

STOCKS AND PRICES. CANADA.

H. W. Marsh, of Stanhope, Que., intends taking out 5,000 cords of pulp wood this winter.

John Carew, of Lindsay, Ont., has closed contracts with jobbers for taking out stocks of logs in the districts south of Rosedale and Minden.

The cut of the St. Anthony Lumber Co.'s mill at Whitney, Ont., during the past season was about 40,000,000 feet. Since September operations at night have been suspended.

Messrs. J. & W. Flatt, of Hamilton, have sold their entire production of Michigan waney board pine and Ohio and Virginia oak to Messrs. Dobell, Beckett & Co., of Quebec.

Mr. Wm. Mackey, of Ottawa, is taking out his usual quantity of square and waney Ottawa pine timber, operations for which are now going on. This raft is taken out of the Amable du Fond limit.

Gilmour & Hughson, of Ironsides, have sold their 1897 cut of 3-inch pine deals to the McArthur Bros. Co., Ltd. Gilmour & Co., of Trenton, also sold to the same firm their next year's cut of deals.

James McGivern, of Stewartown, N. B., has purchased the McMonagle timber lands and will get out one million feet of lumber. David McAllister has contracted for 500,000 feet for James Doherty.

The Hale & Booth production of square and waney pine manufactured in Canada, estimated at about 200,000 cubic feet, for 1897 Quebec delivery, has been purchased by Messrs. W. & J. Sharples, of Quebec.

The log input on the Upper St. John and Miramichi rivers, in New Brunswick, will probably be from ten to fifteen per cent. greater than last year. Messrs. Kilburn & McIntosh will cut about eight million feet.

Operations on the St. Croix river, in New Brunswick, this season will be about the same as last winter. H. F. Eaton & Sons will bank ten million feet, F. H. Todd's Sons two million feet, while James Murchie & Sons will probably take out a smaller quantity than last season, which was seven and a half million feet.

The steamers from St. John have taken quantities of lumber for Great Britain. The "Alcides," for Glasgow, carried 250 tons of birch timber and 350 standards of deals; the Bengore Head, 500 standards of deals, while the Halifax City and Lake Winnipeg also took part cargoes of lumber.

A report from Ottawa states that a large lumber deal was closed at Pembroke on Saturday last, by which Mr. Thomas Mackey, M. P., and Mr. MacLaughlin exchanged limits. The steamer Ottawa was on the same day sold to William Murray, of the firm of T. & W. Murray, of Pembroke.

Robert Carson, of Garnet's Creek, N. B., will get out one million feet of logs this winter; the O'Neill firm and J. & J. McLeod, of Black River, two million and one million feet respectively; Robert More, of Loch Lomond, one million feet, while another million will be cut for the Ball's Lake mill. All of this lumber will be shipped from St. John.

FOREIGN.

The Saginaw river mills manufactured the past season 57,000,000 pieces of lath, as compared with 83,000,000 last year.

The imports of hewn wood from Canada to Great Britain for the eleven months

ending November 1st last were valued at £727,539, and sawn wood at \$3,258,260.

The Traverse City Lumber Co., of Traverse City, Mich., have sold their entire output of hemlock for last season to Colburn & Co., of Michigan City, Ind. The quantity is 7,000,000 feet.

A report is current that the Weyerhaeuser syndicate, of Ashland, Wis., have purchased large tracts of pine lands in Northern Wisconsin, the consideration being in the neighborhood of \$700,000. The report, however, lacks confirmation.

Messrs. Singleton, Dunn & Co. held an auction sale of Quebec timber and deals and pitch pine at Greenock, Scotland, on the 17th. inst. 20 logs Quebec oak (1,490 ft.) sold at 1s. 11 1/2 d., and 216 logs sawn pitch pine were hammered at 1s. and 1s. 0 1/2 d. These were put up without reserve, and ranged from 600 to 1,100 ft. per page. Several lots of 4th pine deals and ends were sold at 9 1/2 d. and 11 d., and 11 x 9 x 3 3rd pine at 11 1/2 d., also several lots St. John spruce deals 11 x 3 at 10 1/2 d. and 11 d., and 17 x 9 x 3 at 10 1/2 d.

