

**MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

The lumber industry in Manitoba is in a very flourishing condition. The total output of Winnipeg saw mills will be over 10,000,000 feet. Several new mills are going up in the Province. Building operations continue very brisk and the demand for lumber of all kinds is still large.

At the coast stocks are moving actively. The class of lumber most in demand at the present time is clear fir, flooring and siding, spruce and cedar siding, also fir timber. Shingles are slow, while all other lines are active. Dealers report mixed carload orders arriving daily. Stocks of lumber are low, but shingles are heavily stocked at all points on the B. C. coast. No heavy stocks of lumber are held. Prices are likely to remain steady. As previously announced the various saw mills in Vancouver, B. C., and vicinity have determined to make no sales of lumber to local contractors or builders until further notice, because of the carpenters strike. As a result all work has been stopped on building requiring lumber. The mills will be run as usual, but no lumber is supplied locally. Rail and boat shipments still continue. That is the programme adopted by the mill men. Three months ago logs were scarce and were selling at \$7 and \$8 a thousand, now they are being offered for \$4 and there is no demand at that figure. It is estimated that there are 5,000 loggers working on the coast close to Vancouver. The daily output of the woods at the present time is 5,000,000 feet, with the result that there is an over-production, as the capacity of the mills is one-third less.

Some big deals in timber have been made. One million dollars in cash has been paid to the Dunsmuir estate for 50,000 acres of timber land and it is reported that another large milling plant on the island is under option to an American syndicate.

The request of the loggers of the coast, represented by the B. C. Lumbermen's Association, for permission from the Provincial Government to export logs to the American side was laid before Premier McBride. It was explained to him that on account of not being able to dispose of their logs to local mills, the loggers desired to export, and sought to have the law prohibiting export annulled for a period of six months.

Hon. Mr. McBride informed the deputation that if its desires were placed in a petition the matter would receive earnest consideration. In accordance a petition has been prepared and presented to the government, a reply to which is soon expected.

The loggers at the coast have decided to close down all the camps for forty-five days after August 1st, to provide for a recovery of the now over-crowded market.

**UNITED STATES.**

There has been some change in market conditions during the past week. Crop conditions having shown an improvement, and the strikes having about died out, the outlook for the lumber trade is brighter. Prices are steady at about former level, although a number of items are somewhat

stronger. Building statistics show a very heavy demand for building material. The second half of the year opened up with a better feeling all around. Shipments have been fully up to the average. Wholesalers of white pine state the demand will absorb practically all the available stock. There is a general feeling of security on the part of those who are handling white pine. At some points trouble is anticipated in keeping full crews of loggers at work. Improvement is noted in the shingle market, although all the coast mills have been shut down, and will continue closed for some time.

North Dakota and Manitoba are calling for large supplies of white pine. In upper Minnesota dimension is extremely scarce. Lumbermen have had to contend with severe strikes in the east, floods in the south and south-west, and drouth in more northern territory, in addition to combined efforts of line yard buyers to break the market. Despite this the market today is in excellent shape.

There is a lull in the hardwood market. Offerings of stock are more numerous than a month ago. Basswood supplies have grown larger and the same can be said of oak, but it is doubtful if the production of poplar, quartered oak and a few other items will be sufficient for the trade this season. Buffalo reports a scarcity of maple and they are trying to fill the deficiency with birch. Prices have seen little or no change. Eastern hemlock continues in great demand and has gone up a point.

Receipts of lumber during last month were large at lake ports. There was received at Bay City 15,599,855 feet and at Saginaw 6,221,305 feet, making a total of 21,821,160 feet for June. The May receipts were 14,148,657 feet.

The Wisconsin valley shipped out a larger amount of lumber than during any previous month with one exception, which shows that the demand for lumber in that section is strong.

The conditions in the wholesale market are good. The demand for lumber in the manufacturing trade such as vehicles, box, furniture, etc., is very active. The heavy forest fires in the north have curtailed operations somewhat at producing sources. The spruce market continues very firm.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**

In the Liverpool market Canadian wood—wancy board and square pine—have gone fairly well into consumption and prices remain very firm. Wancy pine has arrived freely, values rule high and stocks are moderate. Square timber—the demand is limited; and the deliveries have been disappointing and the stock chiefly of lower grade. Of red pine there has been a moderate import; the demand is limited and price is firm with a light stock. Oak has been in good request at full values. Elm is in good demand and the import consists chiefly of first-class rock elm. In ash the demand is dull. In New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce deals the import has been large, with a good demand. Pine deals are only in limited demand.

