

ing the past week. This has been due to two causes, first, the indisposition of retail dealers to stock up at the present prices, and second, the high freight rates ruling. There appears to be an opinion among retail dealers that prices will weaken during the winter months, but in contravention of this it is pointed out that so far as white pine is concerned, the mills are receiving enquiries for stock to be delivered next season at the prices prevailing at the present time. Freights from Duluth to Buffalo have advanced from \$4 to \$4.50, and as a consequence the dealers are only bringing down such lumber as must be moved. The feature of the pine market is the active demand for the coarser grades. That most enquired for at Buffalo, Tonawanda and other eastern markets is 1 x 10 and 1 x 12 inch box and No. 3 barn. The scarcity in the east of cheap cutting-up stock is such that sash, door and blind manufacturers may be forced to use higher priced lumber. There is also a reported scarcity of spruce, and manufacturers are realizing high prices. It is impossible to point out any material change in the hardwood trade. The demand has not abated, while stock is getting scarcer. Prices are stationary, and if any advances are made, they are likely to be of a moderate character. The shingle market is firm, with some possibility of an advance in the near future. New Brunswick cedar shingles of No. 1 quality are selling in Boston at \$3.25.

FOREIGN.

The wood trade of Great Britain is now giving some attention to next year's shipments, although as yet little business, if any, has been concluded. Shippers are said to be asking higher prices, and there are indications that deals will be higher, while battens will remain about the same. It is expected that a large amount of business will be transacted before the close of the year.

Within the past fortnight there have been several advances in pine and spruce deals. At London 3 x 11 first pine is selling at £26 to £26 10s per standard and 3 x 11 first spruce at £14, while 3 x 11 third spruce makes £9, and 3 x 9 £8 10s. These are the prices paid by retail dealers and large consumers. There is a scarcity of broad first pine deals in brokers' hands. One parcel of four inch, principally 15 inches wide, is reported to have been sold at £28 17s 6d per standard. Long lengths of spruce deals, 18 feet and up, 9 x 3, are also scarce. Waney and square pine timber is rather quiet, although prices remain firm. The demand for Quebec oak and elm is good.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

No. 1 pine lath is now quoted at Minneapolis at \$3.75. The Pembroke Lumber Co. will get out about 40,000 logs on their Dumoine limit this winter. A cargo of spruce deals has just been purchased at £7 per standard delivered at a Lancashire port. It is reported that the cut of logs in the state of Maine during the coming winter will be unusually large. The steamer Manitoula sailed from St. John, N. B., last week for a British port, with 2,621,000 feet of deals, shipped by W. M. Mackay. The Dickson Co., of Peterboro, purpose operating this winter on the old Scott limits north of Bail lake, employing nearly 500 men. S. A. Marks, of Thessalon, Ont., wants offers for taking off and delivering on bank of Thessalon river 160,000 feet pine timber, 8,000 ties, and 250 cords of wood. It was recently reported that Montgomery Bros. & Co., of Buffalo, had purchased 20,000,000 feet of lumber at Midland and other Georgian Bay points. A later report states that the quantity was only 9,000,000 feet. Joseph Turner, of Bay City, Mich., is having 25,000,000 feet of lumber manufactured in Ontario this season, and expects to cut 50,000,000 feet of logs this winter. He recently sold 1,000,000 feet

of mill culls to the Michigan Manufacturing Co. at \$8, which, with the freight and \$2 duty added, made the cost \$12 f.o.b. Bay City.

The Bell Telephone Co., through Mr. F. G. Walsh, superintendent at Winnipeg, are asking for tenders for the supply of 4,000 cedar poles, 25 feet in length, with 7-inch tops, delivered between Portage la Prairie and Winnipeg.

Lath are quoted at Saginaw, Mich., at \$3.75 and \$4 in wholesale lots and \$4.50 in car lots. Lumber prices have an upward tendency. An offer is noted of \$13.50 for mill culls, but the lot must have been above the average in quality.

The schooner Ella Sayer sailed from Quebec on October 13th for London, with a cargo of deals, shipped by H. R. Goodday & Co. The bark Rebekah Crowell sailed on the same day for Yarmouth, England, with a lumber cargo, shipped by Dohell, Berckett & Co. The steamship Abbey Holme is loading a wood cargo at Quebec for the United Kingdom.

An important lumber contract was awarded in Montreal last week, it being for the annual supply of timber for the harbor works to be constructed during the year 1900. The successful tenderers were the Shearer & Brown Co., at \$92,726.32. The W. H. Kelly Lumber Co. tendered at \$79,185.19, or \$13,541.13 lower than the Shearer & Brown Co., but an accepted cheque did not accompany the tender, and on this ground it was ruled out.

Several timber berths were sold at the crown lands office, Fredericton, N. B., last week, to the following parties: J. E. Moore, St. John, six births on Maguadavic river, Shin creek, Ricketlegan river and Kedin lake, at upset price; Hugh McLean & Tate, two mile berth on South Salmon river, \$21 per mile; A. C. Estabrooks, two mile block in Farnham, Sunbury county, at \$20 per mile; Timothy Lynch, two mile berth at head of North-west Branch Little S. W. Miramichi, at upset price; Frank Todd, two mile block on West Magaguadavic river, at \$8.10 per mile.

A meeting of hardwood lumber manufacturers was held at Traverse City, Mich., recently, to complete the reorganization of the Michigan Hardwood Lumber Association. It was generally agreed that the following prices for hardwood lumber should rule: Log run—1-inch, \$14; grades, mill culls, \$6; shipping cull, \$7.50; common, \$12.50; firsts and seconds, \$17.50; 1 1/4-inch, \$18; 1 1/2-inch, \$19; 2-inch, \$20; 2 1/2-inch, \$21; 3-inch, \$22.50; 3 1/2-inch, \$23; 4-inch, \$24. Common—1 1/4-inch, \$12; 1 1/2-inch, \$12.50; 2-inch, \$13.50; 2 1/4-inch, \$14; 3-inch, \$15; 3 1/2-inch, \$15.50; 4-inch, \$16.

