

interested, the volume of trade is swelling some, and more encouragement is held out to those who are on the road...

FOREIGN.

Nothing of a particularly cheerful character enters into the reports of the lumber trade in the United Kingdom of late. We do not know that British lumbermen are naturally pessimists...

HARDWOODS.

The demand for quartered sawed oak, which has been strong and difficult to meet, in United States markets, keeps up. With an improvement in building trades, there is quite a large demand for maple flooring...

STOCKS AND PRICES.

CANADA.

The ss. Buenos Ayrean has sailed for Glasgow, with 15,322 deals and ends, shipped by J. Burstall & Co.

Lumber shipments from St. John, N. B., for the past week total about 4,500,000 feet of deals for British ports...

The Playfair mill at Midland, Ont., is about ready to commence operations, and is under contract to cut 250,000,000 feet of logs for the Arthur Hill Co., of Saginaw, Mich., at the rate of 25,000,000 feet annually.

The Royal City Mills, New Westminster, B. C., is filling an order for dredging timbers for Quebec. The sticks will be 50 feet long and 3 feet square...

largest dimensions ever shipped from British Columbia.

Of a recent sale conducted by Foy, Morgan & Co., London, Eng., the Timber Trades Journal reports, that Colonial goods showed up very dull, and the languid bidding at the commencement was largely due to the large assortment of 2, 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch pine offered without reserve...

Among the exports from St. John, N. B., for the week are: Per bark Muncester Castle, for Liverpool, Eng., by W. M. Mackay, 1,405,144 deals and battens, 48,761 ends, 97 scantling; per sch. Parlee, for Boston, by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 404,000 laths, 800,000 shingles; per sch. Ceidic, for Beverly, Mass., by Miller & Woodman, 1,374,000 shingles; per sch. Reporter, for New York, by Miller & Woodman, 157,197 deals; per sch. Ina, for Vineyard Haven, Mass., by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 153,840 boards; per sch. Walter Miller, for Vineyard Haven, Mass., by J. R. Warner & Co., 34,027 scantling, 123,025 planks, 27,123 deals; per sch. Beaver, for New York, by Miller & Woodman, 2,85,867 deals; per sch. Flash, for Lynn, Mass., by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 134,776 boards; per sch. Vado, for Newport, R. I., by James E. Warner & Co., 551,200 laths.

UNITED STATES.

Log run at Saginaw, Mich., ranges from \$14 to \$18, box lumber \$10 to \$10.50 and Norway \$8 to \$8.50.

The sale of 1,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber at Alpena, largely ash, is reported, but no price given out.

During the past week lumber shipments at Alpena, Mich., included 3,760,000 feet of lumber, 100,000 shingles, 110,000 cedar posts.

C. K. Eddy & Sons, of Saginaw, have bought 6,000,000 feet of logs of Whitney & Batchelor, and have about 10,000,000 coming from Canada.

Log run, Canada stock, is reported to have sold at Michigan as low as \$14, and considerable sales at \$16 and \$17, where choice logs brought \$18.

About 50,000,000 feet of lumber have been brought from Lake Superior points by Saginaw lumbermen, and planing mill and box shoo manufacturers.

A white pine operator of experience is quoted as saying that white pine and Norway stuff must hereafter be sold at a price which will allow but little, if any, more than \$1 a thousand for the stumpage.

THE LOG DRIVES.

W. H. Murray, one of the best informed lumbermen of St. John, N. B., says, that the drives are coming along in great shape this year; that all the logs are out and will come into the booms.

A boom of pulp and other timber, containing about 1,000,000 feet, broke loose a few days ago, as it was being towed down to the Sault Ste. Marie Paper and Pulp Mill, at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and run on to the rapids. A large portion of the logs were caught by two tugs and placed in the lower bay. But the broken boom hung on to the rocks in the rapids. It is feared that a number of the logs got away past recovery.

William Mason & Sons, of Ottawa, say, that although many men engaged in the lumber industry, were experiencing great difficulties, owing to the lowness of water, they were more fortunate, as their cut was adjacent to the principal streams, namely, the Madawaska, Coulouge and Ottawa rivers, and consequently they did not have to drive the small creeks any distance.

