

is being made by shippers to place goods upon the British market. Spruce deals are very firm. Charters from Montreal have been made at lower rates than earlier in the season. The deal market at St. John is easier, and quotations on both spruce and birch have dropped about fifty cents. The demand from the United States shows little life, but manufacturers are looking more to the British trade, and are becoming less dependent on the American markets. The drives are coming along well, but some small quantities have been hung up.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Prospects continue bright for the lumber trade of British Columbia and Manitoba. The mills are working to their full capacity to fill orders, which continue to come in liberally. Prices remain stationary, with a tendency to harden. There is an increasing call for shingles, and the lower rate on these for shipment to the east is likely to further improve the demand.

UNITED STATES.

Lumber purchases by United States dealers are confined to stock required for the immediate wants of customers. Very little speculation is observable in transactions, while no attention is being paid to stocking up yards. Some large sales of northern pine have been made, but dealers realize that the stock will be required for their regular line of customers. The volume of spring business throughout the country is about equal to that of one year ago, but in the Eastern States there has been a greater demand. Prices, however, are rather lower for most grades, especially the poorer qualities of pine and hardwoods. Oak is stronger, and in constant enquiry. Some encouragement is afforded the trade by the improved collections, which would go to show that money is easier. At Buffalo trade is only fair. Barn boards are scarce and prices strong, while low grade pine meets with slow sale. There is a decided scarcity of elm at that point, while ash, basswood and maple show little life. Pine and hemlock are selling well at Philadelphia, but at New York the pine and spruce trade is unusually dull. Dealers are purchasing in very small quantities.

FOREIGN.

Generally speaking, the lumber trade of Great Britain is in a healthy condition, with a specially good demand for oak timber, waney pine, spruce and pine deals. Special sized red pine and spruce deals, such as 2" x 7" and 2 1/2" x 7" are particularly enquired for. So far as shippers are concerned, very few transactions are heard of, as a large proportion of the stock to arrive during the summer months has been sold. Arrivals of spring goods at several ports are reported, included in which has been a very large quantity of spruce deals from the maritime provinces. At Liverpool and Manchester orders for square timber and deals are being booked freely, outdoor operations being stimulated by favorable weather. This is also the situation at Hull. All classes of goods, with the exception of flooring, are said to be advancing at London, notwithstanding that a large quantity of goods has lately been offered by auction. Birch timber sold at 45s a load at Glasgow. Quebec deals are in short supply, and first-class waney pine timber is wanted. The latest advices from South Africa state that the timber trade there is dull, and orders show a decided shrinkage.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

CANADA.

L. B. Knight has got out 5,000,000 feet of logs for his mill at Musquash, N. B. Mark DeCew, of Essex, Ont., is shipping a quantity of staves and lumber. The Dominion Bank mill at Lindsay, Ont., was sold last week to S. G. Parkin, of that town. The drive of George H. Vaughn, of Black Brook, N. B., containing 13,000,000 feet, is in safe waters. Twenty-two vessels have been chartered to load lumber at Shediac, N. B., this

summer, Messrs. McKean and Mackay, of St. John, being the principal shippers.

A tow of logs, containing three quarters of a million feet, recently arrived at Orillia, Ont., for A. Tait's mill.

The Ottawa Lumber Company's mills at Calumet, Que., commenced sawing on the 19th inst., with a staff of 250 men.

The Calvin Co.'s No. 4 raft and the Collins Bay Rafting & Forwarding Co.'s No. 1 raft are now due at Quebec, and will probably arrive within the next day or two.

The square timber belonging to Wm. Mackie, of Pembroke, will be loaded on the cars at Eau Claire and taken by rail to Papineauville, from whence it will be rafted to Quebec.

Steamship Greta-Holme is discharging in the Louise basin, Quebec, a consignment of steel rails for the new electric road, after which she will load a cargo of lumber for Europe.

N. N. Bently, of Five Islands, N. S., has purchased the lumber property of Hill & French at Ship Harbor. The area is about 25,000 acres, and the price paid in the neighborhood of \$35,000.

There is now said to be 450,000 cubic feet of timber on the lakes en route to Garden Island, where it will be rafted for Quebec. The Calvin Company report the season thus far to be very active.

