

the mills are quite busy. For clear fir flooring and siding and spruce and cedar siding there is a steady call. Heavy fir timber is also in splendid demand. Stocks of lumber are low, but shingles are heavily stocked at all points on the B. C. coast. It is probable that the mills may decide upon a curtailment in the production of shingles until such time as the market recovers.

UNITED STATES.

General satisfaction is expressed with lumber market conditions in the United States. Trade during July has been typical of that month, being of a quiet character. During the past week, however, the demand has become more active and any weakness which developed early in the month has passed away. Those who hold large stocks of lumber are in no hurry to sell, for they believe that the fall will witness a heavy demand for all kinds of lumber. The New York labor difficulties having been finally adjusted, the outlook in that city is particularly bright. Plans were filed last week for 46 new buildings to be erected in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, at a cost exceeding \$1,600,000. Cleveland dealers report that Norway lumber is showing decided strength, and white pine shap, which weakened early in the spring, is rapidly recovering. No. 1 common boards, 8 and 10 inch, which suffered from the substitution of yellow pine, are again in demand. Box lumber has been bought in large quantities and dry stock is very scarce; in fact, the call is generally for the lower grades of pine.

In the Albany list one or two grades have been marked down, as follows: No. 1 cuts, 1 to 2 inch, \$55 to \$57; No. 2 cuts, \$35 to \$45; 10 inch common, \$20. In other grades and sizes advances have been made which offset these declines.

Hardwoods have even a better run than white pine. Boston reports a scarcity of thick maple, white ash and plain and quartered oak. Basswood is moving more actively, but there is still little dry stock available. The bulk of the visible supply of hardwoods is in the hands of a few large dealers. In Chicago \$38 is asked for first and second basswood, although a few sales are being made below this figure. Buyers, however, will probably find that they will have to pay the price or use a substitute. Birch and elm are scarce in the Eastern States and sell readily. The base price of hemlock has not changed, that lumber being sought after as much as ever. Eastern dealers report heavy sales of the Pennsylvania product. Michigan stock is beginning to make its appearance in greater quantities at Tonawanda and Buffalo.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Advices from Great Britain in respect to lumber are of a more favorable character than for some time past. The market

is more settled and importers and shippers are coming closer together on the question of price. Importers have changed their attitude somewhat and are now buying with more liberality. There seems to be a general improvement on all sides. Building operations are more active and retail dealers are replenishing their stocks. The absence of shipments of lumber on consignment has been noticeable this year, tending to prevent an overstock. A report from West Hartlepool states that the scarcity of best quality pine deals is causing a number of inquiries, and prices are exceptionally strong and show no signs whatever of weakening. The spruce market has been strengthened by the return to that lumber of many merchants who purchased heavily of whitewood a short time ago because of the high prices demanded for spruce. They appear to be convinced that whitewood cannot supply the place of spruce in the box-making industry. Predictions have been made that deals will shortly bring £10 per standard. They have recently sold at £9 15s. Some firms have given instructions to their representatives to withdraw all previous quotations, owing to the difficulty of obtaining supplies at a price which would leave a margin of profit.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

It is stated that log run basswood by lake from Michigan costs about \$28 in Buffalo.

Sales of hemlock for water delivery are being made on the basis of \$10.50 to \$11 at the mill. Delivered in Chicago the price is \$12.50.

Murray & Gregory, of St. John, N. B., who recently lost their fine saw mill by fire, have set up a portable mill capable of cutting about 30,000 feet per day.

Haines & Company, of Buffalo, have a single lot of about 3,000,000 dry pine lath ready to come down from the Lake Superior district as soon as a boat can be obtained.

Over 3,000,000 feet of logs reached Vancouver, B. C., about midnight on the 21st inst. The logs were divided into five tows, the largest belonging to the tug Pilot, which brought 1,250,000 feet from Toba Inlet.

The tug Roscebel reached Sarnia, Ont., on July 19th with a raft containing 8,000,000 feet of logs towed from Georgian Bay for the Cleveland-Sarnia Saw Mill Company. It is said to be the largest raft ever towed on Lake Huron.

