

per m. feet super according to quality. Norwegian and Scotch flooring: At the sales of cargoes ex Zenobia, Marco Polo, &c., rates realized are somewhat in advance of those obtained last month, and we look for further improvement shortly. We quote for 6x1½ red t. and g., 10s. 9d. to 11s.; 6x1½ white, 10s. 6d. to 10s. 9d.; 6x½ red, 9s.; 6x½ white, 8s. 9d. to 9s.; 6x½ red, 7s. 6d.; 6x½ white, 7s. 6d.; 6x½ red beaded, 7s. 6d. to 7s. 3d.; 6x½ white do., 6s. 9d. to 6s. 6d.; 6x½ red do., 5s. 9d.; 6x½ white do., 5s. 9d.; 4-out red and white weather boards, 5s. 9d. to 6s. per 100 feet lineal.

Messrs C. S. Ross & Co. say:—A fair amount of business has been done since last report in nearly every line of building materials, and prices generally have slightly advanced. The deliveries from the yards for consumption have fallen off, and the trade report a smaller business than that done for the previous twelve months. Money for building operations can be obtained at reasonable rates, but the demand for tenements is not so active, and speculative building has declined. The store in store yards is very heavy, and a large portion will be in hand to meet the shipments from the Baltic of the coming season. The recent arrivals have been the Andora, Brenhilda, Loch Ness, Elvion, Essex, Sikh, Marsala, Siren, and Hornby Castle, from the United Kingdom, with flooring laths, &c., Canada, from Frederikstad, and Callao, from Soderhamn, with red deals, flooring, doors, laths, &c., and others.

#### OTTAWA VALLEY NOTES.

Mr. Thomas Mackie's square timber made on the South River and Sturgeon last winter, was safely towed over Lake Nipissing to the C. P. R. siding for loading. In all there will be about 5,000 pieces, nearly two thousand of which is board timber. It was expected that the first train load of this timber would leave the siding on Wednesday last for Papineville where it will be unloaded and rafted up, Mr. Mackie having now a gang of men at that point. It is expected that should cars be supplied, two hundred pieces could be loaded per day. The general average of the whole cut will be about sixty feet.

It is said that the Scotch Syndicate intend driving the timber loose to the Des Jacobins, where it will be rafted up. Messrs. W. R. Thistle and O. Sills have a large number of logs on Centre and Carty Creek, Pettawawa, which cannot be got out this season owing to low water.

The saw logs are beginning to come down at a more lively rate.

Yesterday the steamer C. O. Kelly passed down with a large tow.

So far this season no less than five men have been drowned in the Black river alone. Of these, one was in the employ of Messrs. Fraser & McCoshen, one in the employ of J. R. Booth, one in the employ of Mr. Murray, and one in the employ of Hamilton Bros.

Mr. James O. Armstrong, manager for Barnett & Mackay, has arrived at Eganville. He reports that Messrs. Barnett & Mackay's drive will be there in about ten days if the weather is favorable.

Captain Young's drive commenced running out into the Ottawa at the mouth of the Pettawawa several days ago.

Perley & Pattee's drive on Chalk river has arrived at Burned Bridge.

Mr. John Rowan is getting out all his drive. He had over 20,000 turned into the main Schyan last week. —Pembroke Observer, June 5th.

#### MONTREAL NOTES.

The Gazette of June 15th, says:—The local demand has been fair although not equal to that of a year ago, when it was exceptionally brisk. There is not much lumber arriving, which is rather a favorable feature than otherwise, as stocks in the city are already large. The only American inquiry reported is for ash. Laths are steady at last week's rates, and it is thought they have reached bottom, although they are still 10 to 12c. per M. above prices ruling a year ago. There has been an advance in the price of pine lath in Boston, where they have sold up to \$2.50@2.75 per M. The export trade is commencing to show more activity, and we hear of charters being made to load lumber

for the River Platte, of the barque Wolfo, 940 tons, at \$14.50, and the Peter Crerar, 628 tons, at \$15.50. There is a brisk export movement in deals. Two ships have just been chartered for London at 67s. 6d. The Deodarus is loaded with deals for Swansea and the Polatjerman with deals for Hull. The vessels Winmora, Cupid, August, Lefler, Latona, Carla and Lorna Doone are now loading. The following vessels have been chartered to load at Montreal: Soy, Guelph, Muriel, Tiviot and the Bolivia to load at Three Rivers. Contracts have been given out for the construction of the new basins to be built above the present one, for the accommodation of the lumber, cordwood and coal interests. The work will be pushed forward with despatch, as improved facilities for meeting the increasing business of the port in the lines referred to are greatly needed.

