

the available supply. Maple is a quick seller. Basswood is getting more plentiful, while there is complaint that the supply of elm is giving out.

Hemlock prices remain steady. The supply of logs in Pennsylvania and Michigan is very light, so that there will be no difficulty in marketing stock even if the consumption should fall off. It is difficult to size up the shingle situation. A report from the Sagnaw valley states that prices are weaker than they were in the early spring and that stocks are accumulating at the mills.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The consumption of lumber in Great Britain during the month of May was not as active as in the corresponding month of last year. It is believed, however, that the decrease in consumption will be offset by reduced imports. The outlook for ship-building has improved of late, while the unsatisfactory condition of house-building continues. Importers are still waiting developments. Offers are being made about five shillings per standard less than the quotations asked by shippers, but the latter have so far refused to close contracts on that basis. The stocks of pine at Liverpool are considerably lower than at this time last year, a fact which carries considerable weight. First and second quality are very scarce and high prices are being paid for standard dimensions. There has been no change in spruce prices. Opinions are freely expressed that the fluctuations in values during the season will be very slight. For 3 x 9 second and third quality spruce shippers are asking £9 15s and £9 5s respectively, while as high as £9 5s has been asked for third quality.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The steamer Holmea is now loading deals at Montreal for the United Kingdom.

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

White pine lath are selling in the Chicago market at \$3.50 for No. 1, \$2.75 for No. 2, and \$3 for No. 1 mixed and hemlock.

The barque Luarda sailed last week from Weymouth, N. S., for Buenos Ayres, with a cargo of lumber, shipped by D. G. Campbell & Company.

A. Hamilton will operate the mill of the Imperial Lumber Company at Warren, Ont., this season, and will cut Booth & Gordon's logs from Bannerman Creek.

W.O. Dickson, of Victoria, B. C., has purchased 5,000 acres of timber on the San Juan Straits. The timber is principally cedar and will be shipped to the United States.

The Grand Forks Lumber Company, of Grand Forks, N.D., has sold about 4,000,000 feet of logs to D. E. Sprague, of Winnipeg. The logs will be rafted to Winnipeg.

One million feet of logs on the banks of the Kootenay river, about six miles above Wardner, B. C., were destroyed by fire last week. The logs were the property of the Crow's Nest Lumber Company.

Slack cooperage stock is a better demand. Both elm and basswood logs are so scarce that the production of cooperage material is sure to be light. Jobbers quote slack stock \$9.25 to \$9.50 for first-class dry elm flour barrel staves; 6X to 6 1/2 cents for first-class basswood heading; \$9.50 to 9.75 for 3 1/2 ft. coiled hoops; \$10 to \$10.25 for 6-foot and \$6.50 to \$6.75 for hickory hoops.

Following is a comparative statement of timber, etc., measured and culled at Quebec up to 2nd June, as furnished by the Supervisor of Cullers:—

Wavy White Pine.....	60,896	799,488	139,040
White Pine.....	.....	4,152	10,390
Red Pine.....	120	3,773	40
Oak.....	.....	34,404	141,340
Elm.....	45,781	287,488	141,300
Ash.....	47,890	9,676	39,320
Basswood.....	.....	.....	.....
Batterant.....	480	.....	.....
Tamarac.....	.....	.....	.....
Birch and Maple.....	398,077	78,002	112,580

There is a considerable quantity of Southern pitch pine timber being shipped north to Canada this season owing to high prices and the difficulty in obtaining pine timber locally. Messrs. Mason, Gordon & Company, of Montreal, have just unloaded in that port the steamer "Hampstead," which brought from Savannah, Ga., 1,500,000 feet b.m. of very fine pitch pine timber which will be used largely for the harbor improvement works now going on. The Steamer "Henley" has arrived at Three Rivers, Que., from Savannah, with a second cargo of 1,600,000 feet b.m. of pitch pine timber, also for Mason, Gordon & Company, and is now discharging same. The timber is to be used for building the new Government dock in that city, for which Mr. Randolph Macdonald, of Toronto, is the contractor. The loading of the two steamers just mentioned at Savannah, Ga., created a considerable interest in that city, being the first steamers which have ever loaded full cargoes of timber out of that port, all cargo shipments having been made by sailing ships. Besides these steamers, several full cargoes of timber have been shipped to lower province ports by sailing ships this season and several more ships are under charter.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

