, and 485 cords of wood, for United States ports.

The Muskoka Mill & Lumber Co., closed a sale this week of berth No. 127, in Montgomery township, with Col. A. T. Bliss, the well-known Michigan lumberman, who buys on behalf of the Central Lumber Co., of Milwaukee, Mich., in which he is interested. The berth constitutes 36 square miles, and with the exception of some square timber that was taken off it about eight or ten years ago, it is practically virgin forest. The new purchasers will likely work it next winter, and the logs will be brought down the Blind river.

Further shipments by vessel from St. John, N. B., are as follows: Per sch. Georgie, for Philadelphia, by D. J. Seely & Son, 1,703,000 laths, per sch. Annie A. Booth, for New York, by Hilyard Bros., 148,291 deals, 75,362 plank; per sch. Garfield White, for Salem, by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 24,353 scantling, 146,022 plank; per sch. Ella Barnes, for Providence, by

Chas. Miller, 1,748,000 shingles; per sch. Stella Maud, for Boston, by J. R. Warner & Co., 144,820 plank, 1,616 deals; per sch. Hattie E. King, for New York, by Miller & Woodman, 244,760 deals; per sch. Chas. L. Jeffery, for City Island, by Hilyard Bros., 349,607 deals; per sch. Fannie, for Salem, by F. Tufts & Co., 58,356 plank, 45,336 scantling, 10,000 laths, per sch. Cora B. for Quincy, by J. R. Warner & Co., 30,009 scantling, 39,546 plank, 49,597 deals, 25,053 boards.

Lumber exports from New Brunswick for the week include the following: Per bark Neophyte, for Penarth, by A. Gibson, 994,128 deals, 47,003 ends, 10,271 boards; per bark Veronica, for Limerick, by W. M. Mackay, 107,512 deals and battens, 44,279 ends; per bark Carrick, for Clare Castle, quay, by W. M. Mackay, 330,977 deals and battens, 15,094 ends; per sch. Progress, for Boston, by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 37,170 deals, 5,326 plank, 8,306 shingles; per sch. Carrie Walker, for New York, by Miller & Woodman, 209,507 deals; per sch. Abby K. Bentley, for New York, by John E. Moore, 695 pcs piling; per sch. H. A. Holder, for Pawtucket, by Miller & Woodman, 350,000 shingles; per sch. Centennial, for City Island, by A. Cushing & Co., 174,080 deals; per sch. James Barber, for Boston, by J. E. Moore, 45,403 scantling, 67,447 boards, 10,018 plank.

Exports from Montreal for the week are as follows: Per sch. Dominion, for Bristol, 8,841 deals, 2,364 ends, by J. Burstall & Co.; per sch. Labrador, for Liverpool, 7,739 deals, 149 pcs timber, by Dobell, Beckett & Co.; 9,424 deals, by J. Burstall & Co.; 4,040 deals, 2,365 boards, by D. Torrance & Co.; 4,066 maple blocks, by Grand Trunk Railway Co.; 356 ditto, by Canadian Pacific Railway Co.; per ss. Laurentian, for Liverpool, 1,847 maple blocks, by Grand Trunk Railway Co.; 630 cases pulp, by the Laurentian Pulp Co.; 198 pcs timber, 8,993 deals, 4,987 boards, by W. & J. Sharpless; per ss. Fremona, for London, 9,658 deals, by J. Burstall & Co.; per ss. Alcides, for Glasgow, 8,658 deals, by J. Burstall & Co.; 7,607 deals, by Lobell, Beckett & Co.; per ss. Cynthia, for Manchester, 19,105 bales pulp, by the Laurentian Pulp Co.; 2,680 deals, by J. Burstall & Co.; 5,704 deals, by Dobell, Beckett & Co.; 15,961 deals, by W. & J. Sharpless; 1,819 deals, 1,730 boards, by Watson & Todd.

UNITED STATES.

Log run at Saginaw, is selling at from \$14 to \$18, and contracts for several million feet at this figure have been closed during the week. Box lumber is held at from \$10 to \$10.50; culls \$6 to \$7.

