

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

From St. John, N.B.: Steamer Alcides, for Glasgow, 175 tons birch timber, 2,326 bbls. shooks, 201,272 ft. deals. Steamer Lake Champlain, for Liverpool, 4,030 pcs. lumber, 463 pcs. oak, 44 pcs. timber, 529 pcs. deals, 957 bbls. flooring, 2,535 doors, 3,495 bbls. maple strips, 6,288 pcs. top boards, 2,194 bbls., 1,820 pcs. maple squares, 425,220 ft. deals, 7,096 ft. scantling, 13,244 ft. ends, 16,317 ft. birch deals, 321 ft. birch scantling, 438 ft. birch ends, 232,160 ft. deals, 287 ft. scantling, 17,894 ft. ends, 17,473 bbls. shooks. Schooner Rewa, for City Island, 206,992 ft. planks. Steamer Montrose, for London, 1,911 pcs. hardwood lumber, 531,406 ft. deals, 17,917 ft. scantling, 12,459 ft. ends, 24,403 ft. birch deals, 509 ft. birch scantling, 7,979 ft. birch ends, 106 bbls. lumber. Ship Almedia, for Melbourne, 1,285,494 ft. deals and battens, 28,893 ends. Schooner Ida May, for Lynn, 160,000 ft. plank. Schooner Avis, for Boston, 39,885 ft. boards, 600,000 cedar shingles. Schooner Rothesay, for New York, 1,740,000 laths. Schooner Preference, for St. Georges, Grenada, 10,092 ft. pine planks, 300,000 shingles, 10,000 clapboards. Schooner Wanola, for New York, 364,328 ft. deals. Schooner W. L. Elkins, for New Haven, Conn., 274,451 deal ends, 5,676 ft. deals.

Steamer Bavarian, for Liverpool, 566,562 ft. deals, 55,798 ft. scantling, 14,928 ft. ends, 256,105 ft. birch plank, 31,697 ft. birch ends, 194 tons birch. Steamer Ocamo, for Bermuda, 8,550 onion crates, 400 bbls. slats, by Intercolonial Railway; 445 bbls. shooks, by J. Roderick & Sons; 5,000 onion crates, 30,000 laths, 5,000 ft. spruce boards. For Barbadoes, 100,000 shingles, by F. E. Williams Co., Limited. Steamer London City, for London, 29,178 ft. birch squares, 5,785 ft. blocks, 1,800 bbls. shooks, 84,186 ft. deals, 5,871 ft. ends. Schooner Lois V. Chapel, for City Island, 242,135 ft. deals.

From Halifax, N. S.: Steamer Sicily, for Liverpool, 57,305 birch deals, value \$630, by Furness, Withy & Co., agents.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN)

VANCOUVER, B.C., December 5th, 1904.

—A gradual betterment of conditions may be noticed more perhaps outside the lumber industry than directly connected with it. The recent advance in logs is not because of larger demand for lumber and the consequent greater value of the raw material, but because for almost a year there has been a surplus of logs and the price has been very rock-bottom. Independent loggers went out of business,

and the advance only indicates that at least some of the surplus has been utilized. Foreign shipments are slow, but in addition to the two ships now completing loading at the Hastings mill, and mentioned previously, two more charters are reported, one for South Africa and the other for South America. At the Cheminus mill, export is also slow. Yet it is announced that lumbermen from Ballard, Washington, are to erect a mill on Clayoquot Sound for the export trade exclusively. There is fine timber there, as good as the best in the province, and it can be comparatively easily logged. Their mill will be as large as either the Cheminus or the Hastings.

The Mundy Lumber Company, of Bradford, Pa., are commencing the construction of a mill at Three Valley Lake, near Revelstoke, which will have a capacity of 80,000 feet per day, and Mr. S. A. Mundy, head of the firm, was in the city this morning. He states that considerable timber has been bought up, but they are putting up a small mill so that the larger portion of the limits may be good for the time when lumber from British Columbia will be much higher in price. Eastern limits are cut out, he said, and timber from the west will be in big demand in a few years.

Notwithstanding the announcement of new mills, the sheriff is still busy with the small concerns. The assets of the Skeena River Lumber Company will be auctioned on the 12th instant. Mr. W. A. Galliher, M.P. elect for the Kootenay, came down on Thursday and states that the Arrowhead Lumber Company have shut down

their saw mill for the winter, because of the large stock on hand, and will operate only their planer. The Moyie Lumber Company is doing the same thing.

The members of parliament of British Columbia, who are all supporters of the administration, are conferring with representatives of the coast and interior lumbermen and the local board of trade this morning in respect to the duty question. Every member is heartily in accord with the request, even if they are Liberals, as the survival and success of the lumber industry means even more to this province than does that of mining. A deputation will go east this afternoon to interview the Government at Ottawa.

There is much discrimination in Admiralty contracts in Great Britain against Canadian timber, and only Swedish wood is allowed to be used. The matter is occupying the attention of the Agent General of British Columbia at London and the High Commissioner. This particularly affects this province, where there is plenty of good timber especially suitable for these purposes.

The statement that a representative of the Loggers' Association of Puget Sound is to interview the Provincial Government to further prohibit the export of logs is hardly correct, for the prohibition is now about all it can be. It is a legal question still whether the export can be prohibited of logs from land crown granted prior to 1887, and what logs do go out of the province to Washington state are mostly from Dominion government lands, in connection with which there is little or no restriction.

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