

Saginaw, sold, during the past week, 1,500,000 feet, to be shipped by water to Detroit.

Salliotte & Raupp, and Salliotte & Ferguson, of Detroit, have received a contract from Tonawanda for 700,000 feet of car sills.

C. L. Grant & Co., of Saginaw, report sales for the week, totalling 1,000,000 feet of lumber, and Col. A. T. Bliss sold an equal amount.

A Bay City report tells of the sale of 500,000 box cut to order for a Saginaw firm at \$10. Some box, it is claimed, has sold as low as \$9.

Hargrave & Son, Bay City, Mich., are running their mill night and day, cutting Canadian logs, and have 2,000,000 feet of lumber on the docks, which is sold for immediate shipment.

ENGLISH IMPORTS OF WOOD GOODS.

The further the import season progresses, says Timber, the greater becomes the increase of wood goods received in the United Kingdom compared with the corresponding period of 1894. At the beginning of the season, in fact up till quite recently, considerable shortage was shown when the figures were placed side by side, but the total import for the first seven months of the present year is now not much less than that for the same period of 1894, while it exceeds that of 1893 by about 100,000 lds. The total import of sawn wood during July amounted to 870,000 lds., as against 787,000 lds. during July 1894 and 809,000 lds. during the same period of 1893, while in hewn goods the figures are—July 1895, 280,000 lds.; July 1894, 248,000 lds.; and July 1893, 250,000 lds., so that in both classes the import of the past month is considerably in excess of that of the corresponding month of the two previous years. Looking at the sawn wood figures, it will be noticed that although the import during the past month reached the rather high figure of 280,000 lds., this is less than was the case two years ago. Perhaps the most striking fact is the continuously increased export of Canadian goods, which have increased from 168,000 lds. in July, 1893, and 235,000 in the same period last year, to 281,000 lds. during the month just passed. The import of hewn goods is of course on a much smaller scale, and the figures therefore do not call for much comment. Here, again, however, it will be seen that there has (comparatively speaking) been a largely increased import of Canadian wood during the past month as compared with the figures for the two preceding years. A similar remark applies to the export of Russian goods, but from Scandinavia, strange to say, a shortage is noticeable. Generally speaking the import has not been exceptionally large, considering the late opening of navigation and the consequent keeping back of shipments in the early part of the season.

As far as the general trade of the country is concerned, the returns for last month are decidedly encouraging, the increases shown in both imports and exports being so large as to leave a fair margin, which may be regarded as representing a real improvement in the state of trade after allowance has been made for certain disturbing causes which favored July this year. The imports amount

to £35,128,000, an increase of £3,293,000, or about 10.3 per cent., and the exports of British and Irish produce to £20,555,000, an increase of £2,161,000, or 11.7 per cent. Foreign and colonial exports amounted to £4,790,000, an increase of £500,000.

THE SITUATION.

REFLECTED THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE OF "WEEKLY LUMBERMAN."

Alfred Dickie, Lower Stewiacke, N. S.: "Stocks are moving somewhat actively, spruce deals being in fair demand for the English market. We have just been advised of a sale of cargo spruce deals sent by us to New York, which realized there \$14.25. Stocks in this district are getting pretty well reduced, and the market, which has been lately weak, will probably be stronger from this out. Prices in the English market are steady."

S. Schryer, Ridgetown, Ont.: "Very little of any kind of stocks are moving just now. Things, indeed, are quite dull, and no sales of moment can be reported. Prices, I am glad to say, keep firm. I am busy shipping car bills for the C.P.R., through Mr. G. P. Magaan, of Toronto. The future depends largely on the general outcome of fall trade."

Richard Lockhart, Riverdale, Ont.: "No stocks moving; cannot find a market at price. Any little movement is in hemlock and cheaper grades of pine. A fair sized stock of pretty good quality held in this district and prices remain firm."

Bowen Smith, Cocagne, N. B.: "Not any very large activity in movement of stocks, the chief demand being for spruce, flooring boards and hemlock boards. Stocks in this district are light. Spruce sells fairly well. Hemlock moving slowly. Prices are disposed to decline, but we expect them to advance a little here on."

EASTERN STATES CONDITIONS.

In the New York market, among the most conservative of dealers, the feeling is one of confidence, and there are few who do not believe that the fall trade will fully reach expectations. The volume of trade even now augurs such an expectation. Some new export trade is being done with South American buyers. Spruce is holding a firm position.

Let full allowance be made for the season of the year and a fair amount of activity is to be noted of the Buffalo market. A strong feature of conditions is in the future, and the outlook for the fall is encouraging. Prices, though not just what might be desired, present the appearance of an advance when fall trade fairly opens out. Hardwood dealers complain of trade being dull.

Business in the Albany district has partaken of a good deal of life, and the month of August will close with an altogether unexpected volume of trade accomplished. There was nearly twice as much lumber shipped during the first week of August as during the last week of July, with good orders ahead to further swell the list. The conviction is strong with many that by October, at any rate, prices will advance considerably.

In the Tonawanda market trade has fallen off a good deal the past fortnight, though this is not affecting prices, which are holding firm.

With all that the term means August

quietness surrounds the Boston market. The importation of spruce from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, which has been sold at low prices, is having an unfavorable influence on the spruce market.