The receipts of lumber at the Tonawanda by vessel during the third week of July were 13,000,000 feet, a gain of 4,000,000 feet over the previous week. Buffalo received by lake only 3,648,000 feet of lumber and 4,932,000 shingles.

Probably the largest carload of shingles

over-landed at St. Thomas, Ont., reached the lumber yards of J. M. Green & Son early in July. It contained 370,000 red cedar shingles, and was shipped from Vancouver, B. C., on June 10th, the freight amounting to over \$300.

An improved market for cooperage stock is reported at Chicago. Pork barrels are selling at \$1.15 to \$1.20 for oak; \$1.05 to \$1.05 for ash; tierce staves are quoted from \$28 to \$29; pork staves at \$28 to \$29; tierce hoops from \$15 to \$15.50.

No. 1, 2 and 3 white pine lath are quoted in North Tonawanda at \$3.75, \$3.25 and \$2.50 respectively, and some dealers say they have secured an advance over these figures in certain instances. In Chicago No. 1 white pine lath are quoted at \$3.50, No. 1 mixed at \$3, and No. 2 at \$2.75.

The United States Consul at St. John, N. B., furnishes the following statement of lumber exports from that port to the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1903: Lumber, value \$173,307.04; lath, \$211,118.83; piling, \$9,695.36; shingles, \$28,963; staves, \$446.25; wood pulp, \$253,403.61. The above exports comprised Canadian lumber exclusively. The export of the lumber product of main logs is given as follows: Lumber, \$438,746.79; clapboards, \$9,046.00; lath, \$84,111.62; pickets, \$23,631; shingles, \$77,910.21; shooks, \$1,008.00.

There is a slight stiffening of the shingle market at Buffalo, says the American Lumberman, on account of the good demand, but it looks as though it will take some time before the red cedar demoralization will cease, and until it shall there will be few others sold here, especially as it is taking redwoods so long to come through by rail. Dealers say that there is no accumulation of stock yet and possibly when it may become necessary to order more freely for the winter supply, there will be a general firming up of the prices and the trouble will be over.

Fourteen cars of white pine arrived in Port Arthur, Ont., recently, over the line of the Canadian Northern Railway, destined for Glasgow, Scotland, to be used for ship-building. The pine, which had been squared, averaged 35 feet in length and 22 inches on the face. Some of the pieces were 50 feet long. The timber was put into the water, loaded on vessels and taken to Quebec, where it will be transhipped into one of the ocean liners. This is said to be the first material which has been shipped all the way from the head of the lakes to be used for the construction of ocean carriers.

The Barbados market is thus reviewed by S. P. Mutton, Son & Company, under date of July 4th: "The only arrival to note is the 'Foster Rice' with 40,000 feet shipping and 72,000 feet second quality

white pine, which was placed at \$22 and \$21 respectively. Some of the dealers being almost, if not quite bare of stock, a cargo has been placed to arrive at \$16 and \$16 for shipping and second quality. No receipts of spruce, which is not wanted at present. Shingles—No receipts of Gaspé Long Cedar. The 'Foster Rice' had a small lot of 16,000 Spruce Laying, which were sold at \$3.24, and the 'Orinoco' brought 100,000 Laying Cedar for importers' account."

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From Dorchester, N. B.: Sch. Oriole, for Bridgeport, Conn., spruce planks, value \$1,442, by T. B. Calhoun.
From Hopewell Cape, N. B.: Str. Platea, for Manchester, 3,206,340 ft. spruce deals, scantling and boards, value \$3,740, by W. Malcolm Mackay.
From Yarmouth, N. S.: Barque Leviathan, for Buenos Ayres, 895,000 feet lumber, value \$13,930, by Dickie & McGrath.
Barque Globus, for Buenos Ayres, 860,000 feet lumber, value \$9,000, by Parker, Aikens & Co. Brig. North America, for St. Pierre, 75,000 feet lumber, 55,000 staves.
From Halifax, N. S.: Sch. Monrovia, for Porto Rico, 17,195 ft. spruce boards, value \$272.
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