The Ashland Lumber Co., Ashland, Wis., has sold the product from 500,000 feet of choice white pine logs to Bardwell, Robinson & Co., of Minneapolis. The Sutherland Lumber Co. has about finished sawing 4,000,000 feet of lumber, which was purchased from M. J. Burk, and is also to go to Minneapolis. The Shores Lumber Co., sold 500,000 feet of Norway piece stuff to B. H. Wood & Co., of Medina, O. Not a bad week for Ashland.

NEW BRUNSWICK SPRUCE.

New Brunswick spruce deals, says Timber, of London, Eng., are more active; considerable sales have already been made, and a large Halifax sailer now loading has been secured by a well-known

Gloucester house, while another cargo by the same shipper has just reached the Bristol Channel and been sold to a second firm at the port named at current low rates. At St. John, N. B., a big sailer is being loaded by Mr. Alex. Gibson for Liverpool, and as she is expected to bring about 1,800 stds., the largest shipment ever sent from New Brunswick in one bottom to this country, some interest is arising as to which firm will purchase and handle this leviathan cargo. Liverpool stocks are much depleted in several useful sizes, so this, together with another St. John shipment, about due, should prove useful additions, and ought to go promptly into consumption. Contracts are being freely made on the lowest of last year's c.i.f. rates, and recent sales have been:—St. John and Miramichi, £5 15s. to £6; Halifax, Parsbro', &c., £5 10s. to £5 12s. 6d.; Bay Verte and Shediac, £5 5s. to £5 7s. 9d.; Pugwash, £5 3s. 9d. to £5 5s. For Irish specifications, £5 to 10s. extra has been obtained, as usual, a large quantity having been sold for early summer delivery.

LUMBER TRADE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Farnworth & Jardine, of Liverpool, Eng., in their wood circular for May, say: The arrivals from British North America during the past month have been 3 vessels, 2,107 tons, against 1 vessel, 770 tons during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to this date from all places during the years 1893, 1894 and 1895 has been 41,874, 43,510, and 44,395 tons respectively.

The market continues in the same quiet condition reported in our recent circulars. The deliveries during the month have been light, and stocks of all articles are ample; values generally rule low.

CANADIAN WOODS.—For waney and square pine the market is unchanged, and stocks sufficient. Red pine has not been enquired for; prices rule low and the stock is moderate. Oak.—There is rather more enquiry, but no change in value, and the stock ample. Ash.—The arrivals have been again from the United States, the bulk of which is going direct into consumption, the stock, however, is still too heavy. Elm has moved off more freely; prices are steady and stocks are moderate. Pine deals have moved off slowly, buyers holding off until the new import. Prices are easier in sympathy with the decline in freights; the stock held is much too heavy.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA SPRUCE AND PINE DEALS.—Of spruce the arrivals have consisted of three shipments from Halifax, which are going into consumption. The deliveries have been disappointing, and the stock is still too heavy. Prices are easier.

BIRCH.—Of logs there has been no arrivals. The deliveries during the month have been large, and the stock is now reduced to a more moderate compass. Prices are steady. Of planks, the stock is still much too heavy, and prices continue exceedingly low.

UNITED STATES OAK.—The arrivals have consisted of one parcel of Mobile wood; the stock is still too heavy and prices rule low. Of oak planks the import has been too heavy for the present limited demand; stocks are increasing; values have declined throughout the month, and sales are now very difficult to effect.

PITCH PINE.—The arrivals during the past month have been 5 vessels, 5,945 tons, against 6 vessels, 5,150 tons during the same time last year. Of hewn there has been only one large parcel, a fair quantity has gone into consumption; values particularly unchanged; the stock is ample. Of sawn, the arrivals have been chiefly from Pensicola; the consumption is again small; prices continue very low, and the stock is excessive. Planks and boards have arrived freely; there has been a moderate consumption; the stock on hand is far too heavy.

SEQUOIA (CALIFORNIA REDWOOD).—The arrivals have consisted of one large cargo, 109,000 feet, which is all going into the yard; prices are very low, and the stock is too heavy.

UNITED STATES STAVES have again been imported on a large scale; stocks are heavy and demands limited.

BALTIC AND EUROPEAN WOODS.—The arrivals during the past month have been 21 vessels, 11,428 tons, against 33 vessels, 17,840 tons during the like time last year. Of fir timber, there have been no arrivals; the deliveries have again been small, and stock is too heavy. Red and white deals.—The import has been very small, the deliveries also very moderate, and the present stock is much too heavy. Flooring boards.—There has been a free import, and the deliveries have been fair, prices, however, have had a declining tendency, and the stock is too heavy. Masts and spars have not been imported.

BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES AND CHANGES.

F. X. Dupoy, of Alexander Dupoy & Co., lumber, Montreal, is dead.

Ewen Morrison, lumber, Victoria, B. C., has assigned.

The Blenheim Lumber Co., Blenheim, Ont., was sold out to Smith & Henderson.

Alma J. Smallwell has been registered proprietor, R. Ready & Co., lumber, Montreal.

C. & S. Goggin, of Elgin, N. B., have compromised at 33 1/2 cents on the dollar, liabilities about \$16,000.

Forest fires in certain parts of Quebec, and also in Frontenac county, have destroyed large tracts of timber.

Keene's mill, built and run by Judd Bros., since last autumn, located near Lake Megantic, Que., was totally destroyed by fire a week ago.

Damage to the extent of about \$3,000 was done to Cushing's sash and door factory, Calgary, N. W. T., by fire, a week ago. Partly insured.

The Dwight Lumber Co., Detroit, Mich., have suffered losses of \$100,000, through the destruction by fire, of their planing mill, dry kiln and shingle mill.

D. G. Stewart & Co., lumber dealers, Grenfell, Assa., have sold out to C. J. Roseboro & Co., who will continue the business.

Francois H. Racine and David Mercier, have been registered proprietors of Racine & Mercier, lumber, Quebec.

Beavly & Frere, in business a short time at Longueuil, Que., as manufacturers of sashes and doors, have been asked to assign.

In the suit of the Attorney-General of Canada, to set aside the charter of the Ontario and Western Lumber Co., proceedings are still going on, and the suit of Mr. Dennis Ryan against other members of the firm, will be tried at the sittings of the High Court of Justice, to be held in Toronto on June 13th.

The plant and joint assets of the Royal Pulp and Paper Co., at East Angus, Ont., have been purchased by a new company, the Royal Paper Mills Co. The St. Francis Lumber Co., have amalgamated with the Royal Paper Mills Co., and are going to build a gigantic saw mill. The officers of the new concern are F. P. Beck, president; R. H. Pope, vice-president; H. B. Brown, Secretary, A. F. Fraser, Treasurer.

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

Lumber freight rates for pine on the Grand Trunk Railway have been made a fixture, as follows: Of any intended change due notice will be given lumbermen.

General instructions in shipping by G. and T. are embodied in these words in the tariff schedule. On lumber in carloads, minimum weight, 30,000 lbs. per car unless the marked capacity of the car be less, in which case the marked capacity (but not less than 20,000 lbs.) will be charged, and must not be exceeded. Should it be impracticable to load certain descriptions of light lumber up to 30,000 lbs. to the car, then the actual weight only will be charged for, but not less than 20,000 lbs. The rates on lumber in the tariff will not be higher from an intermediate point on the straight run than from the first named point beyond, to the same destination. For instance, the rates from Toronto would not be higher than the specific rates named from Warton to the same points. The rates from Carleton Place and Southampton to points east of Ictowel and south and west of Stratford will be the same as from Kincardine, but in no case are higher rates to be charged than as per mileage table published on page 9 of tariff.

Rates from leading lumber points on pine and other softwood lumber, shingles, etc., are as follows: From Glencairn, Creemore, Aurora, Barrie and other points in group B to Toronto, 6 1/2c.; Collingwood, Penetang, Coldwater, Waubesa, Sturgeon Bay, Victoria Harbor, Midland, Fenelon Falls, Longford, Gravenhurst and other points in group C, to Toronto, 6 1/2c.; Bracebridge to Toronto, 7c.; Utterton, Huntsville, Napanee, Emdale, Katrine to Toronto, 7 1/2c.; Burk's Falls, Perreault and Sundridge, to Toronto, 8c.; South River, Powassan and Callender to Toronto, 9c.; Nipissing Junction and North Bay, 10c. Rate from Godfrey's, Kincardine and Warton to Toronto, 6 1/2c. These rates are per 100 lbs. Rates from Toronto east to Belleville are 7 1/2c. per 100 lbs.; to Deseronto, 9c.; to Brockville and Prescott, 10c.; to Montreal and Ottawa, 11c. The