

**STOCKS AND PRICES.  
CANADA.**

The barque Professor Johnston is at Batican, Que., loading a cargo of lumber for the United Kingdom.

H. B. McLellan, of St. John, N. B., has left for Labrador, with a complete lumbering outfit, to commence operations there.

Mr. W. H. Pratt, of the Conger Lumber Co., returned recently from Michigan, and reports an advance there in the price of all kinds of lumber.

John Hale, of Draper, has secured a contract for taking out saw logs and shingle timber for Mickle, Dymont & Co., near Fraserburg.

J. R. Warner & Co. and A. Cushing & Co., of St. John, N. B., have chartered five vessels to carry 4,500,000 feet of lumber to South American ports.

Robt. Connolly, of Eau Claire, Ont., is putting in a square timber camp on east side of Lake Wahnapitae, on a limit purchased at the last government sale.

There are in the booms at South Bay, St. John, N. B., at the present time upwards of 80 million feet of logs, the largest quantity ever held there at one time.

Messrs. R. H. Klock & Co., of Klock's Mills, Ont., do not fear the United States lumber duty. They are increasing their operations in the woods by 40 per cent. as compared with last year.

Michael Sheridan, of Montreal, who purposes erecting a saw mill at Aylmer, Que., next spring, is negotiating for the purchase of timber limits near Mattawa from the Quebec government.

A dispatch from Bay City says: During the past few days 5,750,000 feet of logs have arrived for the Holland & Emery Lumber Co., of Tawas, to be sawed here; 2,986,200 feet for Edhole, and 3,453,556 for Alger, Smith and Co. The tugs Manistique and Protector are off Thunder Bay Island with a monstrous raft of 67,000 pieces.

The following timber berths were sold at the Crown Lands Office, Fredericton, N. B., last week. Cow Brook, branch of N. W. Mill stream, 3 square miles, sold to T. B. Winslow at the upset price of \$8 per mile; Little South Branch, Tomogonops river, 7 1/4 square miles, to J. H. Barry, at \$81 dollars per mile; McDonald's brook, branch of Barnaby river, 2 miles, to T. B. Winslow, at \$61 per mile; head of Jaquet river, 2 square miles, sold to applicant, Jas. T. Doyle, at \$66 per mile.

On Friday, September 17th, the last joint of lumber for the season was rafted at the Mitchell boom, in New Brunswick, and numbered 29,594. The Fredericton Boom Company have closed the season's operations much earlier than usual, with a record of about 64,000 joints, or upwards of 163,000,000 superficial feet. Over 34,000 joints were rafted at the Douglas boom. Seven tug boats were employed towing rafts to St. John, and ten tugs of a smaller class about the booms. About 140 rafts were towed below and four remain to be taken. Over ninety rafts will be handled by D. D. Glasier & Son and fifty by Tapley Bros. The conditions were unusually favorable for rafting, but heavy winds somewhat interfered with towing.

According to the Parry Sound Star, the Conger Lumber Company have decided to cut twenty million feet of saw logs this winter, and the contracts have been let to Messrs. Jacob J. Joliffe and Thomas Wilcox. David and William Argue have also received instructions to go into the woods, and their two camps will be put in operation, one now and the second one later. Mr. Wm. Peter is starting two camps and may open a third. The Delta Lumber Company has two camps and may add two more, and the Holland and Emery Company are putting in their full complement of camps. Messrs. McCormack and McLeod already have two camps in operation and will probably have more, and there are many jobbers' camps to be established in different parts of the district.

According to a correspondent of the St. John Sun, A. Fraser & Son., of River

du Chute and Fredericton, have been prospecting on Green River, Madawaska Co., looking for an operating locality for the concern this winter. Possibilities seem favorable, and they may do their lumbering about 60 or 75 miles up, on the lands of the Muskoka Lumbering Co. They expect to do a heavy winter's work, and will not be kept back by the fall in lumber. They will also get out a million and a half on the Keswick. Some of the operators on the Tobique have already gone in. It is said that McNair will handle ten millions, as against six millions last year, and Hale may get out an equal amount. It is thought that smaller operators will consider lumber too unsafe to go into business extensively.

