

that anything else is the prospect of a shortage in the log supply. Owing to high wages, scarcity of labor, and weather conditions, it is predicted that the production of spruce logs in Quebec and New Brunswick will be much smaller than last winter. One manufacturer advises us that he expects to secure spruce enough to stock only one mill, whereas three mills were stocked last season. The supply of both lumber and shingles is so small that a material reduction in the log input this winter would be certain to result in higher prices next year.

UNITED STATES.

A meeting of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association is to be held this week to revise the price list on lumber. There are indications that an advance of fifty cents will be made on piece stuff, the supply of which is very short. No. 4 boards are also showing strength and have been advanced one dollar per thousand by several manufacturers in the Wisconsin Valley. It is doubtful whether the stock of pine lumber on hand at the lake markets will be sufficient to take care of the winter trade, particularly as there continues to be a large demand from the east. In Chicago trade is active and building operations fully twice as large as at the corresponding date one year ago. Prices there are firm, based on \$17.50 for short pine piece stuff delivered. Box manufacturers in the Eastern States are doing a splendid trade. Sales of 10-inch box lumber have recently been made in Buffalo at \$19 to the consumer, which is considered a very good price. Hardwoods remain firm. Maple is strong and there is a movement of beech to take the place of it. The supply of basswood is so small that it is possible to obtain almost any reasonable price. Ash and elm are more plentiful than the other hardwoods.

Logging conditions in the Lake Superior district are excellent and every effort is being put forth to secure a large crop of logs. The east makes complaint regarding the continued warm weather, which in many places has spoiled the roads. Logging operators state that they are constantly visited by dealers wishing to purchase their logs with the idea of having them sawn to required specifications.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Agents of shippers have abandoned all efforts to secure business until after the Yuletide holidays. Buying for immediate requirements has been confined largely to the better class of lumber, the stock of which is much lighter than of the lower grades. Owing to the large import from the Baltic, a disposition is shown by sellers to moderate their asking prices. It is estimated that the quantity of Baltic rough boards in the London docks is sufficient to supply the requirements for the next nine months. These conditions do not apply to Canadian lumber, both pine and spruce deals being in lighter supply than one year ago. The unfavorable statistical position of Baltic lumber, however, is likely to exert a sympathetic influence upon Canadian stock. Recent public sales brought good prices for the regular sizes of pine and spruce deals, 8 inch and under showing a slight weakness.

The number of lumber cargoes received at Cleveland, Ohio, during the past season was 558, and the amount of lumber delivered 279,000,000 feet. Of the lumber received Michigan furnished 221 cargoes, Ontario 120, Wisconsin 122, and Minnesota 95.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The quantity of lumber exported in 1902 from Montreal to South America was 863,000 feet.

Guilford V. Peck has purchased the lumbering property of Howard Stevens at Memel, N. B.

W. J. Trenouth & Bro., of Powassan, Ont., are only taking out about 1,000,000 feet of logs this winter, mostly hemlock and spruce.

B. W. Gagnon, M. P., of St. Stephen, N.B., states that the cut of logs in Charlotte county this winter will not exceed 10,000,000 feet.

In the Philadelphia market spruce planing lath are stiff at \$3.50 for eastern lath and \$3.65 for West Virginia lath. Hemlock lath rule about \$3.50.

The receipts of lumber at the Tonawandas by vessel this season were 407,922,933 feet, 44,673,487 feet less than in 1901 and 3,000,000 feet less than in 1900.

The timber limits formerly owned by the Bank of Ottawa and situated near Prince Albert, N.W.T., have been sold to Telford & Company, who are operating them this winter.

D. E. Sprague has commenced cutting logs near Sprague, Minn. He is also cutting logs along Rainy Lake, which will be shipped over the Canadian Northern road to his saw mills at Winnipeg.

Jacob A. Shaver, of Ancaster, Ont., has purchased for next season's sawing about 700,000 feet of logs, including 400,000 feet of white pine and 300,000 feet of white and red oak and some chestnut.

The Hamilton & Merriman Company, of Menominee, Mich., have disposed of their 1903 cut of lumber to Francis Beidler & Company, of Chicago. The cut will amount to 45,000,000 feet, and the consideration is about \$750,000.