As the season advances, says the Timberman, of Chicago, it is evident that the anticipated shortage in the log supply for

the year will be realized. Unless the June rains should furnish an extraordinary volume of water to the white pine country, there will be a considerable percentage of the winter's log crop hung up. The Wisconsin valley is about the only section where the drives are making good progress.

A million and a quarter of logs is the quota of the St. Maurice river this year. The St. Maurice waters are very high, and the booms will not be spread for two or three weeks yet. At the Grandes Piles, the water was just at a height so that the ice rose to the top of the pins and took away the wire poles, which had to be replaced, but the rumor that 40,000 logs had broken loose is false, and all the logs are being kept back.

An unusually large quantity of lumber was cut between Grand Falls and Fredericton, N. B. last winter. These logs are being delivered at Springhill in large quantities.

There were over 30,000,000 feet of logs in the southwest Miramichi booms, New Brunswick, a week ago, with the water still very high.

In the French River district of Ontario, the streams are getting low, and the need of rain is much felt in order to get the logs out. Michigan towing companies are rapidly completing arrangements for the season's work.

A recent snow storm and heavy rains have removed the fears that the drive in Rainy river, Mich., would be hung up. The McArthur's have 5,000,000 feet to come out, and M. Chandler has a considerable quantity of logs and board pine in the stream.

THE SITUATION.

REFLECTED THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE OF "WEEKLY LUMBERMAN."

P. B. Lantz, New Ross, N. B.: "The Gold Mill River Co. is starting a drive of 3,000,000 feet. All the other mills are actively engaged in cutting spruce boards for home markets and West Indies. I have cut 300,000 spruce boards and scantlings, and am cutting custom stocks for 20,000 fish barrels, used mostly in Lunenburg county. We are cutting spruce shingles from \$1 to \$1.50 per thousand. If the drought continues, as it has the last few weeks, our water supply will soon go out on small rivers leaving half the timber uncut. Price of spruce boards are from \$7.50 to \$8; scantling and dimensions from \$8.50 to \$10.50; spruce staves from \$5.50 to \$6.50."

W. S. Greensides, Mount Forest, Ont.: "There is a fair movement of stocks, comprising principally R elm, basswood and birch, though I cannot report any sales in this district of very large volume. Stocks of the better class are not large. Prices are firm. I have sold all my stocks except the maple."

W. J. Sheppard, Waubaushene, Ont.: "A fair trade is doing, chiefly in dimension stuff and common. My impression is, that stocks in this locality are not large. Generally speaking, I do not think stocks are heavy anywhere. What is held is mainly good grades. Prices are firm, and will likely advance on some lines."

A. McPherson & Co., Longford Mills, Ont.: "Only a light movement of stocks, basswood and birch being in best demand. Orders are small. Stocks are large in this locality, and mostly good and above cull lumber. Prices are firm. There is a large cut of hemlock in this district, and there will likely be an over production."

William Lees, Fallbrook, Ont.: "There is none of the old cut on hand in this district. Stocks that will be mostly held here are hemlocks, ash and basswood. We have very little pine. Prices are holding about as usual. There has been more than the usual amount of shingle cedar taken out in this district."

Rholes, Cury & Co., Amherst, N. S.: "A fair movement of stocks is to be noted of business of late. Spruce deals and dimension timber are in considerable de-

mand. Price for deals for Europe are bringing about \$9, and dimension for United States \$10. Mostly all deals in this section, and stocks pretty well sold. Prices for deals are steady; dimension stuff and laths advancing."

Sheppard & Morse Lumber Co., Burlington, Vt.: "Cannot say that there is any great activity in business. Movement of stock is small and spasmodic. Lumber in most demand at present time is spruce, southern pine, and some white pine. Buyers are very cautious, and only filling actual needs. Stocks are ample to meet all trade offering. Prices hold firm, as they could not go lower without loss. Prospects are brightening, and general confidence being restored."