**FOREIGN.**

It is stated that C. K. Eddy & Sons, of Saginaw, Mich., will not lumber in the Georgian Bay district this winter, but will purchase the logs necessary to keep their mill running.

A large quantity of hardwood logs will be put in this winter in the vicinity of Saginaw, Mich., as the demand there for hardwood lumber is active and stocks are exceedingly low.

At Philadelphia the demand is chiefly for cheap inside finishing stuff. Retailers are purchasing more liberally, and there appears to be a general desire to carry larger stocks in cheap building lumber, especially white pine.

At Bay City, Mich., box lumber has strengthened and is held at from \$8 to \$8.50. Norway piece stuff is in active demand at \$8.50 for short lengths and \$9 for all over 18 ft. long. Log run white pine is held at \$14.50 and upward.

Log rafting from the Georgian Bay to Bay City has ceased for the season. There have been received at Alpena nine rafts, containing 36,000,000 feet. The logs were for Gilchrist, Fletcher & Sons, Albert Pack and the Hardy Lumber Co.

Piece stuff appears to be advancing in nearly all the markets. At Manistee, Mich., some holders of stock are asking \$10.50, and are not even pressing sales at that price. Common inch pine has also advanced at Manistee, while shingles are scarcely obtainable at any price.

Barn boards 6" to 12" wide, boxing, common and shippers, are the classes of lumber most asked for at Tonawanda. The export trade is showing more activity both as to orders and enquiries. Cutting up is improving and S-4 and thicker selects and uppers are meeting with ready sale.

Shingles and lath continue to become scarcer at Buffalo and Tonawanda. Repair work is taking all of that sort of stock that can be found. In other lines there has been no advance in prices as yet. The R. Laird Company received a cargo last week from Duluth and will receive about 5,000,000 feet more from there this fall.

The red cedar shingle situation continues to attract attention, and every available machine has been put in operation on the Pacific coast. Three months ago these shingles sold at 95 cents at the mill; to-day \$1.35 is the selling price, and manufacturers are unable to supply the demand. It would be well, however, to proceed cautiously, as it is predicted by many that present prices cannot stand.

The Northwestern Lumberman says with respect to hardwoods: The general hardwood trade is feeling the demand which is coming from resumed industries. Reports from wholesale points are to the effect that the call for lumber is active, and the amount being shipped to manufacturing points is increasing. The bulk of dealings is in oak, though cottonwood, basswood, poplar, ash, etc., are in larger request than earlier in the season. The yellow fever quarantine is hindering shipments from the infected districts.

Large sales of lumber continue to be made at Menominee, Mich. Haynes & Co., of Buffalo, last week purchased a million and a half of log run lumber from Case & Taylor; Albany parties bought

800,000 feet of thick select stock from the Holt Lumber Co., of Oconto, and several million feet of box lumber have been sold to eastern parties. There was also shipped from Perley, Lowe & Co.'s yards half a million feet of deals consigned to the Imperial Lumber Co., of Toronto, for export to Europe. This stock is high grade lumber, and is the first of its kind ever shipped from Menominee.

The following sales are reported from Duluth, Minn. Nearly three millions of log run stock have been sold to go east, and 300,000 feet of good lumber has been sold to go to Tonawanda. Tonawanda has also bought 1,300,000 feet of 8, 10 and 12 inch stocks. Six hundred thousand feet of 12 inch No. 3 boards have been sold to the eastern market, and 750,000 feet of No. 3 boards have been sold to go to Buffalo. One small lot of 400,000 feet of 12 inch has been sold to New York parties; also 300,000 feet of box shorts have been sold. As far as we can learn Chicago has bought nothing lately, with the exception of 750,000 feet of strips, which sale was reported last week.

