

spruce have caused a run on Austrian whitewood, which merchants are getting in long lengths and good widths at rather less than the price asked for spruce. Another opinion is that spruce will keep at about its present price for several months to come, even after the first consignments begin to arrive, for the reason that the consumption will probably keep ahead of the import.

At recent auction sales in London second quality 3x9 spruce deals brought £9 13s to £10, and third quality £9 per standard. For 3x11 fourth quality pine \$12 was obtained, and for one lot £1 1/2 ss. These figures show an advance for this class of lumber.

**STOCKS AND PRICES.**

The barque A. Tavela sailed recently from the Hastings mills, Vancouver, B.C., laden with lumber, for Ostend, Belgium.

The Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company, of Saginaw, Mich., have purchased 1,000,000 feet of mill culls at Cutler, Ont.

J. Stiles is getting out 1,250,000 feet of spruce and hardwood deals at Hopewell Hill, N. B.

Lath and high grade lumber have been shipped in considerable quantity to Pittsburgh and other Pennsylvania points during the past two months.

The Dominion Government is asking for tenders for the construction of a large breakwater at Pointe St. Pierre, Gaspe county, Quebec.

The Central Lumber Company, of Saginaw, Mich., has bought 5,000,000 feet of pine logs cut this winter on deeded lands in the vicinity of Parry Sound, Ont.,. The logs will be rafted to Saginaw.

Pine and spruce lath have advanced in the Albany market to \$3.50. At Saginaw No. 1 white pine lath is quoted at \$3.00; No. 2, \$3.10; No. 1 Norway, \$3; No. 1 hemlock, \$3; No. 2 hemlock, \$2.20.

The following prices are asked for shingles in the Saginaw valley: No. 1 white pine, \$3.80 to \$3.90; clear butts, \$2.60 to \$2.75; 4 x 18 in. cedar, \$2.60; clear butts, \$2.60; 4 x 16 in. cedar, \$3.10.

It is said that the Edward Hines Lumber Company, of Chicago, have purchased 12,000,000 feet of logs from Hale & Bell, and have arranged to have them manufactured by N. N. Wright & Company at Cutler, Ont.

The steamer Ionian sailed from St. John, N. B., last week for Liverpool with the following cargo of timber: 203,342 ft. birch deals, 29,349 ft. birch ends, 652,348 ft. spruce ends, 14,832 ft. boards, shipped by W. M. Mackay; 15,075 ft. deals, by George McKean; 330,330 ft. spruce deals, 12,372 ft. birch timber, by William Thomson & Co.

The J. S. Hartwell Lumber Company, of Chicago, have bought from McFadden

& Ferguson, of Ottawa, 15,000,000 feet of logs, which will be manufactured by the Conger Lumber Company at Parry Sound, Ont.

Timber berths were sold at the Crown lands office, Fredericton, N. B., last week as follows: Two miles on Thirty-three Mile Brook, N. W. Upsalquitch river, at set price; 2 1/2 miles on Mamansay Brook to George W. Thompson, at \$20 per mile.

It is understood that E. H. Lemay, of Montreal, has again purchased the entire cut of McLachlin Bros., of Arnprior, Ont., and will market a considerable portion of it in the United States, through his selling agents, W. M. Crombie & Company, 81 New street, New York. Mr. Lemay has also purchased other large lines of white pine, basswood and ash, and is also carrying a large quantity of log run spruce.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company, in their market report of February 1st, review the lumber market as follows: "During the fortnight there has been only one arrival, the 'E. A. Sabeau,' to our address, with 62,000 feet shippers and 25,000 feet second quality white pine, 138,000 feet hemlock and a small lot of spruce. Dealers are heavily stocked, and it was with difficulty that we could place it at \$20.60 and \$16 respectively for white pine; \$13 for shipping and \$11 for second quality hemlock; and \$18.50 and \$16 for shipping and second quality spruce. It is very desirable that all receipts should cease for some time to come, in order that dealers may get rid of a fair portion of their present supply. Only one small lot of 42,000 dimension shingles has arrived by Halifax steamer, which we placed at \$6.79 for 5-inch and \$7.39 for 6, 7 and 8-inch. There is very little demand for laying; no arrival has taken place, but we are daily expecting a large cargo, about half of which is in fulfilment of contract."

**THE BOSTON MARKET.**

There is a better call at Boston for spruce lumber, notwithstanding that the storm has hindered matters somewhat. It is mentioned by leading houses that trade is uncommonly good for February, with promise of an active market early. Quotations are fully sustained: Ten and 12 inch dimensions, \$20; 9 inch and under, \$18; 10 and 12 inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$19 to \$19.50; 2x3, 2 x 4, 2 x 5, 2 x 6, 2 x 7 and 3 x 4, 10 feet and up, \$16 to \$16.50; all other randoms, 9 inch and under, 10 feet and up, \$17 to \$17.50; 5 inch and up merchantable boards, \$15 to \$16; matched boards, \$18 to \$19; out spruce boards, \$13; bundle furring, \$16 to \$17.

Hemlock is really firmer, with the demand good for the season: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet stock, \$14.50 to \$15 for good eastern; random, eastern, \$13.50 to \$14; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$16 to \$17; No. 2, \$14.50.

White pine is in good winter request, with the market exceedingly firm: Uppers, 1 in., \$72 to \$73; 2 1/2 and 3 inch, \$77.50; 4 in.

\$82.50; selects, 1 to 1 1/2 inch, \$66 to \$67; 2 inch, \$63 to \$70; 2 1/2 to 3 inch, \$73 to \$76; 4-inch, \$75 to \$80; fine common, 1-inch, \$55; 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 inch, \$60; 2 inch, \$55; 2 1/2 and 3 inch, \$65 to \$67; 4 inch, \$70; barn boards, \$23 to \$32; coffin boards, \$27 to \$32.

Hardwoods are in pretty good request at steady prices: Quarter red oak, \$46 to \$65; fancy, \$70 to \$75; plain oak, \$40 to \$47; black ash, \$40 to \$50; white ash, \$45 to \$55; cherry, \$90 to \$130; maple, \$32 to \$40; sycamore, quartered inch, \$43 to \$45; plain, \$35 to \$40.

Shingles are scarce and really firmer, though the demand is still limited: Extra cedar, \$3.30 to \$3.35; clear, \$2.90 to \$3; second clear, \$2.35 to \$2.50; sap, \$2.10; extra No. 1, \$1.75 to \$1.90; British Columbia red cedar, 16-inch, five butts to 2 inches, \$3.45 to \$3.50; 18-inch, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Clapboards are in quiet demand at firm prices: Extra spruce, \$35 to \$36; clear, \$33 to \$34; second clear, \$29 to \$32;

extra No. 1, \$20 to \$23; pine extra, \$50 to \$52; clear, \$45 to \$48; second clear, \$40 to \$42.

Laths are firm, and a little higher: One and five-eighths inch, \$3; 1 1/2 inch, \$2.85.

**SALE OF OTTAWA LIMITS.**

A large number of lumbermen gathered in the rotunda of the Russell House, Ottawa, on Wednesday, February 19th, on which day it was announced that the extensive timber limits owned by William Mackey on the Amble du Fond river would be offered for sale. The limits comprise 129 1/2 miles and were offered in one block, Mr. Peter Ryan wielding the hammer. The bidding started at \$200,000 and soon advanced to \$650,000, the bidders being Mr. W. C. Edwards, M. P., Mr. H. K. Egan, Mr. J. C. Brown and Mr. J. B. Fraser. Mr. J. R. Booth, who had not yet submitted a bid, raised the figure \$5,000, and at the price of \$655,000.

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