

higher for all kinds of white pine, red pine and British Columbia lumber. Lath has also advanced to the extent of 25 cents per thousand, making the wholesale price in Winnipeg now \$4.00. British Columbia mill work is very busy, but logging operations are all handicapped by the scarcity of men.

#### UNITED STATES.

The conditions outlined in last issue still prevail. Wholesale dealers could do a little more business, but still their sales are greater than is usual in midsummer. The recent advances put into effect are being easily sustained. Wide box lumber is a good seller in the eastern markets. Building at Buffalo and Tonawanda is quite brisk and has had a good effect upon the market. A few Michigan dealers report that it is not so difficult to pick up lumber at manufacturing points as it was in the spring. This, however, might be expected after the mills have been in operation for several months. Spruce lumber is strong and quite active. On frames prices are being well sustained. On an easy schedule there are small mills ready to concede a little in price, but the large producers refuse to give way except in the case of random, which is weak. Hemlock is steady at last quotations. Hardwood lumber is showing considerable life and will probably be somewhat higher before many weeks. The demand for cedar shingles is quite heavy. There has been no cutting of prices except by one or two of the small manufacturers. This is almost remarkable for the season of the year, as it has been quite customary for weakness to exhibit itself during the months of July and August. It is predicted that shingles will advance next month, as the stock in the hands of manufacturers is practically of no account. Lath is moving quite freely without any great exertion on the part of the seller.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

Lumber prices in the British market continue to show a hardening tendency. Business is progressing favorably, and indications point to a firm market throughout the year. The statistical position of the timber in the London public docks is a very strong one, all classes of lumber showing a decrease as compared with the stock on hand August 1, 1901. The decreases are as follows: Pine deals, 132,610 pieces; pine battens, 25,080 pieces; spruce deals, 171,590 pieces; spruce battens, 119,458 pieces. There is a decided shortage in the supply of the upper grades. At the Millwall Docks pine deals show an increase of about 650 standards. The belief is growing that the falling off in the importations this year will represent a larger percentage than was at first expected, whereupon certain importers are speculating in deals and battens for fall shipment. Higher prices are anticipated at Liverpool. The best quality of pine deals are selling readily at high figures, but the poorer grades move slowly. The stock of waney pine and first-class oak at Liverpool is lighter than has been known for some time. Birch logs continue firm in price.

#### STOCKS AND PRICES.

The steamer Hampshire is loading deals at St. John, N. B., for the United Kingdom.

The Bank of British North America is asking for tenders up to October 31st for 13,776 acres of British Columbia timber leases.

The Savanne Lumber Company, of Sav-

anne, Ont., have received their last tow of logs for the season, numbering 200,000 pieces.

Vigars & Company, of Port Arthur, Ont., will supply a large quantity of timber for the new storage elevator to be built there by Barnet & Record.

There were exported from Canada to Bay City during the month of July 13-483,937 feet of pine lumber and 2,491,850 pieces of lath, with a total value of \$216,345.67.

P. A. Smith, who has had charge of the logging operations for the Rat Portage Lumber Company, states that all of the company's logs are now in deep water ready for towing.

A fortnight ago Hale & Bell disposed of their limits in the township of Ermatinger to N. N. Wright & Company, who recently purchased a mill at Cutler. It is said that the consideration was \$160,000.

The Montgomery Door & Box Company, of Buffalo, have purchased the entire stock of lumber belonging to the Sheppard & Morse Lumber Company at North Tonawanda. The latter intend giving up their yard at that point.

Bliss & Van Auken, of Saginaw, Mich., are offering to dispose of their entire stock of white pine, as they intend to discontinue that part of their business. They claim that white pine cannot now be handled from that market with advantage.

The total stock of wood in the public docks at London, England, on August 1st, 1902, was 20,439,000 pieces, as compared with 25,663,000 pieces in 1901, 16,882,000 pieces in 1900, and 15,127,000 pieces in 1899. Deliveries for the first seven months of this year were 22,960,000 pieces, against 23,786,000 pieces for same period last year.

Commenting upon the cooperage stock market, the Sutherland-Innes Company, of Chatham, Ont., say: The situation is not a good one from the manufacturer's standpoint. There is hardly a mill in the country running, being closed down either for lack of logs or rather than see stock mildew just as soon as it is placed in the yard. At present it looks as if the price of No. 1 stave will approach the present price of hoops before the season is over. The difficulty this season will not be to get enough hoops, but to get enough staves for the trade. Hoops are a little easier, staves are going up, while heading remains about the same.