Eastman Lumber Co., Eastman, Que.: "An active movement of stocks is to be noted in this district, consisting chiefly of hemlock, 12 feet, and spruce matchings. As far as we know, stocks are light and prices firm."

John Harrison, Owen Sound, Ont.: "A fair movement of stocks in pine, basswood and birch. A recent sale includes 500,000 ft. of pine. Stocks here are about 25 per cent. larger than last year. Prices are firm. We have had a good winter's business."

H. Cargill & Son, Cargill, Ont.: "Cannot say that there is much movement of stocks. What little is in demand is hemlock, and pine bill stuff. Last season's stocks are well depleted. Good lumber all sold out; a fair stock of common. Prices remain stationary."

SHIPPING MATTERS.

Barque Rosa will leave Boston for St. John, N. B., to load deals.

Two Canadian boats are at Ashland, Wis., loading waney board pine for Montreal.

The bark Ontario is chartered to load lumber, Yarmouth to Buenos Ayres, at or about \$6.75.

SS. Niceto has been fixed to load deals at St. John, N. B., for Liverpool, Eng., at 35s.

Barque Axel arrived from St. John, a week ago from Boston. She had on board 77,570 feet of lumber, and will finish her cargo at St. John for Buenos Ayres.

The British barque Duke of Argyle, has been chartered to load lumber at Hastings Mill, Vancouver, B. C., for Adelaide, N. S. W., at £1 19s 9d.

Stocks of Quebec deals are now commencing to reach the Liverpool market in fair quantity.

The ss. Challeiton, Eskara and other vessels, are loading deals at St. John, N. B., for Liverpool and other English ports.

A Liverpool report says, that the steamer Architect has arrived from St. John, N. B., with a large cargo of spruce for Messrs. Lumley, Lloyd & Co., from W. M. Mackay, which appears to be going away with celerity. The spruce market is, perhaps, a little stiffer than it has been, owing to the scarcity of tonnage available for the lower gulf ports.

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

LUMBER freight rates for pine on the Grand Trunk Railway have been made a fixture, as below. Of any intended change due notice will be given lumbermen.

General instructions in shipping by Grand Trunk are embodied in these words in the tariff schedule: On lumber in carloads, minimum weight, 30,000 lbs. per car unless the marked capacity of the car be less, in which case the marked capacity (but not less than 24,000 lbs.) will be charged, and must not be exceeded. Should it be impracticable to load certain descriptions of light lumber up to 30,000 lbs. to the car, then the actual weight only will be charged for, but not less than 24,000 lbs. The rates on lumber in the tariff will not be higher from an intermediate point on the straight run than from the first named point beyond, to the same destination. For instance, the rates from Tara or Hep-ton to Guelph, Brampton, Weston or Toronto, would not be higher than the specific rates named from Warton to the same points. The rates from Cargill and Southampton to points east of Listowel and south and west of Stratford will be the same as from Kincardine, but in no case are higher rates to be charged than as per mileage table published on page 4 of tariff.

Rates from leading lumber points on pine and other softwood lumber, shingles, etc., are as follows: From Glenora, Creemore, Aurora, Harrie and other points in group B to Toronto, 6 1/2c; Collingwood, Penetang, Coldwater, Waubaushene, Sturgeon Bay, Victoria Harbor, Midland, Fenelon Falls, Longford, Greenhurst and other points in group C, to Toronto, 6 1/2c; Bracebridge to Toronto 7c; Utterson, Huntsville, Navar, Fimdale, Katrina to Toronto, 7 1/2c; Burk's Falls, Berriedale and Sundridge, to Toronto, 8c; South River, Powayen and Callender to Toronto, 9c; Nipissing Junction and North Bay, 10c. Rate from Goderich, Kincardine and Warton to Toronto, 6 1/2c. These rates are per 100 lbs. Rates from Toronto east to Belleville are 7 1/2c. per 100 lbs.; to Deseronto, 9c.; to Brockville and Prescott, 10c.; to Montreal and Ottawa, 11c. The