

£24, thirds at £14 to £15, and fourths at £11 to £12. These, of course, are about the maximum figures. Spruce deals are as strong as ever. There is a marked scarcity of first quality Quebec deals, but a larger supply of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia production. Battens are gaining in favor, and it should be possible to export a greater quantity of these from Canada. The sizes most in demand are 2½x7, 2x7 and 2x8. In square timber Quebec elm seems to be most asked for, and the stock is scarce. For 45 to 50 feet average 3s 3d to 3s 6d per cubic foot can be obtained. A moderate business is doing in birch at 18d to 21d for 14 to 16 inches, and 22d to 2s for 17 to 18 inches average.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

At Marinette, Wis, No. 3 pine boards are held at from \$14 to \$15.

The steamer "Dallmally" left Pugwash N. S., last week for England with a cargo of deals.

Up to August 1st of this year, 151,268,050 feet of lumber was sawn at the Minneapolis mills, as against 193,632,250 feet for same period last year.

Three vessels loaded lumber at Beck's wharf, Penetanguishene, last week, two for Bay City and one for Detroit, their cargoes being 1,000,000 feet.

At the annual meeting of the Rouge Boom Company, held at Calumet a few days ago, it was stated that over 500,000 saw logs had passed through the Rouge booms this summer, and that there remained over 400,000 logs still to go through.

The Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company, of Saginaw, Mich., are having 12,000,000 feet of lumber sawed at Parry Sound. This lumber was sold early in the spring for delivery to eastern dealers. Another Parry Sound firm is reported to have sold 4,000,000 feet recently to go east.

The steamship "John Christie" is loading a cargo of deals at Hochelaga, Montreal, for Preston, England, shipped by W. & J. Sharples. The "Riplingham" sailed last week for Hull, with a full cargo of deals, for account of Watson & Todd. The "Aladdin" is loading a cargo of deals for Great Britain, for McLean, Kennedy & Company.

The steamship "Tugela" sailed from Quebec last week for Greenock, with a cargo of timber and deals. The "Torr Head" sailed on 15th inst. for Belfast, and the "Dunmore Head" for Dublin, both with deal cargoes. The "Glenarm Head" is loading a cargo at Indian Cove, Quebec.

Following is a comparative statement of lumber measured and culled at Quebec up to 14th August, as reported by the Supervisor of Callers:

	1898.	1899.	1900.
Waney White Pine	1,478,264	1,561,489	1,562,382
White Pine	1,018,957	523,382	554,266
Red Pine	174,501	159,511	6,796
Oak	753,904	406,452	382,966
Elm	449,303	446,458	547,077
Ash	31,801	55,514	80,907
Basswood			241
Butternut	955	60	142
Tamarac		415	71
Birch and Maple	106,592	231,946	392,149

The Boston lumber market is not yet particularly active, but the demand continues to improve steadily. For cargo spruce there is renewed enquiry, with the supply small. Spruce boards are scarce, and as a result better prices are being obtained. It is said that on other lumber the agreement prices are having more effect than has been the case since the mills formed a combine. Shingles are dull and easy and clapboards are in much the same condition. Laths are also dull, with little business noted. Hemlock lumber is yet in small supply, but the demand shows some improvement. Quotations here are as follows: Spruce - 10 and 12 inch dimensions, \$17, 9 inch and random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$16.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7, and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$13.50; all other randoms, 9 m. and

under, 10 feet and up, \$14.50; 5 inch and up, merchantable boards, \$14; out boards, \$11; bundled furring, \$12.50; extra clapboards, \$27 to \$28; clear, \$25 to \$26; second clear, \$23 and \$24; laths, 1½ inch, \$2.85 to \$3; laths, 1¼ inch, \$2.60 to \$2.85. Hemlock, etc.—Canadian and eastern, \$13 and \$15; extra pine clapboards, \$36 to \$38; clear, \$33 to \$37; second clear, \$28 to \$30; extra cedar shingles, \$2.85 to \$2.90; clear, \$2.50 to \$2.65; second clear, \$2 to \$2.10; clear white, \$1.75 to \$2; extra No. 1, \$1.50.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

Ottawa, Aug. 17th, 1900.

Although there is a brisk export trade from the mills at present, dealers report local business quiet. Prices which were unsettled six weeks ago, have again steadied down. The American market is not as brisk as it was last year, the demand having fallen off. Lumber shipments by boat and rail destined for the British market are increasing in number now that the mills are in a position to cut and satisfy the shortage caused by the fire. The feature of the price list ruling on the Ottawa market is the advance in several different lines of pine. Sidings and shorts are both firmer.