A comparative statement of lumber operations in Michigan, on both sides of the Saginaw river for a distance of 17 miles, and known as the Saginaw river lumber manufacturing district, shows that the product of the mills during the past season was 316,797,879 feet, the smallest record for the past thirty years. In 1894 the output was 481,244,039 feet, and in 1895 it reached 433,683,083 feet. The quantity of lumber on hand by manufacturers, exclusive of retail yards, is 217,498,058 feet, against 271,531,851 feet at the close of last season. The cut of shingles was 38,180,750, and the wintering stock is 11,925,250.

QUEBEC CORRESPONDENCE.

J. Burstall & Co. handle Joly's cut of spruce deals for 1897, as usual.

Sewell's Lake St. Joseph, Jacques Cartier, and Riviere Noire 3-inch spruce deals for 1897 are reported to have been sold to Harold Kennedy, as also Ross' Riviere a Pierre spruce.

Breakey's 1897 cut Chaudiere 3-inch spruce deals and Turner's Lake Edward cut have been sold to Messrs. H. R. Goodday & Co., who are also reported to have purchased the Rousseau 1897 cut at St. Anne de la Parade.

Messrs. H. M. Price & Co.'s cut of spruce for 1897 has been sold to Dobell, Beckett & Co. The annual circular of J. Bell Forsyth has been issued, and contains the usual amount of interesting statistics. It states that the past season has shown a marked improvement in business with the United Kingdom, both in volume and results. The stocks wintering at Quebec are much smaller than last season. There is a notable increase in birch timber and spruce, while pine deals show a slightly larger stock. The following is a comparative statement:

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1895, 1896. Rows include Square white pine, Waney, Red pine, Oak, Elm, Ash, Birch, Tamarac, Spruce, Hickory, Cherry, Maple, Pine deals, Spruce deals, Hemlock and tamarac deals.

The figures given above are said to be quite reliable, except, perhaps, in the case of spruce deals, which does not include the stock at a

number of the mills along the Lake St. John road, such as Roberval, Lake Edward and Lac Bouchette

The figures with regard to export are also interesting, and show a considerable increase in several classes of stock. A comparative statement to December 1st is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1895, 1896. Rows include Square and waney white pine, Red pine timber, Oak, Elm, Ash, Birch, Pine deals, Spruce deals.

QUEBEC, Dec. 26, 1896.

THE COOPERAGE MARKET.

Messrs. Sutherland, Innes & Co., of Chatham, Ont., write of cooperage conditions as follows:

With regard to the present conditions of the cooperage trade, all we ourselves have to do is to simply sit in our office here and sell everything we have in sight. The fact is, we cannot begin to fill the orders that are sent in to us, on account of everything being pretty well cleaned up around the mills.

We had our purchasing agent out all over the cooperage districts in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana, but he failed to make any purchases worth speaking of for prompt shipment, or shipment before the new stock would come in, which will be in March or April. Owing to the immense apple crop and the unusually heavy run on flour barrels this season, everything has been pretty well cleaned up around the mills, and no stocks will be carried over into next season.

As regards the prospects for next year's business, we have made very heavy sales ourselves at \$1 per 1,000 advance on staves, and a corresponding advance on hoops and heading; the advance, of course, is over the prices at which we booked trade for this year about the same time as this last year. From all appearances trade is going to be very brisk next season, and prices will be firm. Up to the present there has not been any winter to put in logs for the mills, and unless things change very materially, none of the mills will be able to stock up fully.

A good many buyers are holding off, expecting lower prices later on, but it looks to us as if it was going to be a case of first come first served, and those people who purchase now will be sure of a regular supply, while those who leave things over expecting a drop in price will not only be disappointed in not being able to buy cheaper, but they will run the risk of not being able to get the stock at all.

AUSTRALIAN TIMBER REPORT.

