

\$3.65 for extras and \$3.10 for clears, less 5 per cent. commission. This order was refused by the mill owner, who did not wish to accept more contracts than were already on his books. Simultaneously with this information, comes the report from Boston that prices have advanced. It would seem, therefore, that ruling quotations are about as given above, and that sales made at lower prices are by small mill owners whose production may not be of the best quality or who are not in touch with the market. From present indications a further advance in the price of cedar shingles is likely to take place.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA

Building operations are very active in Winnipeg and lumber is going into consumption at a rapid rate. In addition to the many important buildings under way in that city, there is a large volume of building in country districts. The crop outlook is favorable and everything points to a year of prosperity throughout Manitoba and the Territories. Wholesale prices of lumber have been advanced, as will be seen by the list published in another column. The lumber and shingle industry of British Columbia is also in a prosperous condition. The mills are operating steadily as far as it is possible to obtain logs. Some of the mill owners are putting in their own camps so as to insure a supply. A proposition is under way to form an intermediate company to act as sales agent for the logging contractors. It is thought that such an arrangement will benefit both the logger and the mill man.

UNITED STATES.

The lumber market of the United States has been somewhat featureless during the past week, the only important event being the issuance of a new price list on white pine by the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association. This list, while intended largely to unify prices, shows several important changes as compared with the list issued in February last. Common lumber and piece stuff remain unchanged, timbers are advanced 50 cents, while a substantial advance was made in the price of good lumber, ranging from \$2 to \$5. There is practically no A grade finishing lumber or flooring in the Minneapolis market. Shop lumber was advanced \$2, and dimension in 4x4 up to 8x8 50 cents. No. 4 fencing, 6-inch, in 12 to 20-foot lengths, was reduced 50 cents, and lath 25 cents. Current prices for lath are \$4 for No. 1 white pine, \$3.50 for mixed, and \$3 for No. 2. It is believed that the new price list can be maintained without difficulty, as there is no dry lumber in the market and some of the mills are closed down on account of a scarcity of logs. The east is not buying lumber quite as liberally as earlier in the spring, probably on account of labor troubles in the building trade. Buffalo dealers are anxious that mill prices should decline, so as to remove the necessity of further advancing wholesale prices, which, it is believed, would restrict the consumption. In the Buffalo market mill culls are selling at \$14 and box lumber at \$15.50 to \$19.

Hemlock is decidedly strong. The base price of Michigan hemlock has been advanced to \$14.50, while at Buffalo and Tonawanda it is \$14.50 and at Boston \$15.50, being an advance of 50 cents. A further expansion in the hardwood business is reported, with wholesale stocks badly broken and very little in the hands of mill men. If any change can be recorded in shingles and lath, it is in the di-

rection of weakness. The assortment of shingles at Buffalo and Tonawanda is larger than it has been for several months. Since navigation red cedar shingles have declined about ten cents. Clear butt pine shingles are the scarcest in the market and are quoted at \$2.85. White pine lath are selling in the Tonawanda market at a range from \$3.75 to \$4.50.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The outlook for peace in South Africa is now so bright that a marked improvement in general business is looked for. In the timber trade, however, there has not been as much activity as was expected, although the volume of business has been fairly satisfactory and of a sound character. The import during April was considerably less than in the corresponding month of last year; consequently an opportunity has been afforded importers to reduce stocks. That this has been accomplished is shown by the figures for Liverpool. Compared with one year ago the stock at that port of square and waney pine, red pine, birch, and New Brunswick spruce and pine deals is less than one-half, while Quebec pine deals are held in about the same quantity as one year ago. The stock of elm and ash is considerably larger. The stock, however, is largely of an inferior quality. Timber and deals of first-class quality meet with a ready sale. Birch timber is slightly higher, quotations being 18 to 19½d per cubic foot for 15 to 16 inch average. Elm is quoted at 3s to 3s 4d for 45 to 50 feet average. Red pine brings from 1s 7d to 1s 10d.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The steamer Philae is loading timber at Indian Cove, Quebec, for England.

The Charlton Saw Mill Co., of Collingwood, Ont., expect to cut 25,000,000 feet of lumber this season.

The tender of D. E. Sprague has been accepted for the supply of lumber for the city of Winnipeg.

By the breaking of a boom at Atkin's mill, St. Raymond, Que., 60,000 logs were allowed to float down stream.

The United Lumber Company expect to cut 12,000,000 feet of lumber this season at their mills at Sherbrooke and Jordan River, N.S.

Hilyard Bros. will supply 2,000 yards of paving blocks for the city of St. John, N. B., and Murray & Gregory 3,000 yards, at 50 cents per yard.

At Ashland, Wis., 4-inch pine is held at \$15.50, 5-inch at \$16.50, 6-inch at \$18, 8-inch at \$17, 10-inch at \$18 and 12-inch at \$19. Lath are held at \$3.50 for No. 1 white pine, \$2.75 for No. 2, \$3 for No. 1 Norway and \$2 for No. 2.

H. L. McCall, of Simcoe, Ont., had a quantity of square timber, pine, rock elm and cherry in a slip at Bay City last week, when a steamer struck the boom, breaking it and allowing the logs to get away. The loss to Mr. McCall is considerable.

The Department of Interior at Ottawa is asking for tenders up to May 28th for a license to cut timber on berth No. 296, situate in the Province of British Columbia, comprising two blocks of 640 acres and 860 acres.

