

10,000,000 feet of lumber during the coming season. They will make extensive improvements to their mill.

A report comes from Oswego that several million feet of lumber have been sold by a leading firm at \$20 per thousand in Oswego.

The shingle manufacturers in the State of Washington are holding firmly to price lists. It is expected that all the mills will be in operation by the middle of this month.

It is expected that there will be a large production of hardwood lumber in Michigan and Wisconsin this season. Several mills at Bay City, Mich., will cut hardwoods almost exclusively.

The bark F. B. Lovitt last week loaded 697,000 feet of spruce lumber at Yarmouth, N.S., for Buenos Ayres. The bark Hillside will shortly load a cargo at same port for South America.

The cooperage stock market at Buffalo is slightly easier than it has been. Basswood heading is selling at 6 1/2 to 6 3/4 cents a set and elm staves at \$9 to \$9.50 for first class. At Chicago considerable enquiry is reported for 30 inch No. 1 elm staves.

The Hanbury Manufacturing Co., of Brandon, Man., have 200 men and 65 teams employed on their limits in the Riding mountains. Work so far has been very successful, and the cut of logs is expected to be much greater than that of any previous season.

Some comment was excited in Chicago last week by the receipt of enquiries for stock to be shipped to Ottawa. These enquiries were for long wide joists, and in one instance it developed that 2x14-20 feet was selling in the Chicago market on a basis of \$2 per thousand less than the same stock is bringing in Ottawa.

Two vessels cleared from British Columbia ports last week with lumber. The Guy C Goss, for Philadelphia, loaded 1,030,000 feet of rough lumber at the Hastings mill, Vancouver, and the Italian ship Alicar loaded 930,616 feet of lumber at the Moodyville mill for Callao, South America.

E. D. Davison & Sons, of Bridgewater, N. S., will cut about 15,000,000 feet of lumber next season. They have already sold 5,000,000 feet for shipment to Cardiff, Wales. The S. P. Benjamin Co., of Wolfville, N.S., will cut 10,000,000 feet, as against 8,000,000 feet last year. This company ships quite largely to South America.

Richardson & Avery, of Duluth, Minn., have just sold their entire production of the coming season to Hughson & Co. and C. P. Easton & Co., of Albany, N.Y. The Ashland Lumber Co., of Ashland, Wis., sold last week 6,000,000 feet of white pine lumber, log run, to eastern parties. The largest lumber deal so far this season was that made by Alger, Smith & Co., of Grand Marais, Mich., who sold to A. S. Kibbee & Son and Arnold & Co., of Albany, and the Skillings, Whitneys & Barnes Lumber Co., of Boston, 50,000,000

feet of stock to be cut during the coming season. The consideration is in the neighborhood of \$700,000. Another sale is that of 16,000,000 feet of white pine by the Dead River Lumber Co., of Marquette, Mich., to Toledo parties, the consideration being \$200,000.

A gentleman who recently visited the Michigan and Wisconsin hardwood districts states that loggers are asking \$18 to \$20 per thousand feet for oak logs, \$10 to \$12 for basswood and soft elm, \$14 to \$16 for ash, \$12 to \$14 for birch and \$14 to \$16 for rock elm. Some of the asking prices of lumber are given as \$15 for pile run basswood, \$18 for pile run rock elm and \$25 for pile run oak, the term "pile run" being used to include everything cut from the log, including mill culls. Some sales of Michigan lumber have lately been reported at \$19.50 on dock at the mill for soft elm shipping culls and better, \$16.50 for log run basswood, \$19.50 for log run ash and \$12 for log run beech.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

[Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.] There is no change in the Ottawa lumber market at present, but indications point to an early advance in several lines. Lath is firm at \$3 to \$3.25 per M. for No. 1, and at \$2.50 to \$2.75 for second grade. There is also a better demand for shingles, though the prices show no advance. At present there is little shipping being done, but prospects are good. Several sales of next year's cut are already reported. Gilmour & Hughson, of Hull, have sold to Skillings, Whitney & Barnes, of Ogdensburg, all their cut with the exception of the red pine, which is still on the market. In previous years this company has cut large quantities of deals for the English market, but this year nothing will be cut for that market. The above sale is understood to represent in the neighborhood of \$500,000, and the Standard Oil Company is believed to be interested in the deal.

So great was the eagerness of the American buyers to secure the Gilmour & Hughson cut that they brushed aside the question of high prices sooner than see the English buyers secure the plum.

Negotiations are now pending between the Hull Lumber Company and Mr. W. J. Todd, of the firm of Watson & Todd, Liverpool, England, who bought the cut last season. W. C. Edwards & Co. are also negotiating with the same firm, but the contracts have not as yet been closed.