Fraser & Co., of Melbourne, Australia, in their last monthly report, say:

The demand has not shown much improvement since the issue of our last report, though a better enquiry has existed from the country districts than was experienced in the previous four weeks, but the actual business concluded has not been equal to anticipations formed a few months ago regarding the prospective demand during the spring season. Increased consumption is probable, however, in the coming summer months, and as stocks on hand are not excessive for this period of the year, or shipments "to arrive" of any great magnitude, we look forward to purchases being effected on a somewhat larger scale ere the end of December and January next, while the fact of increasing f.o.b. and freight rates ruling at many ports from whence supplies to here are shipped, and laid down costs of the principal lines imported barely covering as against existing prices locally, should lead eventually to a higher range of values being quoted at this end; and more especially as there are indications of values generally abroad advancing still further, both in respect to first costs and freight rates. Where the improvement is most pronounced is in the home markets for Baltic supplies. With the exception of Oregon lumber, which re-

mains steady at late shipping rates, nearly every other description of timber, as just mentioned, has advanced at the markets of export, and we consider we are therefore justified in taking the views we do with regard to the early prospects of values at this side.

SPRUCE AND BALTIC WHITE DEALS.—Imports: \$55,489 feet super. Arrivals: Armadale, from Fredrickstadt, and City of Agra, from Metis. The City of Agra, with a cargo of Canadian spruce, is being offered at 2 1/2 d. per foot of 9 x 3, and a small portion has been placed. Baltic white deals have been in demand enquiry at a similar figure.

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

Lumber freight rates on the Canada Atlantic Railway are as follows: Ottawa to Toronto, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft.; Ottawa to Syracuse, \$1.20 per M ft. (3,000 lbs. and over per M ft.); Ottawa to Montreal, 50 cents per 100 lbs.; Amport to Montreal, 70 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, track delivery 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, lighted 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Boston, Portland and common points, 15 cents; exports 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Amport to Boston, Portland and common points, local 17 cents; exports 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Burlington, 6 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Amport to Albany, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to St. John, N. B. and common points, 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Halifax, N. S. and common points, 22 1/2 cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight of shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 30,000 lbs. and rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs. when quoted per M ft. the minimum carload charged is 10 M ft., lumber not exceeding 3,000 lbs. to the M ft. Ottawa rates apply on shipments from Rockland, Hawkebury.

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

General instructions in shipping by Grand Trunk embodied in these words in the tariff schedule: "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 20,000 lbs.) will be charged, and must not be exceeded. Shipment will be impracticable to load certain descriptions of lumber up to 30,000 lbs. to the car, then the actual weight only will be charged for, but not less than 20,000 lbs. The rates on lumber in the tariff will be higher from an intermediate point on the straight line than from the first named point beyond, to the same destination. For instance, the rates from Tara or H. worth to Guelph, Brampton, Weston or Toronto, will not be higher than the specific rates named from Waterloo to the same points. The rates from Carleton Place, Southampton to points east of Listowel 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 of tariff.

Rates from leading lumber points on pine and softwood lumber, shingles, etc., are as follows: For Glenora, Creemore, Aurora, Barrie and other points in group B to Toronto, 6 1/2 c.; Collingwood, Penzance, Coldwater, Waubesa, Sturgeon Bay, Victoria Harbor, Midland, Fendall Falls, Longford, Gravenhorst and other points in group C to Toronto, 6 1/2 c.; Brantford to Toronto, 7 c.; Utterson, Huntsville, Emsdale, Katrine to Toronto, 7 1/2 c.; Burk's Falls, Brantford and Sundridge, to Toronto, 8 c.; South River, Powassan and Callender to Toronto, 9 c.; Niagara Junction and North Bay, 10 c. Rate from Godfrey Kincardine and Warton to Toronto, 6 1/2 c. These are per 100 lbs. Rates from Toronto east to Hamilton, 7 1/2 c. per 100 lbs.; to Deseronto, 8 c.; to Brantford and Prescott, 10 c.; to Montreal and Ottawa, 11 c. Rates on hardwoods average about from 10 to 12 cents per 100 lbs. higher than on softwoods. For rates on rubber tires, mahogany, rosewood, walnut, cherry, and other valuable woods, application must be made to the district freight agent.

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