

mills in British Columbia are also considering the raising of prices probably one dollar per thousand, to offset the higher prices asked for logs. The demand is active and a prosperous season is expected by both lumber and shingle manufacturers.

UNITED STATES.

The lumber market generally is quite as strong as at last writing. The situation at the head of the lakes is not satisfactory to mill men, inasmuch as there is a shortage of logs and some of the mills may be compelled to close down unless good progress is made with the drives. Business is particularly active in Pennsylvania and New York States. The high prices of pine and spruce are causing the substitution of southern pine in a few instances. Piece stuff is selling in the Chicago market at \$15.25. Dry stocks along the lakes are cleared up, and green lumber will not be ready for shipment for two or three weeks yet. It is not likely, however, that prices will be further advanced, as it would be better to maintain prices at the present basis than force them higher, and probably bring about a sharp reaction when the new cut is offered. In the Saginaw valley long run pine is selling at \$17 to \$25, box lumber at \$14 to 16, and mill culls at \$12 to \$13. Norway pine has strengthened of late, an advance of \$1 having been made at Toledo last week. The base price there is now \$17.50 for 2x4 to 2x10, 12 to 16 feet. Hemlock prices are also moving upwards. Cargo shippers who were selling dry hemlock a few weeks ago on the basis of \$9.50 to \$10 at the mill now want \$10.50 to \$11. Recent sales were on the basis of \$11 delivered in Chicago, so that the asking prices are an advance of over one dollar. At Toledo hemlock boards are quoted at \$15. From the Pacific coast comes the report that the mills are crowded to their utmost with orders, and that shipments are limited only by the available stocks of lumber and the supply of cars. There has been within the past two months a complete reversal of the hardwood market. At that time all kinds were quiet, whereas there are few items that are not now moving freely. Higher prices are being asked for maple and birch.

Most of the lath to be cut at Duluth this season has been contracted for at high prices. In the Saginaw valley No. 1 laths are quoted at \$4, and No. 2 at \$3.50. The demand is good for all grades of shingles. It is said that sales of New Brunswick shingles are being made in Boston at a range from \$3.50 to \$3.75.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The knowledge that no import duty is to be placed on timber was no doubt responsible in part for the better tone of the British market during the past fortnight. The prospects of peace in South Africa have also had a reassuring influence. Buyers have entered the market to secure specifications that are likely to be required for early contracts. In addition, there have been large public sales of pine and spruce, as is usual at this season of the year, to make room for the new imports. The prices realized show a slightly advancing tendency. For a quantity of first quality pine, from Quebec, £27 5s was obtained. This price, however, seems low, inasmuch as £30 is asked by Quebec shippers for similar stock delivered at London. A parcel of regulars, containing a percentage of second-class deals, brought £24. Second quality pine, 14 to 15 feet in

length, sold at £16. The stock of spruce deals is working down, and 9 and 11-inch bring good prices. For narrow sizes the market is dull. A correspondent at Liverpool writes that the stock of spruce on hand is of very poor quality, but that it is being firmly held owing to the attitude of shippers. It is said that contracts have been closed on the basis of £7 7s 6d per standard c. i. f. Liverpool, for June loading, and that for later delivery £7 10s is asked. The prices realized for square timber at a recent sale are given in another column.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The Parrsboro Lumber Company, of Parrsboro, N. S., expect to ship 3,000,000 feet of lumber this season.

The barque Pallas sailed last week from the Hastings mill, Vancouver, B.C., with lumber, for the United Kingdom.

J. & C. Hickman, of Port Elgin, N.B., expect to cut this season about 3,250,000 feet of spruce deals and 2,000,000 lath.

The Keewatin Lumber Company, of Keewatin, Ont., expect to manufacture 20,000,000 feet of lumber this season.

McClellan Bros. have just finished sawing 370,000 feet of deals and boards at Hopewell, Hill, N.B., by a portable mill.

Sims Bros., of Little Current, Ont., last week sold to William Pulling & Company, of Windsor, 650,000 feet of mill culls at good figure.

J. Willard Smith, agent for Gibson's mill at Marysville, N.B., expects to place the first cargo of cedar shingles on the market this week.

It is estimated that 33,000,000 feet of deals were shipped to the United Kingdom from St. John's, N. B., during the past winter on the regular liners:

One of the novelties of recent shipments from British Columbia was a cargo of lumber from the Hastings Mill, Vancouver, for Philadelphia, Penn.

The CANADA LUMBERMAN would be pleased to learn of parties in a position to make immediate shipment of about 5,000 railway ties, in either cedar or tamarac.

The Moulthrop Lumber Company, of John's Island, Ont., have purchased a timber limit on the Vermillion river, estimated to contain 40,000,000 feet of pine.

John L. Peck and J. Nelson Smith, of Hillsboro, N.B., are reported to have purchased 1,400 acres of timber land in the vicinity of Albert Mines, N.B., from Capt. H. A. Calhoun.