The demand for men for the limits is large and cannot be satisfied. Wages are even higher than last year and the prospects for activity on the limits are good. Last week the Hull Lumber Company sent 85 men up to their limits on the Ostobonina river and 60 to those on the Kippewa. J. R. Booth, Gilmour & Hughson and outside firms are also engaging large gangs.

The sawmill of Messrs. W. & J. Bailie, situated at Aylmer, near Ottawa, was totally destroyed by fire a few night since, and it has not been decided yet whether the mill will be rebuilt or not. The mill has been sawing for Mr. Gillies, of Arnprior, for some time. The loss is \$22,000, with an insurance of \$10,000. By the fire 120 men are thrown out of employment. Richie's mill near by will probably be operated day and night to finish the cut the ruined mill was working on. At present Ritchie's mill is working overtime for the Hull Lumber Company, whose mill was destroyed by fire.

The Ottawa Lumber Company intend building a large warehouse on its storage and shipping premises at Ottawa. The new building will have a capacity of 1,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber. This will be purchased throughout the country, and shipped to Ottawa, where it will be sorted and stored in the new warehouse. The lumber is intended for the foreign market. New houses and stables will also be built on the premises. The Ottawa Lumber Company has now well equipped premises, and a large trade is being done with the local and outside market. The spruce and pine lumber are shipped to Ottawa from the mill on the Rouge river, 160 miles distant, and sorted for sale. The company is doing a large business with the British market, and has a branch at Glasgow in this connection. The German market has also been tapped, and the Canadian product is said to meet with much favor. Goodly shipments of pine and birch lumber and timber have been made, and recently a trial shipment of spruce boards was forwarded. The foreign dealers and manufacturers expressed satisfaction with the Canadian spruce, thus establishing a new market for it. Manager Grant, of the company, leaves today for Glasgow, where he will look after the lumber interests in the British market. He will be absent about a fortnight in Scotland. The mill on the Rouge river is cutting on spruce and pine.

Mr. J. R. Booth, the lumber king, has purchased the water lots near his large mill upon which the McKay Milling Co's large mill stood before the fire. Mr. Booth has not yet announced what use he will make of the valuable water power. He may, however, erect a large pulp mill or planing mill.

The logs intended for the Ottawa mills which will be floated down the Gatineau have been gathered at Maniwaki ready for movement down the river. There is no shortage of logs at the Ottawa mills and no further trouble from "tie ups" is expected.

Owing to a slight accident to a water wheel, the Bronson & Weston mill at the Chaudiere, operated by the Hull Lumber Company, was shut down for a few days this week.

The machinery has all arrived for the E. B. Eddy Company's new saw mills, and cutting operations will be commenced within a month. The wood-working establishment is also nearly completed and the machinery will be installed without delay. It is expected that the Eddy concern will again be supplying matches to the trade before the end of next month. The first car load of machinery for the pulp mills has

arrived, and the massive paper machinery is expected shortly. Building operations, despite the continued wet weather, are far advanced on all the Eddy buildings.

The death occurred a few days ago of Henry Walters, an old resident of Hull, well and favorably known to the lumber trade. Deceased ran an axe factory for many years in Hull, and supplied the lumbermen of the Ottawa valley. Two sons, Harry and Morley, are now in active service in South Africa.

The chances for the formation of a lumber trust or syndicate including all the lumber interests of Ottawa and the Ottawa valley, are now said to be very slight. It is said a local broker was responsible for the effort to form such a trust. A similar trust has just been formed among the milk men.

All the saw mills along the O. A. & P. S. Ry. between Ottawa and Depot Harbor, including those of the St. Anthony Lumber Co. at Whitney, are working full time, and the shipments of lumber are heavy.

LONDON TIMBER IMPORTS.

Messrs. Churchill & Sim, wood brokers, give the following particulars of the London timber market:

From the St. Lawrence the supply has been:

	1900.	1899.
	Pieces.	Pieces.
Pine deals	408,000	551,000
Spruce deals	1,159,000	1,153,000

From New Brunswick the supply has been:

	1900.	1899.
	Pieces.	Pieces.
Pine deals	55,000	55,000
Spruce deals	404,000	36,000
Birch planks	51,000	166,000

Pine deals have arrived more freely, but the dock stock remains the smallest on record for some years. Prices are very firm, and should go higher in sympathy with the cost of shipping further supplies, and the scarcity of good stock available for shipment. The spruce market continues steady with a good demand, and prices have quite recovered from the temporary easing off caused by shipments from the lower ports. The cost of fresh arrivals will be much enhanced by the high rates of freight.

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