At Glasgow there have been no outstanding features of interest. The import

season from the St. Lawrence has opened and deals from Montreal have arrived to an average extent. The import of spruce has kept well up. Prices of pine and spruce are firm, with a rising tendency. The demand for red pine is not extensive. Rock elm is low in stock, but there is an abundance of soft elm.

There seems to be a feeling that prices have reached the highest point, with the result that buyers are naturally inclined to operate with caution. The building trades throughout the United Kingdom are displaying greater activity. The imports so far have been chiefly on contract. Rolling stock manufacturers are prosperous, but the cabinet trade remains in a depressed condition.

**STOCKS AND PRICES.**

The schooner Baden Powell is loading laths at Musquodoboit for New York.

Schooner Prosperare is loading lumber at Jacksonville, N. B., for Port of Spain.

Steamer Castleventry arrived in St. John, N. B., from Philadelphia to load deals for George McKean.

The steamer Manchester Importer will take on 300 tons of pulp and 600 standards of deals at St. John, N. B., for Manchester.

The steamer City of Belfast sailed from Montreal this week for Bathurst, where she will load a cargo of deals for the United Kingdom.

The ship Sardhana sailed from Baltimore, Md., last week for Montreal, where she will load a cargo of lumber for Adelaide, South Australia.

The Spanish brigantine Sansat, from Havana, arrived in St. John last week, and will load lumber at the Cushing mills for the Canary Islands.

The Norwegian barque Henriette, from Christiansand for Cape Tormentine, N. B., to load lumber, is ashore on Indian Rock, on the Prince Edward Island coast.

The Battle liner Pharsalia sailed from St. John, N. B., with a cargo of deals for Liverpool and Cork. The schooner Wanola is loading laths at Halifax for Philadelphia.

The steamer Cyril is loading deals at St. John, N. B., for the United Kingdom. The steamer Moeris sailed from Quebec, Que., for Liverpool, with a cargo of timber and deals.

Steamers Daventry and Mantinea sailed from St. John last week for Manchester and Brow Head with a cargo of lumber and deals. The schooner Viola which arrived in Halifax last week, will proceed to Miramichi to load laths for New York.

Following is a comparative statement of timber, etc., measured and culled at Quebec up to July 7th as furnished by the Supervisor of Cullers:—

	1901	1902	1903
Wancy White Pine	537,254	1,286,663	611,480
White Pine	224,918	257,197	80,800
Red Pine	24,007	45,231	40
Oak	206,523	33,075	180,540
Elm	488,377	44,046	318,000
Ash	91,649	46,931	34,160
Basswood	332	.....	.....
Bitternut	627	.....	.....
Tamarac	32	.....	.....
Birch and Maple	295,641	87,110	132,840

Messrs. Hackett & Sons have sold one of their tugs, the St. Roch, to Mr. George

Leprohon, of Three Rivers, who will use her for the purpose of towing logs. Messrs. Hackett have purchased another tug and will put her in commission to replace the St. Roch.

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**CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.**

From Shediac, N. B.: Barque A. Lefler, for Cardiff, Great Britain, 255 stds. lumber, by E. J. Smith.

From Montreal, Que.: Str. Crown of Granada, for Chatham, deals, by McLean, Kennedy & Co. Str. Verdande, for Hull, deals, by McLean Kennedy & Co. Str. Manchester Commerce, for Manchester, England, 3,016 pcs. deals, by Dobell, Beckett & Co., 4,624 pcs. deals and ends, by W. & J. Sharples; 4,320 pcs. deals, ends and boards, by R. Cox & Co.; 1,094 pcs. deals, by Watson & Todd; 293 pcs. deals, 409 bundles of boards, 56 pcs. square birch, by McLaurin Bros. Str. Manxman, for Avonmouth, 1,038 pcs. boards, by Montreal Lumber Co.; 7,812 pcs. boards, by Watson & Todd; 6,809 pcs. deals and ends by Charlemagne Lumber Co.; 5,977 pcs. deals, boards and ends, by W. & J. Sharples; 9,327 pcs. deals, boards and ends, by Cox & Long. Str. Granaria, for Hamburg, 79 walnut logs, by C. P. R. Str. Turcoman, for Avonmouth, 10,785 pcs. deals, by R. Cox & Co. Str. Bray Head, for Dublin, 80 bundles boards, by J. E. Jacques & Co.; 1,558 pcs. boards, by Charlemagne Lumber Co. Str. Marina, for Glasgow, 2,043 pcs. deals, by R. Cox & Co.; 1,085

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