We quote from the market report of S. P. Musson, Son & Company, Barbadoes, under date of August 2nd, as follows: There have been no further arrivals of white pine since our last, and a small cargo will probably bring fair prices. In spruce, the "Civilian" arrived from Tuskent, N.S., on 21st ult., with 94,000 feet, which was placed at \$19.60. The demand is very limited at present. The Civilian had a small lot of 22,000 laying spruce shingles, extra good quality, which were sold at \$2.21. A cargo of cedar by the "Lizzie Lindsay" was placed at \$4.07 to \$3.67½ for long; \$6.27 for 5-inch; \$7.27 for 6-inch; and \$8.27 for 7-inch.

Spruce deals, say the Timber Trades Journal, keep on their recent firm basis of 67 7/8. Gd. c.i.f. for common run of a mill, with corresponding increase for better specifications and assortments. Whilst on the subject of spruce deals, we may say David Roberts, Son & Co., Ltd., of this port, have just received a shipment of Roumanian spruce, chiefly 3x11 and 3x9, and

of an extraordinary long average length, some running up to 32 ft. We saw some going through the planing machine and they come out with clear and satiny surface. These were being prepared for one of the Liverpool liners which has been chartered by the Government for five years for transport duty. As these fixtures will be permanent until the time charter is over, it speaks well for the quality of the new import. We hear, however, that the brokers are already asking a large advance in price, which in general opinion is likely to strangle the baby in its birth.

#### WAGON OAK.

Considerable activity marks the railway carriage and wagon building trade in the Midlands, says the Timber Trades Journal, of London, Eng. Orders, we learn from a good source, have come in from the chief foreign countries, some of which had previously been delayed owing to political complications. It is estimated that foreign orders worth £120,000 have come in by the last one or two mails, while recent government and other South African requirements will make up an additional £100,000. The home railways are also in the market for rolling stock. Oak being so largely used in railway carriage and wagon building, it is not surprising to find that prices both for Baltic hewn oak logs and for American white oak scantlings have advanced. Of the former, stocks at Danzig and Stettin are within unusually small compass, and the knowledge that one of the large English railroads were on the market with large inquiries led to shippers promptly advancing prices. With short stocks and higher prices at the Baltic ports the question of obtaining supplies from Odessa is one which is being urged by agents representing interests in that port. As regards American white oak scantlings, shippers appear to be very much behind hand with their contracts, owing to the scarcity of stock, and for further orders for prime planks advanced prices are being asked.

#### LONDON IMPORTS OF TIMBER.

Churchill & Sim say: From the St. Lawrence the arrivals have been: Pine deals, 712,000 pieces, against 1,005,000 pieces in 1901; spruce deals, 777,000 pieces, against 1,443,000 pieces in 1901. From New Brunswick and Nova Scotia: Pine deals, 90,000 pieces, against 176,000 pieces in 1901; spruce deals, 119,000 pieces, against 244,000 pieces in 1901; birch planks, 79,000 pieces, against 108,000 pieces in 1901. The importation of pine and spruce to this market has been very much reduced by the great demand elsewhere in the United Kingdom, and es-

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pecially in America. Pine deals have been a quiet market, and prices have hardly moved except for the very best descriptions, which show some slight improvement. Spruce has been eagerly competed for at higher prices, and the small quantities available have mostly gone direct into consumption, leaving the stock in the docks a very small one. The position of hardwoods has slightly improved during the month, and the stocks have been refreshed by a few importations.

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#### CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

From Sheet Harbor, N. S.: August 13, Ship Cora, for Barry Dock, England, deals and ends, value \$12,028, by W. M. Mackay. Barque Aarvak, for Garston, England, deals, etc., value \$8,774.

From Vancouver, B. C.: August 4, str. Tartar, for China, 15,090 ft. rough fir, value \$236, for Japan, 137,481 ft. rough fir, value \$1,955, by British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Co.

From St. John, N.B.: Barque Enrichte Accame, for Swansea, 585,704 ft. deals, 50,240 ft. ends, 151,524 ft. birch plank, 23,933 ft. ends, by W. M. Mackay.

From Parrsboro, N. S.: August 15, steamer Maritime, for Manchester, 2,170,826 ft. deals, value \$26,050; 393,050 ft. ends and scantling, value \$3,785, by W. M. Mackay.

From Chatham, N.B.: August 1, str. Phoenix, for Manchester, England, 1,788,434 ft. deals, etc., by F. E. Neale. Barque Albarese, for Algiers, 527,000 ft. deals, etc., J. B. Snowball Co. August 7, schr. Baden Powell, for New York, 700,000 laths, by George Churchill & Sons. August 9, barque Gladan, for Mersey, 486,000 ft. deals and ends, by J. B. Snowball Co. Str. Cairo, for Glasgow, 729,910 ft. spool wood, by Clark & Service; 212,778 ft. deals, etc., by Damary & McDonald; 408,000 ft. deals, boards, and ends, by A. F. Bentley.

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