Statistics have been compiled showing the winter shipments of the port of St. John for the past season. The lumber shipped from the port was valued at \$101,661, compared with \$127,668 in the previous season, and \$98,662 in the winter of 1899.

Toner & Gregory, of Collingwood, are cutting a quantity of Norway pine for Playfair & White, of Midland. On the arrival of a raft of hemlock logs they will turn their attention to cutting a large bill for the Cramp Steel Co. The contract for supplying timber for the proposed building of this company has been secured by Toner & Gregory and A. McKean.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Co., under date of April 26, refer to the Barbadoes market as follows: "The fortnight has been bare of any transactions in either white pine or spruce. Stocks, however, are ample, particularly of white pine, and the season for spruce is virtually over. A small lot of long cedar shingles arrived by the steamer Oruro and were placed at \$3.30. The demand is limited. Dimension shingles by same steamer brought \$8 for 7 and 8-inch, \$6.50 for 6-inch, \$5.50 for 5-inch and \$4.50 for 4-inch."

The Sutherland-Limes Company, of Chatham, Ont., state that the tone of the hoop market has somewhat moderated from the extremely high prices that manufacturers have been asking. The price of staves has not advanced any higher than warranted during the past few weeks, the cost of timber not admitting of their being sold at lower figures. First quality brasswood heading is in good demand and becoming scarcer all the time.

LUMBERING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

[COMMUNICATED.]

From the items touching on the lumber business in British Columbia that have already appeared in your paper, it will have been noticed that this business, and that of shingles, are in a much more prosperous condition than they have ever been. The estimated output of shingles, when the new shingle mills that are now building, together with the present mills, are in full operation, will be 800,000,000 shingles per annum. Of this amount it is expected that 300,000,000 will be sold in the Canadian market and 500,000,000 in the United States market.

The estimated cut of logs for 1902 is 260,000,000 feet, roughly speaking. Two-thirds of this quantity will be fir, with a small percentage of spruce. One-third will be cedar. Of the amount of fir cut one-quarter will run from 35 to 100 feet in length. The prevailing prices for logs are as follows:

No. 1 long deck plank	.. \$9.00 per M.
Fir merchantable 7.00 "
Fir flooring 8.00 "
No. 2 merchantable 6.00 "

50 cents per M. is added for each additional 10 feet from 40 feet in length and upwards. No. 1 cedar is held at \$7.50 per M. and "merchantable" at \$6.50. All the above prices are delivered at the mills. The local market is entirely bare of logs, as up to the end of last year it was possible to export, especially cedar logs, to Puget Sound, while the past winter has been a very wet and unfavorable one for working in the woods.

The mills holding leases are increasing the number of camps operating on their own account.

A help to the placing of the lumber business on a better footing in British Columbia is the passing of an Act by the present local Legislature, entitled, "A Bill for the Measurement of Timber". This Bill provides for the payment of the Supervisor and Official Scalers for the performance of this important duty.

All the mills in British Columbia have more orders on hand than they can fill. In some cases their agents in Manitoba and the North-West Territories have been withdrawn. The large crops of last year and the influx of settlers that is now taking place is causing an abnormal demand for lumber. R.E.G.

QUEBEC TIMBER LIMIT SALE.

An auction sale of timber limits in Quebec will be held in the Department of Mines, Lands and Fisheries, Quebec City, on Tuesday, June 3rd, commencing at 11 o'clock a. m. About 3,500 square miles of limits will be offered at upset prices fixed by the Department. The limits are situated in the Upper and Lower Ottawa, St. Maurice, St. Charles, Lake St. John

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'THE GLASGOW' MARKET.

Messrs. Allison, Cousland & Company furnish the following particulars of the Glasgow market:

WHITE PINE—WANAY—The stock is now reduced to some small parcels of inferior and 2nd class wood, which however is not easily disposed of at the prices asked by sellers.

SQUARE—Business has been rather quiet, but prices remain steady at former quotations.

RED PINE—There has been some enquiry for 1st class wood of large average.

ELM—Prime wood is in moderate request, prices are little altered, 45 to 50 feet average being quoted at 3s to 3s 4d per c. f.

OAK—Stocks are small. There is a steady demand.

ASH—Stocks have been largely reduced, but prices except for large prime wood keep low.

BIRCH—Is in moderate request, prices are somewhat firmer. Quotations: 18d to 19½d for 15½ to 16½ inch average.

PINE—The stock of white pine deals is now very light and some very high prices have been paid for small shipments arriving per liners. It is difficult to quote prices, as in many cases the stock is practically nil, and while some buyers will pay high figures through necessity, others can for the present hold off, and expect to purchase cheaper. Broad 1st pine are quoted at £28 17s 6d to £33. Undersized £21 6s 3d to £22 13s 9d per standard. Seconds.—Regulars and broad are quoted at £19 18s 9d to £22 13s 9d. Undersized £15 2s 6d to £16 10s per standard. Thirds.—There has been a steady demand and very little stock is now in first hands. Quotations—£12 to £13 1s 3d for regulars. Undersized, £10 6s 3d to £11 per standard. Fourths.—The stock is practically exhausted, but the enquiry has been limited. Quotations.—Regulars, £9 19s 4d to £10 6s 3d per standard. Reds—Business is very slow and stocks still appear to be too heavy. 9 and 11 inch are quoted at £10 6s 3d to £12 7s 6d. Undersized, £6 17s 6d to £8 11s 10d per standard.

QUEBEC SPRUCE—Continues healthy and prices are well maintained at £6 17s 6d to £9 5s 7d per standard.

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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