It is estimated that there are 290,000,000 feet of logs to come out of the Spanish river and tributaries this spring. The water is low, however, and many of the logs may be hung up.

R. A. Estey, of Fredericton, N.B., has sold 1,500,000 feet of spruce logs of this winter's cut to John E. Moore, of St. John. Mr. Estey took out more logs than he can manufacture at his mill.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company are asking for tenders in this issue for the supply of track ties, fence posts, telegraph poles and piling required by the Ontario division for the next three or five years.

The barque Rhoda cleared from Little Current, Ont., on the 18th inst., for Cleveland, with 541,000 feet of lumber for the Saginaw Bay Company. This is part of the stock purchased by the company from Sims Bros.

According to M. L. Tucker, the ship-

ments of lumber from Parrsboro, N. S., this season will be smaller than for some years. He estimates that the shipments from West Bay will not exceed 15,000,000 feet, compared with nearly 40,000,000 feet last year.

The Parrsboro Lumber Company, of Parrsboro, N.S., operated last winter in Newfoundland, getting out 2,500,000 feet of logs at Notre Dame Junction. The Highland Lumber Company, also a Nova Scotia concern, took out 3,000,000 feet at Norris Arm. The Exploits Lumber Company, operating at Botwoodville, Nfld., took out 10,000,000 feet last winter.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company, in their report of April 12th, thus refer to the Barbadoes market: "There have been no arrivals of white pine, but the market is amply supplied at the moment. We could not venture to value a cargo at present over \$20 to \$20.50 for shipping, and \$15 to \$15.50 for second quality. In spruce we have had the "Josie," with 130,000 feet, which we placed at \$18.37. The steamer "Bratsberg" brought a small parcel of long cedar shingles, which have been sold at \$3.60; further arrivals, however, will probably not bring this price."

BRITISH TIMBER SALE.

The following prices were realized for Canadian deals, etc., at an auction sale held at London, England, by Foy, Morgan & Company, on April 16th:

PINE—Ex. Prome, from Quebec—10-17 ft. 3x5 in. unassorted red, £7 per std; 10-16 ft. 3x5, £6 15s. Ex. Manchester Shipper, from Quebec.—11-13 ft. 3x12-21 in. first quality white pine, £27 5s; 14 ft. 3x12-23, £27 5s; 10-11 ft. 3x12-22, £25 15s; 12 ft. 3x11, £24; 13 ft. 3x11, £24 5s; 14 ft. 3x11, £24; 15 ft. 3x11, £23 15s; 16 ft. 3x11, £23 15s; 14 ft. 3x9-10, £18 15s; 15 ft. 3x9-10, £19 5s; 16 ft. 3x9, £19 10s; 14 ft. 3x7-8, £17 5s; 15 ft. 3x7, £17 5s; 9 ft. 3x11-19, £21 15s; 8 ft. 3x11-20, £19 15s; 7 ft. 3x11-21, £19 10s; 6 ft. 3x11-19, £19 10s; 9 ft. 3x7-10, £18 15s; 8 ft. 3x7-10, £18; 7 ft. 3x7, £17 10s; 6 ft. 3x7, £16 15s; 2-5 ft. 3x11-18, £15; 5 ft. 3x4-10, £15 5s; 4 ft. 3x4-10, £13 15s; 3 ft. 3x4-10, £12; 2 ft. 3x4-10, £9 5s; 12-13 ft. 3x12-22 in. second quality, £16; 14-16 ft. 3x12 22, £15; 10-11 ft. 3x12-22, £14 10s. Ex. Strathavon, from Gander Bay, Que.—12-18 ft. 3x11 in. third quality white, £11 10s; 12 ft. 3x12-20, £10 10s; 13-18 ft. 3x12-20, £10 10s; 9-11 ft. 3x11-18, £10; 12-18 ft. 3x10, £9 10s; 12-13 ft. 3x9, £10; 14-18 ft. 3x9, £9 15s; 12 ft. 3x8, £9; 12 ft. 3x7, £8 15s; 13 ft. 3x7, £8 10s; 14-17 ft. 3x7, £8 10s; 12-13 ft. 3x6, £8 5s; 14-18 ft. 3x6, £7 15s; 12-13 ft. 3x5, £8; 12-18 ft. 3x4, £7 15s; 9-11 ft. 3x9-10, £9 5s; 9-11 ft. 3x7-8, £8 5s; 9-11 ft. 3x4-6, £7 10s; 6-8 ft. 3x5-16, £7 10s; 2-5 ft. 3x3-11, £5 5s; 12-13 ft. 3x12-22 in. first quality, £14 15s; 9-17 ft. 3x12-20, £14 10s; 9-17 ft. 3x11, £17; 12-18 ft. 3x10, £14 10s; 12-19 ft. 3x9, £14 5s; 12-18 ft. 3x8, £12 5s; 12-18 ft. 3x5-7, £10 15s; 9-11 ft. 3x5-10, £12 15s; 2-8 ft. 3x3-18, £12; 12-13 ft. 3x12-22 in. second quality, £11 5s; 9-18 ft. 3x12-21, £10 15s; 9-18 ft. 3x11, £13 5s; 12-18 ft. 3x10, £10 10s; 12-18 ft. 3x9, £10 15s; 12-13 ft. 3x8, £10 5s; 14-18 ft. 3x8, £10; 12 ft. 3x7, £10 5s; 13-18 ft. 3x6, £9 5s;

