

BRITISH COLUMBIA SHINGLES.

Editor CANADA LUMBERMAN:

DEAR SIR:—Referring to your issue of the "CANADA LUMBERMAN" of June, would say that on page 7 in the article on Shingle Conditions in British Columbia, in the paragraph near the end of the article, the following statement is made:

"Notwithstanding the increased cost of lumber, prices on red cedar shingles are 15c. per thousand lower in Ontario than they were last year."

I beg to call your attention to the fact that while B. C. shingles were 15c. lower at the beginning of this season than they were at the close of last season, the price was, on April 1st, advanced to \$2.90, which is the highest price they were sold at last year, and they are at present 15c. higher than they were for the corresponding month last year.

Yours truly,
ONE INTERESTED.

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONDITIONS.

There is still a great scarcity of logs in British Columbia, both cedar and fir, and although there are numerous booms on their way from up the coast, the mills will not be adequately supplied. Mr. McNair, the biggest operator at Vancouver, is said to have offered \$11 a thousand for logs.

A point in connection with the taking of timber limits which is unique in the history of the province has just been raised and has been referred to the Commissioner of Lands and Works for a decision. A man operating under a hand loggers' license on the coast recently found that the limits on which he was working had been staked by another party and an application for the right to cut timber on the lands forwarded to the Department of Lands and Works at Victoria. The hand logger says that for the past seven years he has been operating under a hand loggers' license. Such a license allows the holder to move his camp from time to time, as circumstances dictate, and the license holder has not been required to stake the limits on which he has worked. The question now raised by the hand logger is whether any person has the legal right to stake upon the land which he is working under his license.

Special permits that have been granted to cut and carry away timber on Crown lands of the province have a new condition added to them. The latest permits issued contain a clause reading as follows: "This permit is granted on the special condition that no Chinese or Japanese shall be employed in working the said limits mentioned in this permit." All permits are issued from Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, but applications are received through the Vancouver office. For the past month permits arriving from Victoria have included this ominous clause. The principal effect of the new condition will be that permits taken out from now on will prevent Japanese and Chinese working in shingle bolt camps. This will be another serious set-back for the shingle mills, who are compelled to employ Japs owing to the scarcity of white labor.

HARDWOODS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Canadian hardwoods brought the following prices at an auction sale held by Foy, Morgan & Company, London, England, on May 14th:

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A quantity of spruce slating battens, from Quebec, sold from 12 1/2 d to 18. 3d. per 144 ft. run.

The Timber Trades Journal reports the following charters: Steamer "Ester," Miramichi, N.B., to Liverpool, deals, 4cs., 6d., June, extra boards and scantlings; "Semantha," Miramichi to approved ports, 500 standard deals, 38s., 6d., June-July; boat, 1,700 standards, St. John to picked ports, 35s., June; 800 tons reg., Campbellton to Mersey, mixed cargo, 43s. 9d.,

August; 250 standards, Bathurst to Troon, 36s.; 240 stds., Bay Chaleur to Preston, 45s.

Among the charters reported are the following: Steamer Shellagsam, St. John, N. B., to w. c. England, deals, 37s 6d; Steamer Powhatan, St. John to Liverpool, 36s 3d; str. Veritans, St. John to U. K., deals, 37s 6d, June loading; str. Hackney, 2,600 tons, St. John to w. c. England, deals, 35s, June.

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