#### STANDING PINE.

When the amount of standing white pine timber in the country is considered in connection with the annual production of lumber, it becomes apparent that without an unforeseen, unexpected and disastrous business panic amounting to a veritable cyclone in its baneful influence, unsettling all values, there can be but very little prospect of any further decline in the price of white pine lumber, either in the near future or thereafter. The supply of standing timber is gradually and swiftly being reduced, and the demand is rapidly and constantly on the increase, while the capacity and number of mills keeps full pace with the demand. The effect of this increased demand and constantly decreasing supply is perceptible in the enhanced value of pine stumpage within the past few years. Standing timber which could have been purchased in Michigan less than a decade ago for \$2 per thousand would to-day command from \$5 to \$7; and when we consider that a very material portion of it has changed hands at the latter price, within the time specified, it becomes apparent that any material reduction in the price of lumber must involve serious loss to the holders thereof, to which they would not be very liable to submit, as withholding the same from the market for a time, involves no expense further than the taxes on the lands, and such action must inevitably, by the action of the inexorable law of supply and demand, re-establish prices. Only one conclusion can therefore be arrived at in a consideration of this question, and that is, that the price of white pine lumber must be maintained. —Lumberman's Gazette.

#### NORTHWEST TIMBER LANDS.

Information is to hand going to show that the Canadian Northwest is going to experience a boom soon in the sale of timber land. A large number of American buyers have recently invaded that section with capital, and are making selections of the best tracts that are more easy of access.

The timber of that country, or at least the portion of it fit for lumber manufacture, has as yet been very little drawn upon. Hitherto lumbering has been little more than a system of culling from the best districts within easy reach of Winnipeg. The lower portions of Lake Winnipeg were, until very lately, the only locality where operations were carried on to any extent, and these have only recently been supplemented by cutting in the Lake of Woods country. As yet the vast timber fields on the upper Lake Winnipeg, where the finest spruce limits in the Northwest are known to exist, are almost untouched, although the establishing of a more extensive system of navigation on that lake is all that is necessary to bring these timber lands within easy reach of the Manitoba lumber market. It can scarcely be expected, with the present system of rapid development and ever-increasing demand for lumber which is now going on in the Northwest, these timber resources will long remain untouched, and it is just possible that American capital and American enterprise will soon assist much in their development. A number of lumbermen from this side of the line have been visiting the section around Lake Winnipeg, and it is expected that regularly organized parties will soon explore the country in that neighborhood and report on the prospects. —N. Y. Lumber Trade Review.

## Chips.

NINETY-THREE thousand acres of land were planted with timber in Kansas last year.

The low water this season in the streams around Rainy Lake and the Lake of the Woods in the Debateable Territory, has very materially interfered with lumbering operations, and it is said will diminish this year's cut 30,000,000 feet.

The Kingston Whig of June 11th, says:—Yesterday the biggest cut of timber for the season was accomplished at Gilmour's mill, Trenton. In ten hours 347,000 feet of lumber were cut. This is at the rate of 35,000 per hour.

An Ottawa despatch says that a considerable quantity of square timber is passing through the Chate and Chaudiere slides. It is somewhat above the average, and timber-men are under the impression that prices will be good this season.

A HANDSOME maple planted by the Prince of Wales in 1860, a Canadian oak planted by Prince Arthur in 1863, and a Scotch fir planted by Princess Louise in 1882, are among the attractions of the Horticultural Gardens at Toronto.