CANADIAN TRADE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Of the situation in Great Britain, specially as touching Canadian lumber, the Timber Trades Journal, of London, Eng., says: "Pine shippers are somewhat elated by the transactions of the past few days; buying is considerably more active than it has been, and prices, though not on the upper move, seem firm. The future depends entirely on the quantity of better quality goods sent on the market unsold. Several large parcels, we understand, have recently come forward, which will probably find their way to the auction sales, which is not an encouraging feature, but may be accounted for by the shippers not being able at the earlier part of the season to dispose of the stocks they carried over through the winter. Some important transactions in Lower Port spruce have, we understand, been carried through for autumn shipment at the spring prices. Spot stocks are moderate, and no apprehension need be entertained of any yielding, as the season is now advancing and high insurance rates must be paid, and possibly freights as well will harden at the equinoctial period. The hardwood market remains about the same as we last reported; shipments continue to arrive, but nothing to materially affect prices or interfere with the regular consumption, while stocks on this side are still of a normal character. Fairly dry pine regulars just now are very firm, and at present sellers find no difficulty in placing the comparatively small quantities that are in first hands."

CANADIAN ARRIVALS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Several important Quebec cargoes have reached English ports within the past week or ten days. The Montezuma brings lines for R. R. Dobell, Henry Ward Powis and W. R. Crow & Sons. The Torgorin is discharging a cargo of Three River goods for Henry Ward Powis. The Merrimac has also lines for R. R. Dobell & Co. and Henry Ward Powis. Pierce, Watts & Co., of Liverpool, have 50 loads of elm timber and about 120 std. spruce deals about to arrive from Quebec. Williams & Davies are receiving from Montreal 80 std. of pine sidings, and 100 std. prime pitch pine boards. Robert Cox & Co. have received a parcel of 3 in. red pine deals, 1½ in. pine sidings and 2 in. pine shotts, ex Lake Huron from Montreal. Also parcels of pine deals. Holmes, Warnright & Co. have received 100 std. Quebec red pine deals ex Sardinian from Montreal, and 70 std. spruce deals. They have also about due from St. John, N. B., over 1700 std. spruce deals, and a cargo of Quebec goods. Chas. Taylor, Sons & Co. are in receipt of 3634 pieces from Montreal.

BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES AND CHANGES.

The Brunette Saw Mills, New Westminster, B. C., recently destroyed by fire, are to be rebuilt shortly.

Lumber to the value of \$500,000 was destroyed by fire a week ago in the lumber piles of the Skillings, Whitney & Barnes Lumber Co., Ogdensburg, N. Y.

The saw mill on Hurd's Creek in the town-

ship of Sebastopol, known as the Hazelton Mill, in the Arnprior district, Ont., was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The loss is not heavy.

A Newfoundland correspondent states that there is no ground for the despatch currently published in Canadian papers that serious losses to lumber limits and saw mills had been incurred in that colony through recent forest fires.

The Cookshire Mill Co.'s saw mill at Sawyerville, Que., was destroyed by fire a few nights ago. The mill was one of the best equipped in the Eastern Townships. 84 men are out of employment. The total loss is placed at \$100,000, which is partly covered by insurance.

The McArthur Bros. Co., Ltd., have taken out an action on reindication for \$17,900 against Captain Brown, of the Rydal Holme, now loading in Montreal, for lumber sold to H. & G. Curwin & Co., Preston, Eng., and shipped during the course of the present month at Montreal on the Rydal Holme, for which the captain has refused to give a bill of lading.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The American sch. W. F. Witman is loading lumber at the Hastings Mill, Vancouver, B. C.

The sch. Erie is about to sail from St. John, N. B. with a cargo of lumber for the Canary Islands.

The Norwegian ship Prince Amadeo from Rio de Janeiro is loading lumber at Hastings Mill, Vancouver, B. C.

John Bell and Geo. Nayden have bought out the Rossland branch of the Nelson Saw Mill Co., Ltd., Nelson, B. C.

The J. R. Booth and G. B. Harris, of the Ontario Transportation Co., have taken shipments of lumber from Ottawa for Quebec, and Burlington, Vt., respectively.

A despatch from Duluth says that Rupp & Kerr, of Saginaw, have sold 70,000,000 feet of pine near Ely, Minn., to the Knox Lumber Co., the consideration being \$180,000.

The American four-masted sch. R. W. Bartlet is loading lumber at the Brunette Saw Mills, New Westminster, B. C., for San Pedro, Cal. She will carry away about 700,000 feet of lumber.

The three-masted sch. Nellie Lamper has been sold to P. McIntyre & Co., of St. John, N. B., for about \$5,750. The Lamper was built at Mystic, Conn., in 1873. She is engaged in the lumber carrying trade between New England ports and the Maritime Provinces. She is at present at Boston loading lumber.

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

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

General instructions in shipping by Grand Trunk 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 24,000 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 24,000 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 Tara or Hepworth to Guelph, Brampton, Weston or 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 Listowel 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 6 of tariff.

Rates from leading lumber points on pine and other softwood lumber, shingles, etc., are as follows: From Glenora, Creemore, Aurora, Barrie and other points in group 11 to Toronto, 6½c; Collingwood, Penetang, Coldwater, Wautaushe, Sturgeon Bay, Victoria Harbor, Midland, Fenelon Falls, Langford, Gravenhurst and other points in group C, to Toronto, 6½c; Bracebridge to Toronto 7c; Utterton, Huntsville, Navor, Emerald, Katrine to Toronto, 7½c; Burk's Falls, Berriedale and Sundridge, to Toronto, 8c; South River, Powasen and Callender to Toronto, 9c; Nipissing Junction and North Bay, 10c. Rate from Goderich, Kincardine and Warton to Toronto, 6½c. These rates are per 100 lbs. Rates from Toronto east to Belleville are 7½c. per 100 lbs.; to Deseronto, 9c.; to Brockville and Prescott, 10c.; to Montreal and Ottawa, 11c. The