It is likely that the season's cut of Gilmour & Co.'s mill at Trenton will go to American buyers if pending negotiations are an indication. No further deals in the Ottawa Valley are as yet reported.

Messrs. Hurdman & Elmitt report that during the past their initial season in the American market, they shipped about 500,000 feet to New York parties. During the coming season this firm expects to do a largely increased business in this same direction.

Owing to the firm prices prevailing in the Ottawa lumber market, only the better class of dwellings and other structures will be erected during the coming season.

The reports from the lumber woods are to the effect that there is an abundance of snow for hauling. The choppers have been engaged

to good purpose and large numbers of logs are ready for hauling.

Mr. E. C. Grant, of the Ottawa Lumber Co., is expected home from the Old Country in a few days. Mr. Grant has been absent in Scotland and England for some three months on a business and pleasure trip, and it is expected that he has made arrangements to ship considerable lumber to the British market.

OTTAWA, Feb. 12th, 1900.

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Co., in their last report, say of the Barbados lumber market: There have been three arrivals with lumber. The "F. B. Wade," to our address, from West Dublin, N.S., had some white pine and spruce. The white pine was second quality and brought \$18, the spruce \$19 for shipping. The "Shafner Bros.," from Jordan River, N.S., with 10 m. ft. Shipping white pine boards has been sold delivered at Demerara at \$26, customary conditions. "Dixon Rice," from Weymouth, N.S., has also arrived, bringing 170 m. ft. shipping spruce, 16 m. second quality; sold at \$19.50 for former, \$15 latter. She had 20 m. ft. white pine boards, which were placed at \$22.50 and \$17.50 respectively, for shipping and second quality. Shingles.—No further receipts of long Gaspé cedar, and there is little movement for them at present with the lumber dealers, who are amply supplied. A small parcel of 85 m. spruce laying, ex. "Dixon Rice," from Weymouth, sold at \$2.27. Shooks.—We have the cargo of "Jennie Hall," from Portland, ordered for dealers' account, sold at \$127. S.S. "Madiana" and "Carrilbee," from New York, have also brought 3,953 b'cls. for account of dealers.

BOSTON LUMBER PRICES

There is a fairly good movement of lumber at Boston at the following prices:

WHITE PINE.—1 and 1 1/4 inch uppers, \$59.50; 2 in., \$60.50; 2 1/2 in., \$69.50. Selects, 1 to 1 1/2 in., \$53.50; 2 in., \$55.50; 2 1/2 and 3 in., \$64.50. Fine common, 1 in., \$44.50; 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 in., \$45.50; 2 in., \$47.50; 2 1/4 and 3 in., \$59.50. No. 1 cuts, 1 inch, \$36.50; 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch, \$42.50; 2 inch, \$43.50; 2 1/4 and 3 inch, \$50.50. No. 2 cuts, 1 inch, \$26; 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch, \$34.50; 2 inch, \$35.50. Bevel siding, 12, 14 and 16 feet, \$27.50 for clear, \$26.50 for No. 1, \$22.50 for No. 2, and \$18 for No. 3; wide inch fine common seconds, \$52.50; selects, 30 in. and up, \$57.50; shaly clear, \$35. No. 1 shelving, 1x10, \$35; 1x12, \$40.50; 1x13 and up, \$41.50. No. 2 shelving, 1x4, 5, 7 and 9 inch, \$29.50; 1x6, 8 and 10 inch, \$30.50; 1x12, \$36.50; 1x13 and over, \$37.

SPRUCE.—Frames, 9 inches and under, \$17; 10 and 12 inch dimensions, \$19; 10 and 12 inch randoms, 10 feet and up, \$18.50; 2x3 and 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7, 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$15; other randoms, \$16.50; merchantable boards, \$15; out boards, \$12; extra clapboards, \$28 to \$29; clear, \$26 to \$27; second clear, \$24 to \$25.

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TIMBER PROPERTIES FOR SALE.

Valuable timber properties will be offered for sale by Mr. Peter Ryan, auctioneer, in the Board of Trade Building, Toronto, on Tuesday, April 10th. The Delta Lumber Co. will place in the market a timber berth of 80 square miles in the township of Mackenzie. This township is well timbered and watered and easily operated. R. H. Klock & Co. will offer for sale about 500 square miles of timber limits in the Province of Quebec, and about 125 square miles in the Province of Ontario. Further particulars are given in advertisements elsewhere.

THE LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

The annual meeting of the Lumbermen's Association of Ontario is announced to take place in the Board of Trade Building, Toronto, at 2 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, February 21st. There will no doubt be a large attendance of members, and considerable important business to come before the meeting.

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