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13-19 ft. 3x4-5, £8 10s; 9-11 ft. 3x8-10, £9 10s; 9-11 ft. 3x4-7, £8 15s; 2-8 ft. 3x3-18, £7 10s. Ex. Norge, from Quebec.—12 ft. 3x11 in. first quality, £25 15s; 13 ft. 3x11, £26; 11 ft. 3x11, £23 15s; 10 ft. 3x11, £23; 14-15 ft. 3x11 in. second quality, £16; 11 ft. 3x11, £13 10s; 10 ft. 3x11, £13 10s; 12-13 ft. 3x10, £12; 11-13 ft. 3x9, £12 5s; 6-14 ft. 3x8, £11 5s; 12-13 ft. 3x7, £10 15s. Ex. Devona, from Quebec.—7-16 ft. 4x5-6 in. unassorted red, £10 10s; 11-18 ft. 3x6, £10 5s; 10-18 ft. 3x6, £7 5s; 10-18 ft. 2x5, £7; 6-18 ft. 2x4, £7 15s. Ex. Montic Videau, from Quebec.—A quantity of unassorted red pine at from £6 10s to £8 5s.

SPRUCE.—Ex. Verdandi, from Batiscan, Que. 11 ft. 3x9 in. second quality, £9 5s per std; 10-11 ft. 3x9, £9; 12 ft. 3x7 in. second quality, £8 and £7 15s; 13 ft. 3x7, £7 15s. Ex. Fridtjof Nansen, from Quebec.—13 ft. 3x9 in. third quality, £9 5s; 14 ft. 3x9 in. fourth quality, £8 15s; 6-16 ft. 3x9, £8 10s.

ASH TIMBER.—14-20 ft. 12 1/2 x 15 1-2 in., 454 per load of 50 cub. ft.; 12-18 ft. 12 1/2 x 15 1/2 in., 45s.

OAK LUMBER.—23-31 ft. 17x25 1/2 in., 87s 6d per load; 22-35 ft. 16 1/2 x 23 1/2 in., 85s; 21-28 ft. 13 1/2 x 19 1/2 in., 82s 6d.

ROCK ELM TIMBER.—46-51 ft. 10 1-2 x 15 in., 454 per load; 40-43 ft. 11 1/2 x 13 1/2 in., 52s 6d; 40-42 ft. 10 1-2 x 14 1-2 in., 50s; 36-40 ft. 11 1/2 x 15 1/2 in., 47s 6d; 36-39 ft. 11x15 1/2 in., 60s; 33-35 ft. 11x16 1-2 in., 67s 6d; 30x34 ft. 10 1/2 x 16 1-2 in., 62s 6d; 25-33 ft. 10 1/2 x 14 1/2 in., 60s; 25-30 ft. 11 1-2 x 16 1/2 in., 67s 6d.

BIRCH.—3x11-13 in. sawn, 11d per cub. ft.; 3x10, 10 1-2d; 3x9, 10 1-2d; 3x8, 10d; 3x5-7, 9d; 3x10-16, 11d; 3x6-9, 10d.

TRADE OPENINGS.

The following were among the enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the Canadian Government Office in London during the week ending 4th April, 1902. The names of the parties may be obtained from the publishers of this journal.

A firm of organ makers have asked to be furnished with the names of shippers of whitewood from Canada.

A firm at Leith, Scotland, make inquiry respecting the wood pulp trade of Canada, their object being to interest themselves in the importation of sulphite pulp.

The Canadian makers of butcher and other skewers ask to be placed in touch with English buyers.

DOORS AND MOULDINGS.

A large buyer of Canadian white pine doors and mouldings is open to contract with a mill for their entire output of No. 3 and 4 qualities of doors and all their mouldings during 1902. Write in first instance to Empire, CANADA LUMBERMAN.

TO THE LUMBER TRADE

We will be represented in South Western Ontario by Mr. Frederick Shaw, of Forest, Ont., who comes with us as travelling salesman on May 1st, and who will call on the trade regularly. We are running our mills day and night and offer to the trade a well manufactured stock of band sawed lumber put up in grades under Michigan inspection rules. We solicit your inquiries, and all correspondence given prompt attention.

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