

if operations are continued with little regard to demand, the result will doubtless be a further decline in value. The wisdom of the former course should be apparent to all operators when it is remembered that the cost of getting out timber has increased during the past few years quite in proportion to the advance in price.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Spruce lumber prices have not suffered a further decline, although the market is still very unsettled. Manufacturers generally will curtail sawing operations as far as possible. There is a very good demand for American specifications. Most of the log drives are nearing the boom, and it is estimated that 34,000,000 feet will be hung up on the St. John river, including 6,000,000 feet on the Aroostook. The amount already in the Douglas and Mitchell booms is about 145,000,000 feet.

Extra cedar shingles are freely offered at \$3.30 for Boston delivery. Clears at \$2.75 and second Clears at \$2.25.

UNITED STATES.

Compared with one year ago the movement of lumber throughout the United States shows a falling off, not marked, but sufficient to prevent any recovery in prices from the decline which has taken place during the past six months. The curtailment in demand has resulted largely from a decreased consumption by the railroads, as building operations are normally active. Many persons are looking for a revival in business after the presidential nominations are over next week, as there is a strong feeling that the business interests of the country are not likely to suffer through a change in the fiscal policy. One of the encouraging signs from a lumber standpoint is an increasing demand for stock from the Eastern States. This is reported by the Lake Superior manufacturers, who are holding prices firmly on the ground that the amount of lumber to be produced this year will be no more than equal to the demand. There is especial firmness in No. 3 and 4 boards. The old stock of No. 4 boards has been entirely cleaned out, and there is a very light supply of No. 3. The decline in the price of Norway flooring has resulted in a heavier movement of that lumber. The weakest grade in nine is shop common, for which inquiries are very light.

Weakness is more pronounced in hardwoods than in pine. Business has been disappointing and stocks have accumulated to a greater extent than was believed possible two months ago. The country demand is lacking. The northern hardwoods, such as birch, basswood, elm, and maple, have declined about \$1 per thousand feet, but are steady at the lower prices. Basswood has shown some improvement during the past week, but is still a slow seller, while birch is moving in larger volume.

GREAT BRITAIN.

There has really been no improvement in the British lumber market since last writing. The opinion is expressed that this season is likely to witness heavy consignments, in which case buyers would have no difficulty in being able to purchase anything they may require in reasonable quantities. The fear of such shipments is working against the market and shippers are, if anything, showing greater anxiety to close contracts, with a further shading of prices in some instances. At the recent public sales prices showed further weakness. Concerning spruce deals the Timber Trades Journal says: "The low c.i.f. offers that are reported in respect to spruce deals must be accepted in a qualified sense, and do not bear a full significance unless the specifications are taken into account. From what we can gather the market for 3 x 9 inch deals has not varied much from the position it stood in two or three months ago. Some depression has been experienced, and where shippers pressed sales they have had to make concessions. If what we hear is correct, there has been some slight improvement in the export trade during the past week or two, and from this holders are looking forward to a more active inquiry."

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The first of the season's log drives down the Moria river has begun to arrive at Belleville, Ont. It totals 25,000 pieces.

D. E. Sprague's log drive has started down the Red river for Winnipeg. It contains 6,000,000 feet. Mr. Sprague will also get 6,000,000 feet of logs from Rainy Lake by train.

Robert Aitken, who has been superintending driving operations on the Aroostook river in New Brunswick, has been successful in getting out all his old logs, about 9,000,000 feet.

It is estimated that 30,000,000 feet of saw logs will come down the Sturgeon river this season. J. R. Booth will drive 12,000,000 feet, Gordon Bros. 8,000,000 feet, the Victoria Harbor Lumber Company 8,000,000 feet, Cockburn & Son 2,000,000 feet, and the Nipissing Lumber Company less than a million feet.

QUEBEC TIMBER LIMIT SALE.

A sale of Quebec timber limits took place at the Parliament Buildings, Quebec City, on Wednesday, June 22nd, Hon. S. N. Parent, Minister of Lands, Mines and Fisheries, presiding. Mr. P. Blouin, of the Department, acted as auctioneer. There were 1,716 1/2 square miles of limits disposed of, the total revenue amounting to \$259,865.90. The following are the purchasers: McCormack & Co.—Lots 11, 13 and 15, range 3, 93 miles, on Upper Ottawa, at \$31 per mile; range 4, Nos. 10 and 11, 100 miles, same price; range 5, Nos. 9, 10, 11, 150 miles, \$130 per mile; lot 16, same range, 50 miles, \$91 per mile. Mr. Flood—Four miles, Grand Lake Victoria, at \$1,100 per mile.

W. Headrie—Nos. 603 and 604A, on Ottawa River, containing 8 miles, \$501.

Mr. Ritchie—Forty-seven and a half miles at Bostonais Island, on the St. Maurice, at \$101 per mile.

Mr. Dupuis, M.P.P.—Back of River French, on the upper St. Maurice, 164 miles, at \$156 per mile.

Mr. Grogan—Lot No. 13, Saguenay, 49 miles, \$115 per mile.

Laferriere Lumber Co.—Lots 14 and 16, Saguenay, 60 miles, \$130 per mile.

Manicouagan Export Co.—Lot No. 7, River Manicouagan, 50 miles, at \$130 per mile.

J. C. Kaine—Three miles and three-quarters at Petit Bergeronnes, at \$91 per mile.

W. H. Davis—Lots 1, 2, 3, on river Godbout, 60 miles, \$135 per mile. Lots 1 and 2, on river Moisie, at \$121 per mile.

H. M. Price—Nos. A and B, on the river St. John, North Shore, 68 miles, Nos. 2 and 3 on Salmon River, 115 miles, and 77 miles on the River Chambers, at \$101 per mile.

M. K. Keen—Two miles and a half in new township Bonaventure West, range 9, and five miles, range 9, at \$201 per mile.

J. N. Piche—60 1/2 miles in Canton Milenkek, at \$135 per mile.

Lefebvre & Marv—5 1/2 miles, Canton Marais, at \$135 per mile, 3 1/2 miles on River Andre, at \$212 per mile.

Senator Edwards—30 miles on Grand Cascapedia River, at \$135 per mile, 50 miles on Salmon River, at \$185 per mile; branch 3, 35 miles, \$190 per mile; branch 4, 15 miles, \$205 per mile; branch 5, 18 miles, \$215 per mile; 4 1/2 miles, River Bonaventure, \$153 per mile; 37 1/2 miles, River Bonaventure, \$290 per mile.

W. Power—River Maepes, 2 2-3 miles, range B, Rimouski West, \$201 per mile.

Mme. R. Blais—3 1/2 miles in Cabot township, Metapedia Vall y, \$151 per mile.

M. Gourette—Thirteen miles, range 1, Township Chabot, \$201 per mile.

Wm. Milner—14 1/2 square miles on St. Anne River, Gaspes, \$101 per mile.

Mr. Calhoun—Sixty miles, Sydenham West, Gaspes, \$211 per square mile.

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