At Buffalo some sales have proving. At Buffalo some sales have been n ide at \$23 for 12-inch boards, \$22 for 10-inch, and \$19 for 6-inch saps. Spruce and pine lath are advancing in price. No. 1 lath is quoted at Buffalo at \$3.25, and No 2 at \$2.75. There is a good movement of shingles, but prices are generally low. proving. are generally low.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Indications point to a late beginning of business for next season. The opinion of British importers as to prices is divided. With a stock at the London docks valued at over £1,000,000, some authorities predict that prices will break perhaps as much as £2 a standard. The results of recent sales seem to support this view, as prices of deals showed further weakness. At Liverpool there is a moderate stock of pine deals. According to Messrs. Fam-worth & Jardine's circular, the prices of pine deals declined during the month of pine deals declined during the month of October about £1 per standard, first quality now selling at from £22 to £28, second quality at £18 to £21, and third quality at £12 to £13 ios. No change in the prices of spruce deals is reported. Waney pine is firm, but there is little demand for square pine timber. There have been large receipts of birch planks at Liverpool, and prices are slightly easier. At Glasand prices are slightly easier. At Glasgow, however, birch planks are said to be scarce and in good demand at £8 10s to £9 10s per standard. A cargo of Halifax spruce has just been sold at Liverpool at £7 10s.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

J. G. Hayes, of Sundridge, Ont., is in the market for 10,000 certar and tamarac

railway ties.

Following are the shipments of lumber from the port of Montreal for the week ending November 10th: Per str. "Mexican," 51 standards deals, etc., by Watson & Todd; per "Dominion"—150½ standards deals and ends by J. Burstall & Company; 270 standards deals, boards and ends by Robert Cox & Company. Per "Mennom"—77 standards by Watson & Todd; 71 standards by Dobell, Beckett & Co.; 101 standards by W. & J. Sharples; 62 standards by McArthur Bios.; 5 standards by Montreal Lumber Company. Per "Andoni"—100 standards of deals by McArthur Bios; 88½ standards by J. Burstall & Company; 198 standards by J. Burstall & Company; 198 standards by Burstall & Company; 198 standards by Chan. Lumber Company; 28 standards by Dobell, Beckett & Company; 236 standards be Cox, Long & Company.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

dence of the CANADA LUMBERNAN.)

Now that both the Presidential and Federal elections have been made matters of history, the future has been made clear to the local lumbermen and shippers. The export trade promises to take on a brisk movement, and rail shipments will show a decided increase over those of past summers. Business promises to be brisk for some months to come, as the supply at American points for winter consumption is short of the demand.

A letter was received by a local lumberman to-day fron. a New York gentleman extensively interested in the same business, in which the latter stated that 1901 would be one of the best years the American lumbermen have enjoyed. For some time past the American dealers have been resting on their oars, awaiting the result of the Presidential election, but orders from the United States will now be sent in quick suc-Now that both the Presidential and Federal

United States will now be sent in quick succession to Ottawa dealers and mill owners. The local men have already felt the revival as cession to Ottawa dealers and mill owners. The local men have already felt the revival as predicted, and enquiges are being received about stocks in goodly numbers. Continued prosperity will naturally have a buoyant effect on the Ottawa market, and business promises to continue brisk. Prices will rule themselves accordingly, and unless an unexpected feature intervenes they will stiffen rather than weaken.

The present season's cut at the St. Anthony Lumber Company's mill at Whitney will be fully 12 per cent, less than last year's cut. The reason given by Mr. Whitney, the local manager, is the delay in receiving logs in the early part of the season. On this account the mill did not open as early as last year.

As the close of navigation is near at hand, it may be in place to review the season's shipments by boat. Owing to the fire which at the very outstart of the season wiped out a large portion of the standing stock, there was but a fair movement by barge. It improved, how-

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ever, as the cut of the mills increased the stock. The season's shipments, it is learned on reliable authority, will be fully 30 per cent. less than in the previous year. The dearth of ocean bottoms and the increase in ocean freights also had their effect on the river shipments.

There has been scarcely any change in prices in the Ottawa market during the past fortnight. Lath is somewhat easier, but all other lines remain firm. There is a growing demand for mill culls and other cheap lines, in fact, the supply falls short. Prices may reasonably be expected to advance in all the cheaper grades before long. The demand has come from both before long. The demand has come from both local builders and outside points, and promises to be permanent. There is no increased demand for higher grades, the market remaining firm at former prices.

Operations on the limits controlled by both

Operations on the limits controlled by both Ottawa and outside firms, including American companies, promise to be equally as brisk this coming winter as they were last. On a conservative estimate it is agreed that fully 2,800 men have been sent to the woods from Ottawa and Hull. Large gangs are being sent to their respective limits by Gilmour & Hughson, J. R. Booth, Hull Lumber Company and W. C. Edwards. Gillies Brothers have sent men during the past fortnight to their limits on the during the past fortnight to their limits on the Coulonge. The E. B. Eddy Company have had gangs forwarded to the Dumoine. Eddy

& Jordan hired men through Johnson & Chitty for Blind River. The same firm supplied men for the Hardy Lumber Company at Trout Creek, and gangs were also forwarded for the South River Lumber Company. Wages continue high. Many men are going to the limits from the farms, while others who have been engaged for the summer in Ottawa and Hull building operations are also applying for work on the limits. The close of the Ottawa mills this month will also release many men and teams for the work on the limits, so that the supply of labor is increasing.

Mr. Alex. Lumsden, M. L. A, who has charge of the extensive log drives on the Upper Ottawa, is in the city. Mr. Lumsden states that the present season's drive was fully 25 per cent. greater than last year's. As yet the number of logs brought down has not been computed. Mr. Lumsden brought down logs from the Dumoine, Mattawa, and other Upper Ottawa tributaries for all the Ottawa firms. He employed during the season 300 men. The prospects for the winter's work on the limits, according to Mr. Lumsden, are excellent.

The Ottawa mills will close this month after a busy season's work. The fire interfered with the early operations in Mr. J. R. Booth's mill, and owing to the destruction of the Hull Lumber Company's mill that concern had to cut in other smaller mills, with a reduced output.

The Ritchie mill at Aylmer was also destroyed by fire, and this will tend to reduce the total cut of the combined mills. Next season two new mills will likely be established at the Chaudiere. Mr. J. R. Booth, according to rumor, proposes to erect a large planing mill, while a pulp mill will be erected on the site of the Hull Lumber Company's mill.

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