The steamship Malin-Head, after taking on board portion of cargo at Indian Cove, Quebec, proceeds to Montreal for another portion, after which she will complete loading at Quebec, for Dublin.

Ship Erling is now at Three Rivers, loading a cargo of deals for Messrs. Dobell, Beckett & Co. The steamship Greylands left this port on Sunday morning, after completing cargo for United Kingdom.

Messrs. H. R. Goodday & Co. have acquired the property in Quebec known as the Priests Wharf, where they are now loading the steamship Starlight with a cargo of spruce deals, etc. for the European market.

The steamship Regina has arrived at Quebec with a cargo of coal from Louisburg, C. B., which she is now discharging and will afterwards load a cargo of timber and deals for Europe, supplied by Dobell, Beckett & Co.

Barque Hoxding is now at Pierreville, Que., anchorage, loading a cargo of spruce deals, &c., which are being supplied by the Tourville Lumber Mills Co. from their mills at Louiseville and Pierreville, on account of Messrs. Dobell, Beckett & Co., of Quebec.

By the breaking away of a large dam on Ponhook Lake, about eight miles from Windsor, N. S., over 3,000,000 feet of logs were carried out to sea. The logs were the property of T. G. McMullen, of Truro, and as very few are likely to be recovered, the loss will be about \$100,000.

The tug Traveller arrived at Bay City, Mich., on the 19th inst., with the first raft of the season from the Georgian Bay. It contained over three and a half million feet of logs, which were distributed among the various mills. Another large raft is expected to arrive this week.

A report from Halifax, N. S., states that up to May 12th about 25,000,000 feet of lumber had been shipped from that port this season, and that the total shipments will amount to 80,000,000 feet, eclipsing all former records. The Intercolonial Railway handled in two months over 1,800 cars of lumber.

The steamers Loughrigg-Holme and Akaba have almost completed loading their cargoes of timber, deals, &c., in the Louise basin at Quebec, and will sail for Yarmouth and London respectively this week. Both these vessels are taking large quantities of deals from the Lake St. John road, which are being shipped by Messrs. Dobell, Beckett & Co.

All the mills in the Ottawa district are under full pressure, shipping out orders both by barge and rail for steamers loading at Montreal and other St. Lawrence shipping points, and both the rail-

way companies and barge forwarders are taxed to their utmost in supplying the necessary cars and craft for this purpose. The rush is much greater than it has been for many years past.

Reports from New Brunswick are to the effect that most of the lumber drives on the Upper St. John river are in the corporation limits, among which are those of Kilburn & McIntosh, Dickie, Morrison & Cushing. John R. McConnell's drive on the Aroostook, containing 13,000,000 feet, is also out. On the smaller streams several drives are hung up. Neil McLean, operating for Miller & Woodman, has 2,500,000 feet hung up on Nigger Brook, W. H. Murray has 2,000,000 feet on Birch river, Chas. Jones 600,000 feet on Fox Brook, and Page & Mallett 500,000 on Fish river. Guy McCollum will probably leave one million and a half on the South West.

FOREIGN.

Large shipments of lumber are being made from Marquette and Menominee, Mich.

McBurney and McCaul, of Marquette, Mich., have sold their logs to Saginaw parties.

G. W. Ellis, of Bay City, Mich., has 3,000,000 feet of Canadian logs to store for future sawing, and expects 9,000,000 feet more from the Georgian Bay.

A cargo of 1,500,000 feet of pine lumber has arrived at Buffalo from Duluth, for the new firm of R. Laidlaw & Co. They are also receiving from Canada a quantity of 16-inch shingles.

Hardwoods are selling at Saginaw, Mich., as follows: Merchantable basswood, \$14, firsts and seconds, \$19; red oak, merchantable, \$22, firsts and seconds, \$30; black ash, \$15 and \$22.

Log run is held at Saginaw, Mich., at \$13.50 upwards, and box at \$8.50 to \$9. The demand is said to be very limited. The movement of lumber by lake is comparatively light. The rate is \$1.25 to Buffalo and Tonawanda and \$1.12 1/2 to Ohio ports.