Shipments of lumber from Ottawa to Montreal and New York by water at present are active, more so perhaps than by rail. The resumption of coal carrying operations by water this season has already brought a dozen or more roomy American barges into port. The owners of these are only too anxious to secure a return cargo to the States and lumber is handled at a very reasonable rate. While the trip by water to New York takes several weeks, the difference in rates is worth considering where time is not a factor.

It is reported that a large block of 12-inch stock has been purchased by the Shepard & Morse Company from Mr. J. R. Booth. The lumber is intended for the South American markets. While the exact prices could not be ascertained, it is learned that they were good and stiff, and showed an advance on last season.

The Shepard & Morse Company has the Mason mill at Hintonburg, in the west

end of the city, running night and day. Between 250 and 300 men are employed altogether on two shifts, with about 150 on the day shift alone. The old mill always had a good reputation for a mill of its class. The latest improvements installed by the Shepard & Morse Company make it one of the best band mills in the district. This mill is the first in the Ottawa district to use the double cutting band and steam set works.

The last year or so has seen some changes in the style of the output of the Ottawa district mills. The advance in the prices of manufactured lumber has led to an easier and more elastic grading and a more intelligent effort to produce the largest quantity of the high priced grades out of a log. What was formerly known as mill culls now classifies as box lumber, and some of the stock grades that were known as shipping culls are now classified by some manufacturers as mill run.

A correction will be noticed in this week's Ottawa market quotations in the section devoted to cedar shingles. Eighteen inch stock has been substituted for sixteen inch, for the reason that the former has the run. The sixteen inch stock, broadly speaking, is not required by or manufactured for the Ottawa trade. For this reason quotations will hereafter be made on eighteen-inch cedar shingles and not sixteen-inch as heretofore. For the benefit of those who may be interested in the latter, it may be said that the quotations which upon general inquiry seem to be correct on sixteen-inch shingles are: XXXX \$2.80 to \$3.00; clear butt \$1.75 to \$2.00; and XX \$1.25 to \$1.35. On the other hand eighteen-inch stock runs as follows: XXXX \$3.30 to \$3.50, clear butt \$2.50 to \$2.75, and XX \$1.55 to \$2.00.

Efforts to secure reliable hardwood quotations about Ottawa meet with scant reward, for the reason, given by the dealers, that there is a lack of anything like the uniform classification that holds in other lines of lumber. All depends on the manufacturer; where one may get \$25 for a line of ash or maple another not a dozen miles away accepts \$16.

The latest reports speak of heavy rains in the Kippewa and Upper Ottawa country. This will gladden the hearts of the mill men, as it will facilitate the movement of the log drives. The latter seem to be coming along nicely, and the first logs of the 1903 cut may be expected at the mills within a month.

Mr. J. F. Birchard, of Detroit, Mich., formerly travelling representative of the CANADA LUMBERMAN, now with the Wing Graphite Metal people of Detroit, was in the city this week. He reported marked activity in the lumber industry of the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and Ottawa district. A number of mills east of Ottawa are being overhauled and in other places new ones built. Stocks of standing lumber are light and the season's sawing will be a heavy one, as orders are numerous.

Mr. J. R. Booth has bought a farm near the city, which it is believed he intends to use for piling grounds. Hon. W. C. Edwards has announced, on the other hand, his inability to secure other piling grounds near the city, and says he will

have to close down his mill at Ottawa if the by-law prohibiting lumber piling within the city is not rescinded.