Few people are aware, or even stop to think, how much lumber is consumed in car-building. It is estimated that there are 400,000 cars in the United States, and, as three thousand feet in round numbers are used in the construction of a car, it follows that the cars that are rolling around the country represent 1,200,000,000 feet of lumber.

CULTIVATION should at all times be given to young trees to keep them in healthy growth and free from weeds. Where they have been set in rows it is a good plan to plow a light furrow towards them at the end of the season, this is called laying them by, or putting them to bed; it protects them from heaving and provides for the outflow of surfs.

The Montreal Times says that a company of Montreal gentlemen consisting of Messrs. R. Hersoy, M. Babcock, J. E. Rasin, W. F. Hutchins, E. R. Whitney and G. F. Cleveland, is being organized to engage in the manufacture of barrels, kegs, &c., under the corporate name of the Tomlinson Patent Barrel Company. The capital is to be \$100,000 in shares of \$100 each.

The Glasgow correspondent of the Timber Trades Journal of June 2nd, says that in the list of arrivals here for the week will be noted the first of this season's imports of Canadian deals, several shipments having arrived per steamers—altogether 45,250 pieces. There has been no auction sale yet of any of these fresh arrivals. The yarding of them is going on busily meantime. The arrivals of spruce deals during May have been very heavy, amounting to 118,039 pieces, and the total since the beginning of the year is 192,555 pieces. Last year, at corresponding date, the total was 140,000 pieces.

SPEAKING of pitch pine, a correspondent of the Timber Trades Journal says:—"All along the west coast of France this class of wood goods is coming more and more into use. Not only for parqueting, but even for joinery and carpentry, it is rapidly finding favor. The pitch pine flooring has one great advantage over that from the north of Europe, viz., greater durability, and being free from knots, it has a finer aspect. The price is about the same as that from the northern countries, and an improved consumption of this wood may be anticipated. In Spain there is also a fair consumption of this class of wood goods."

The Bristol correspondent of the Timber Trades Journal says that an auction sale of spruce deals (comprising about three cargoes) was held at Bristol on Wednesday, May 30th, by Messrs. Booth & Co., of Gloucester, Mr. Abraham Booth acting as auctioneer. The sale took place in the saleroom of Messrs. King Bros., at Canon's Marsh. There was a large attendance of buyers, and every lot was sold. The competition was fairly spirited, and the prices realized ranged from £6 17s. 6d. to £7 15s. per standard, averaging all around a trifle over £7 2s. 6d. For lower port deals these prices must be considered satisfactory.

The Selkirk Herald says.—Mr. G. H. Bradbury, general manager of the Northwestern Lumber Company, returned from Bui Head Bay, Lake Winnipeg, on Wednesday last. While in Selkirk he called at the Herald office, and in reply to enquiries stated that a raft of logs, containing about 400,000 feet of lumber, was ready for towing across the lake, and that he expected the Colville would start out for that purpose in a day or two. Mr. Bradbury had a very rough experience on his way in. He came in a canoe, and had to lay up the day after starting on account of the ice. When the lake was clear he resumed his journey and crossed the water in the storm of Tuesday, having a very exciting and dangerous voyage. Mr. Bradbury is looking well, and camp life apparently agrees with him.

THE Kooowatin correspondent of the Winnipeg Commercial says. The water is very low in the lakes, and all mill owners complain of the scarcity of power. Mr. Hall, of the Northwestern Telegraph Company, has been in town for the past week, looking for cedar telegraph poles. The steamer N. Mosher, Captain McMurdie has brought in three tows of logs, and one tow of telegraph poles during the past week for the Kooowatin Lumber Company. Messrs. Dick & Banning's drives, on Grassy and Pine rivers are lying up for the want of water, and will not come out this season, unless heavy rains come on during the summer. The steamer Lillio Macanlay, with a tow from Hungry Hall for Dick & Banning, was caught in a storm in the Grand Traverse and had to abandon the raft. The logs were all swept into Buffalo Bay, and are a dead loss, as it would cost more than they are worth to collect them again.

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