The steamer Nellie Torrent and schooners Jackson and Antelope have arrived at Bay City, Mich., from Spanish River, Ont., with 1,413,957 feet of lumber for E. B. Foss & Co., which this firm has purchased from the Spanish River Lumber Company. The schooner Mary C. Perew brought over from the same concern 407,440 feet for Briscoe and Plumsteel Company.

The following is the result of an auction sale held on 13th May by Churchill & Sims, London, Eng.: Per steamer "Caldy," from Quebec—12 x 3 x 10, 3rd pine, £7 15s; 13/15 x 3 x 10, 3rd pine, £7 15s; 12 x 3 x 9, 3rd pine, £7 15s; 12 x 3 x 8, 3rd pine, £7 10s; 13 x 3 x 8, 3rd pine, £7 5s; 13 x 3 x 7, 3rd pine, £7. Per steamer "Daybreak," from Quebec—13 x 3 x 10, 3rd pine, £7 15s and £8; 13 x 3 x 9, 3rd pine, £7 15s; 12 x 3 x 8, 3rd pine, £7 5s; 12 x 3 x 7, 3rd pine, £7 5s. Per steamer "Olaf Kyrre," from Quebec—6 1/2 x 12 x 11 1/8, 1st pine, £19; 6 1/3 x 1 1/2 x 10, 1st pine, £17 5s; 6 1/3 x 1 1/2 x 9, 1st pine, £16; 6 1/3 x 1 1/2 x 4, 1st pine, £12 15s; 6 8 x 1 1/2 x 6 7, 1st pine, £11 15s; 12/16 x 1 9/13, 1st pine, £16 5s. Per steamer "Rosarian," from Quebec—12 13 x 3 x 10, 2nd pine, £12 10s; 12 x 3 x 9, 2nd pine, £11 15s; 13/14 x 3 x 9, 2nd pine, £11 10s; 12 x 3 x 8, 2nd pine, £10 10s; 13 x 3 x 8, 2nd pine, £10 10s; 9/11 x 3 x 8, 2nd pine, £9 15s.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The steamship Micmac gets 400,000 deals from Pictou, N.S., to w.c. England.

A number of schooners are getting \$2 50 on lumber from St. John, N.B., to New York.

Deals are a little easier at Montreal, and charters are now being made at 37s 6d. to 40s to United Kingdom ports.

Freight rates from Duluth to Buffalo are now \$1.62 1/2. Many boats are offering, and it is probable rates will drop to \$1.50.

The C. P. R. has issued a new tariff on shingles, sidings and lumber from British Columbia ports to Montreal and other eastern points. The new rate is 65 cts. per hundred pounds.

Lumber charters reported are: A steamer, 2,000 tons, Bastian to London, deals, 41s. 2d.; steamer, 1,079 tons, Halifax to Glasgow, deals, 4cs.; steamer, 1,968 tons, St. John, N. B., to Manchester, deals, 39s.

The ship Annie E. Wright, which finished loading off Hopewell Cape last week, went ashore while beating down the bay. She listed, and lost the greater portion of her deckload. She was loaded with lumber by Nelson Smith.

The following vessels are reported to load at St. John, N.B., or neighboring ports: Steamer Gladestry, for w. c. England, deals, 40s.; Whitburn, Miramichi to w. c. England, 42s. 6d.; bark Sayre, for Londonderry, 43s. 9d.; str. Ardandhor, for w. c. England, deals, 39s.; Lisnacreeve, from Hopewell Cape for w. c. England, deals, 39s.; steamship Athlon, for Liverpool, 41s.; Aldborough, for w. c. England, 37s. 6d.; bark Laudskrona, for Buenos Ayres, \$8.

BUSINESS NOTES.

We were apparently misinformed regarding the assignment of C. Peters, lumber dealer, Toronto, reported in our last issue. Mr. Peters states that such is not the case. The error no doubt occurred by a confusion of names.

Mr. E. R. C. Clarkson has been appointed permanent liquidator for the Reid Lumber Co. of Toronto. A statement of the affairs of the company is now being prepared, which it is expected will show a surplus of about \$20,000. A meeting of creditors will be held this week.

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