**CANADIAN TIMBER AT LONDON.**

Messrs. Churchill & Sims, wood brokers, of London, Eng., offered a large quantity of Canadian goods at their last auction sale. Referring to the result of the sale, the Timber News says:

The unsorted red pine ex Ormiston was the first stuff to attract attention. Some of our Quebec friends were able to judge what a lengthy specifications meant in these times in such an article as red pine. It will be noticed that the 13 x 3 x 9 lumber only got £7 10s, whereas 3 x 8 fetched £8 to £8 5s, and the 3 x 7 £8 15s. If similar lengths had been offered in 3 x 9 as were offered in battens, the deals would have got £10 to £10 10s. Lower Port birch planks were not sought after, the demand at the present time being very light indeed. The 1st spruce boards ex Glenmoor, from Quebec, 12 x 1 x 9/10, reached £9; 7/8 in., £8; 4/6 in., £7 15s. The Brookside, 1st Breakey spruce 12 x 3 x 9 went at £9 5s for one lot, and £9 for three lots, all to a "pocket-order" bidder. The Daybreak, from Quebec, 3rd pine, 13 x 3 x 9, did well at £8. The unsorted spruce boards ex Mistor, from Quebec, taken all round, did well also. The Atkinson 1st spruce ex Fitzclarence at £9 for regular 3 x 9, could not have been satisfactory to the importer; the 3rd and 4th regular pine, however, fetched their full value at £9 5s and £7 10s respectively. The goods were very heavy. The 3rd spruce regular 12/13 x 3 x 9 ex Maylands, from Quebec, only found £7 5s.

**CHURCHILL & SIMS' CIRCULAR.**

The last circular from Churchill & Sims, London, Eng., says. From the St. Lawrence the importation has been Pine deals, 1,526,000 pieces, against 2,071,000 pieces in 1896; spruce deals, 2,015,000 pieces, against 1,450,000 pieces in 1896. From New Brunswick the import of pine deals has been 32,000 pieces against 9,000 pieces in 1896; spruce deals, 484,000 pieces, against 183,000 pieces in 1896; birch planks, 208,000 pieces, against 152,000 pieces in 1896.

Pine deals have arrived sparingly, and the market is firm for parcels of reliable quality; some shipments have been sold at auction at prices which cannot be taken as an index of the value of prime parcels, the quality in some cases leaving much to be desired. Spruce deals have been freely imported during the month, but a good demand has been shown for Quebec shipments, and prices have not varied. The market for birch plank has been sadly depressed by the constant shipments, and

prices have given way, the demand being limited one. The enquiry for oak, ash and elm timber has again been small, while there has been sold at ridiculous prices—the market being far too heavy.

Prices have ruled as follows: St. Lawrence pine deals, etc., per P. S. 11., 1st, bright and dry, regular sizes, £20 10s. to £26 10s.; 2nd, bright and dry, oddments, £12 10s. to £17 10s.; 3rd, bright and dry, regular sizes, £10 to £11; 4th, bright and dry, oddments, £7 10s. to £9; 5th, bright and dry, regular sizes, £7 10s. to £8 10s.; 6th, bright and dry, oddments, £7 to £7 10s. St. Lawrence spruce deals, etc., 1st, regular sizes, £10s. to £12; 2nd, regular sizes, £8 10s. to £9; 3rd, regular sizes, £5 to £8 10s.; 4th, regular sizes, £7 to £8; oddments and battens at 20/10, 7/6, and 5 less respectively. New Brunswick spruce deals etc., £7 10s. to £8; oddments, battens, and fourth, £7 to £8.

**SHIPPING MATTERS.**

The bark Prince Patrick is loading cargo at Herring Cove, N. S., for the United Kingdom.

The iron ship Maren has been fixed to load dry lumber at St. John, N. B., for Essex Ayres.

The ship Calder, thirty-five days from Liverpool, arrived at Sydney on Thursday and received orders to proceed to Saginaw River to load a cargo of lumber for Rio Janeiro.

Canal boatmen endeavored to make a rate from Tonawanda to New York, but middle rate of \$1.90 was finally settled upon. The rate from the head of the lakes to Tonawanda is now \$1.75.

The Allan Line steamer Lucerne, owned by Greenock, has been fixed to load deals at St. John, N. B., for the Clyde at 55s. Norge of Manchester, has also been closed to load by W. C. England at 55s. Mantinea will leave Liverpool early next month, and has been fixed to load deals p. t.

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