

shingles at \$2.25 to \$2.30. The latter are said to be scarce at northern mills. No. 1 white pine lath are held at \$2.25 f. o. b. cars Manistee, Mich.

It is understood that Sims Bros., of Little Current, Ont., have purchased the Lippincott timber limit for a sum in the neighborhood of \$100,000. According to report, they intend taking out a large quantity of logs this winter.

The German ship Admiral Tegghoff sailed from Chemainus, B. C., last week, for Antofogasta, with 720,000 feet of lumber. The barque Louisiana sailed from the Hastings mill, Vancouver, for Melbourne, Australia, with 1,100,000 feet of lumber.

At a recent sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., third quality 3 by 9 spruce sold at £10 ex Vera, which is undoubtedly a good price, as the majority of the contracts were closed in the early part of the season at £8 5s c.i.f. Unsorted spruce 3 by 11, ex Tynedale and Portland, sold at £10 15s.

The Beck Manufacturing Company, of Penetanguishene, Ont., had a raft of about 80,000 logs tied up on the opposite side of the bay from Penetang. A boom chain broke and the logs went adrift. Most of them have been recovered, but at considerable expense. The Georgian Bay Lumber Company, of Wauhaushene, encountered a similar loss by the recent severe storm of two weeks ago, which caused the logs to jump over the boom. It is said that 72,000 pieces went adrift.

Following is a comparative statement of timber measured and culled at Quebec up to 25th September, as reported by the Supervisor of Cullers:

Table with 4 columns: Species, 1898, 1899, 1900. Rows include Waney White Pine, White Pine, Red Pine, Oak, Elm, Ash, Basswood, Butternut, Tamarac, Birch and Maple.

HARDWOOD LUMBER PRICES.

Following are the prices of hardwood lumber at Wausau, Wis., as agreed upon by the Wisconsin Hardwood Lumbermen's Association on September 18th, 1900:

Table with 3 columns: Species, 1st & 2nd, Common. Rows include Ash, Birch, Basswood, and Basswood.

Table for SOFT ELM. 1st & 2nd, Common. Rows include 1-inch, 1 1/2-inch, 2-inch, 2 1/2-inch and thicker, 1-inch Common and Better, 1-inch Ship Cull and Better.

Table for ROCK ELM. 1st & 2nd, Common. Rows include 1-in., 1 1/2-inch, 2-inch, 2 1/2-inch and thicker, 1-inch to 2-inch Common and Better, 2-inch, 2 1/2-inch and 3 inch Bridge and Barn Floor Plank.

Table for HARD MAPLE. 1st & 2nd, Common. Rows include 1-inch, 1 1/2-inch and 1 3/4-inch, 2-inch, 2 1/2-inch and thicker, 1-in. to 2-in. Ship Cull and Better.

Table for SOFT MAPLE. 1-inch to 2 inch Ship Cull and Better, \$12.00. For lumbe sold all one length, add \$1.00 per M feet.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN) The lumber business in Ottawa is brisk at present, and shipments are being made to both the English and American markets. J. R. Booth is shipping to the firm of Robt. Cox & Co., Liverpool, and Cox & Long, London, and to different points in New York state. The Hull Lumber Co. is also shipping extensively to Watson & Todd, Liverpool, and Dobell, Beckett & Co. Prices remain firm with no advance. Gilmour & Hughson are shipping more extensively to American points than heretofore, and are also shipping considerable quantities of deals to English firms. The Hull Lumber Co. has arranged to operate the Ritchie mill at Aylmer again next season. As this company has sold its site and water power, it is hardly likely it will rebuild the mill destroyed in April at present. Last season this company cut over 30,000,000 feet in its one large mill. This season's cut will probably amount to 22,000,000 feet. Both Mason's and Bronson & Weston's mills are being operated night and day by the firm, which will soon institute the double shift in Ritchie's mill at Aylmer also.

The prospects for next season are bright in Ottawa lumber circles, and the business promises to be fully recovered from the blow dealt by the fire at the beginning of the season. All the mills will cut late this fall to recover ground lost on account of the fire, and to stock up fully for next season. Large rafts of logs are being handled on the Ottawa and Gatineau daily for the Ottawa mills.

Messrs. Laing and Rochester, foremen for the Hull Lumber Co., were in the city this week. Mr. Laing has charge of the firm's work on the limits bordering the Kippewa river, while Mr. Rochester has charge on the limits about the Ostoboning river, and both gentlemen state that considerable difficulty is being experienced this season with the class of labor engaged for work on the limits. Good men are scarce and wages high, and hence men new to the work are being accepted and sent on to fill the places of men who have had considerable experience and are better suited to the work. Men are being engaged in Hull and Ottawa daily for points as far west as Sault Ste Marie. Many are going to Warren, Sudbury, and other C. P. R. points, while others are going to the Georgian Bay district to work for American firms.

The present is one of the busiest seasons known in the Maclaren mills at Buckingham, on the Ottawa river. The cut for the season will amount to 22,000,000 feet. Shipments are being made to the English and

American markets regularly. The English lumber is being supplied Robt. Cox & Co., Liverpool, and the American shipments are being sent to D. L. White & Co., of Albany, N. Y.

Mr. J. R. Booth has about completed the refitting of his lumber yards on the Hull side of the Ottawa river. As the fire made a clean sweep, it was found necessary to rebuild all the platforms and tramways, which extend the entire length of the yard.

The E. B. Eddy Co. expects to be turning out matches from the new factory inside of three weeks. The saw mill will also be running in about the same time. The construction work on the mills has been almost completed, and the paper making machinery is about ready for installation.

All the flumes at the Chaudiere destroyed in the recent fire have been repaired. Mr. J. R. Booth is having different water courses enlarged to enable him to secure better water power for his mills. He has not yet decided whether he will build a pulp mill on the site of the McKay flour mills or not.

Ottawa, Sept. 22nd, 1900.

OAK DIMENSION.

Mill men who are in a position to cut oak into dimension for export are asked to correspond with the publishers of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.

FIRES.

About 400,000 feet of cedar logs, the property of Mr. Morrison, were destroyed by fire at Fredericton, N. B., recently. The loss is about \$5,000.

Fire destroyed the saw mill and 4,000,000 feet of spruce lumber at St. Cecile, Que., the property of Chas. McCaffrey. The lumber consisted principally of three inch deals, intended for the British market. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, about half of which is covered by insurance.

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