The Moyle Lumber Company, of Moyle, B.C., are operating four camps this winter. They have one at Swansca, one near Monroe Lake, and one on the Clark ranch. The East Kootenay Lumber Company have 150 men employed in lumbering operations this winter.

The following timber berths will be offered for sale at the Crown Lands office, Fredericton, N.B., on Wednesday, January 7th: Three square miles north of Canaan river, J. H. Barry, applicant; two square miles at Roberville Sett, Gloucester county, J. J. S. Hachey, applicant; two square miles north of Newcastle Creek, John P. Yeamans, applicant.

The Shepard & Morse Lumber Company, of Ottawa, after a lapse of five years have decided to resume operations. The company has several large camps at work on its own limits in the Kippewa district taking out logs. A contract has also been entered into with Alexander Lumsden, ex-M. P. P., whereby the Shepard & Morse concern will secure all of the better class of logs cut on the Lumsden limits this winter. It is expected that between six and seven million feet will be secured by this move alone.

The Department of Interior at Ottawa is asking for tenders up to January 14th for a permit to cut timber on Berth No. 1039, comprising section 30, township 2, range 12, in the Province of Manitoba, containing an area of one square mile; also until January 21st for licenses to cut

timber on Berth No. 1037 on the north side of Bad Throat river, comprising ten square miles, and Berth No. 1036, comprising section 30, township 4, range 10, containing one square mile, both in the province of Manitoba.

Stocks at the present time, says the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen, are very evenly balanced in the lower grades, but in many instances are in bad shape in the upper grades, some of the items being out of stock almost altogether. A feature of the market is considerable buying by the Chicago and Kansas City packing houses of No. 4 lumber for packing purposes and boxes. Lath is selling well, bringing the list price. Mixed of good quality are sold for \$3, while the straight white pine lath brings \$3.50. White pine shingles are rather an erratic sort of an article, selling in some instances 25 cents off the list and in other cases selling at the list prices.

THE LUMBER TRADE AT DULUTH.

In accordance with their annual custom, the inspectors and shippers of lumber at Duluth have prepared their annual statement of the production, shipments and other matters of interest of a statistical nature, relating to the mills on the Duluth-Superior harbour for the year ending December 1.

Early in the season it was expected that the production and shipments would both be less than in 1901, but, on the contrary, there has been an increase in both directions. The following comparative statements, December 1, 1901, to December 1, 1902, will be of widespread interest in the lumber trade:

	feet.
Production, 1902.....	442,585,000
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Shipments, 1902.....	463,230,000
Shipments, 1901.....	449,470,000
Total on hand, 1902.....	119,417,000
Total on hand, 1901.....	142,062,000
Total for sale, 1902.....	65,161,000
Total for sale, 1901.....	51,803,000

The production of lumber on the Duluth-Superior harbour was 19,074,000 feet greater than in 1901. Compared with stocks on December 1, 1901, there was 23,645,000 feet less lumber on hand on the

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same date this year, and there is an excess of 14,658,000 feet for sale as compared with a year ago.

The report states, also, that rail lumber shipments for water shipment will bring the total shipments by water from the head of Lake Superior to about 550,000,000 feet for 1902.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN THE LUMBERMAN.

Mr. J. S. O'Brien, of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, whose advertisement has appeared in the weekly CANADA LUMBERMAN for three months past, writes:—"I paid draft for advertisement, and I must say that I never felt that I got as good value for any money paid by me. I am astonished at the circulation your paper has. It seems to go everywhere. I don't want you to think I am giving you blarney. I am not. I say what I think. I look upon your paper as a friend. I wish you the success you most undoubtedly deserve."

EXTENSIVE TIMBER LIMIT SALE.

A dispatch from Ottawa says that it is learned on good authority that McLachlin Bros., of Arnprior, have purchased from Alex. Barret, of Renfrew, a pine timber limit on the Petawawa river comprising one of the largest blocks of high grade pine tributary to the Ottawa river. The price is said to be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000.

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.

The annual meeting of the Hardwood Manufacturers Association of the United States will be held at the Grand Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 27th and 28th, 1903.

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