OTTAWA, MAY 30, 1903.

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

From Hopewell Cape, N. B.: Sir Easty, for Sharpness, Eng., 2,168,802 ft. spruce deals, battens and scantlings, value \$26,135, by J. Nelson Smith. Str. Albuera, for Manchester, England, 3,336,825 ft. spruce deals, scantling and boards, value \$41,750, by W. Malcolm Mackay.

From Yarmouth, N. S.: Schr. Victor, for Boston, 135,000 ft. lumber, 8,000 laths.

From Hillsborough, N. B.: Barque Alert, for Whitehaven, England, 535,621 ft. spruce deals, 129,573 ft. spruce scantling, 14,803 ft. spruce ends, value \$7,855, by J. Nelson Smith.

From Parrsboro, N. S.: Str. Pharsalia, for Manchester, England, 2,770,225 ft. deals, value \$34,632; 652,078 ft. ends and scantlings, value \$6,403, by M. L. Tucker.

From St. John, N. B.: Schr. Pandora, for Boston, 57,923 ft. spruce deals, 18,500 ft. clapboards, 634,000 cedar shingles, by Sietson, Cutler & Co. Str. Univer, for Limerick, 2,134,418 ft. deals, 143,649 ft. ends, by W. M. Mackay.

From Montreal: Str. Manchester Commerce, for Manchester, 4,981 pcs. deals, 1,036 pcs. ends, 1,779 pcs. ends, by J. Burstall & Co.; 4,100 bundles boards, by Charlemagne Lumber Co.; 100 pcs. square birch, by McLaurin Bros.; 9,828 pcs. deals, by Robert Cox & Co.; Str. Lake Manitoba, for Liverpool, 20,190 pcs. deals, by Robert Cox & Co.; 15,306 pcs. deals, by J. Burstall & Co.; 27,391 pcs. deals, by McLaurin Bros.; 9,154 pcs. deals, by Williams, Edwards & Co.; 1,950 pcs. lumber, 3,271 doors, by C.P.R. Str. Dominion, for Liverpool, 566 pcs. deals and boards, by Watson & Todd. Str. Mariana, for Glasgow, 3,516 pcs. pine deals, by J. Burstall & Co.; 27,111 pcs. pine deals, by Grand Trunk Railway. Str. Hungarian, for Liverpool, 15,094 p. 4. deals and ends, by Robert Cox & Co.; 1,217 pcs. deals, 124 pcs. timber, by W. & J. Sharples; 7,770 pcs. deals, by Charlemagne Lumber Company. Str. Tunisian, for Liverpool, 1,188 pcs. deals and ends.

Orillia Planing Mills

and Sash and Door Factory
Near O. T. R. Station.

PLANING, MATCHING AND RE-SAWING.

Done in any quantity. We guarantee satisfaction. Write for prices. Address,
S. POMEROY, Box 428, Orillia

Bulmer McLennan & Co.

EVERYTHING IN
LUMBER AND TIMBER

Wholesale and Retail
Office and Yard:
571 Dorchester St., Montreal, P. Q.
Telephone Main 366 Correspondence Solicited

TELEGRAPH POLES
WANTED

We buy all lengths. Write us for prices and you will see that by cutting your Cedar into Poles it will net you more than you can get out of it in any other way.

J. B. FARWELL & SON

Successors to McCallery & Farwell
Orillia, Ont. Oswego, N. Y.

Quebec
Montreal
Ottawa
Three Rivers

DOBELL, BECKETT & CO.,
TIMBER, DEAL and LUMBER EXPORTERS.

London, Eng. RICHARD R. DOBELL & CO.,
110 Cannon Street, E. C.

QUEBEC.

LONDON,
ENG.

H. R. GOODDAY & CO.,

SPRUCE AND RED PINE EXPORTERS

AGENTS

FOY, MORGAN & CO.,
104 and 105 Bishopsgate St. W., E. C.