Of the Barbados lumber market Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Co. say: There have been two arrivals of white pine, the Harold Borden, from Annapolis, N.S., with 142 M. ft., and the sch. Josie, from Calais, Me., with 90 M. ft. merchantable and 10 M. ft. 2nd quality white pine boards. This cargo was sold there, and re-sold here at \$22 for shipping and \$17 for 2nd quality. In spruce we continue our valuation of \$17 or thereabouts. The Blenheim has arrived from Paspebiac with 1,200,000 long Gaspé cedar shingles, a small portion of which have been placed at \$3.75; balance of cargo is being stored. The Josie also brought 724 M. cedar laying shingles, which were re-sold at \$2.70. A lot of 200 M. have since been placed at \$2.60.

WOOD STOCKS AT BRITISH PORTS.

The figures of the stocks of wood goods at some of the leading British ports on September 30th, in comparison with same date one year ago, shows that in nearly every line the supply is lighter. At the public docks at London the figures for the two years, respectively, are as follows:

	1898.	1899.
Pine deals and battens, pieces.....	1,697,000	1,169,000
Spruce ditto.....	1,647,000	1,187,000
Oak timber, loads.....	2,497	2,379
Birch timber and planks, loads ..	4,223	3,116
Elm and ash timber, loads.....	1,749	943
Yellow pine, loads.....	1,473	872
Red pine, loads.....	183	19

It will thus be seen that at London the stock

of Canadian deals and timber of every class is less than one year ago.

The figures for the ports of Liverpool, Birkenhead, Garston, Saltport and Runcorn are as follows:

	1898.	1899.
Quebec square pine, cubic feet	81,000	61,000
Quebec waney pine, cubic feet.....	238,000	143,000
Red pine, cubic feet.....	17,000	5,000
Oak, Canadian and U. S., cubic feet.....	249,000	253,000
Oak planks, cubic feet	103,000	99,000
Elm, cubic feet	25,000	24,000
Birch logs, cubic feet.....	395,000	215,000
Ash, cubic feet	27,000	28,000
N. B. spruce deals, per std	25,075	20,856
Quebec deals, per std	19,859	17,667

These show that this year the stocks of square and waney pine, red pine, oak, elm and birch timber and New Brunswick and Quebec pine and spruce deals are less, and only in ash timber is there an increase.

The following figures show the stock of timber and deals in the Clyde on September 30th, 1898 and 1899:

	1898.	1899.
1st pine deals, standards	2,436	1,178
2nd pine deals, stds.....	916	51
3rd pine deals, stds.....	4,770	2,460
4th pine deals, stds.....	3,710	2,899
1st pine ends, stds.....	821	36
2nd pine ends, stds.....	116	60
3rd pine ends, stds.....	74	60
4th pine ends, stds.....	439	9
Unassorted pine deals, planks and boards, stds	1,866	1,476
Red pine, etc, stds	561	214
Quebec spruce deals and boards, stds.....	3,893	5,703
Lower port spruce, stds	7,850	8,871
Lower port pine, stds	1,868	1,146
Oak planks and boards, cubic feet.....	30,258	64,454
Birch planks and boards, cubic feet	87,556	58,505
Quebec waney and square pine, cu. ft.....	883,307	850,706
Quebec elm, cubic feet	143,883	106,289
Quebec red pine, cubic feet.....	44,139	94,245
Quebec oak, cubic feet.....	104,725	233,967
Ash, cubic feet.....	67,223	11,944
Birch—logs, cubic feet.....	49,518	69,493

In nearly every class of Canadian deals the stocks are considerably less than last year, although Quebec spruce deals and boards show an increase. Square and waney timber and elm, red pine, oak and ash timber are less in quantity, but birch logs show an increase of about 50 per cent.

THE GLASGOW MARKET.

Messrs. Wright, Graham & Co., in their last monthly report, review the timber market at Glasgow as follows:

A good consumption of most kinds of wood is going on. Stocks are moderate and prices on the whole are very firm. Shipbuilding returns show that the amount of new tonnage launched on the Clyde during this month is a record one, viz., 54,904 tons. New orders are reported placed for about 26,000 tons.

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SQUARE PINE.—Only large prime wood is enquired for. Price 2s 4d to 2s 7d smaller average and poorer quality 1s 5d to 2s per cubic foot.

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OAK LOGS.—Large selected logs have been in demand. Price 2s 9d to 3s per cubic foot, smaller and poorer quality 2s to 2 3d per cubic foot.

ELM LOGS.—There has been a specially good demand for large prime wood. Price 2s 3d to 2s 5d; smaller averages and second class at 1s 10d to 2s per cubic foot.

ASH LOGS.—The demand keeps active for prime parcels. 15 to 16 inch average is 10d to 2s; smaller average at 1s 8d to 1s 9d per cubic foot.

BIRCH LOGS.—They are in fair request. Price, 16 inch average and up, 1s 9d to 2s 14 to 15 inch average at 1s 5d to 1s 7d per cubic foot.

ROCK MAPLE LOGS.—There is no demand. Price 1s 9d to 2s per cubic foot.

HICKORY LOGS.—There is good stock of ordinary quality on hand. Only selected second growth logs are wanted. Price 2s to 2s 3d per cubic foot. Ordinary quality is selling at 1s 8d to 1s 10d per cubic foot.

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