

THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEMAND.

The confidence in the capacity of the South African Colonies to absorb wood goods remains unabated, and although, as far as we can learn, the orders for the present season are practically completed, it is believed, probably rightly, that the demands for the next year will be considerably in excess of those filled this season, says the Timber Trades Journal, of London, Eng. Not only are shippers abroad looking to that market to absorb the stocks which they will have to carry over the winter, but we hear that a leading London buyer has recently bought a thousand standards as a speculation for the Cape market. As the season advances it is now more apparent than ever that a much larger proportion than usual of this trade has gone past the London agents, and it is difficult to understand why Danish and German firms have been able to secure so much of this valuable business.

TIMBER PROPERTY FOR SALE.

An advertisement in the Wanted and For Sale Department of this issue announces that the Edmund Hall Estate, of Detroit, Mich., are prepared to receive offers for their timber property in Ontario, including timber limits in the District of Algoma, comprising the townships of Totten, Porter, Hymen, Vernon, and No. 91. These limits are estimated to contain from 155,000,000 to 165,000,000 feet of merchantable pine, besides other timber. The saw mill at Sarnia, buildings and lumbering outfit at Nairn Centre and the capital stock of Sarnia Bay Towing & Salvage Company will also be disposed of. Bids are to be received by December 1st next.

NEW BRUNSWICK STUMPAGE DUES.

The Lumbermen's Association of New Brunswick have presented to the Provincial Government a memorial drawn up after the declaration that the government proposed increasing the stumpage, which is now \$1 a thousand feet.

In the memorial they claim that if the stumpage is to be increased it should be collected only on merchantable logs. They recommend a uniform rate of stumpage as at present throughout the province, also that a reduced rate be allowed to operators cutting on burned districts; that in certain lands where the lumber is fit only for pulp wood they be allowed to cut for the pulp industry and that no additional stumpage be charged for this. They recommend the appointment of practical men as fire wardens to protect the forests. They also suggest that if

the government purposes raising the stumpage to \$1.25 per thousand that the present holders of crown land leases be granted extension of term for 25 years from the date on which the stumpage is increased. The government will consider the memorial.

FAILURE OF A GLASGOW FIRM.

On September 29th the suspension of McDowall & Neilson, timber merchants, 55 West Regent street, Glasgow, was announced. The total liabilities are roughly estimated at £100,000, of which a large proportion falls on the London, Liverpool and Canadian firms. The firm had been in existence for about twenty years. They had a fairly prosperous career and the failure is reported to have been brought about mainly by heavy speculation. The list of creditors includes W. & J. Sharples, Dobell, Beckett & Company, Robert Cox & Company, J. Bur-stall & Company, and the McArthur Bros. Company, of Quebec; Allison, Cousland & Company, and Price & Pearce, of Glasgow; A. Dobell & Company, Farnworth & Jardine, Crow, Rudoff & Company, and Frank Harrison & Company, of Liverpool.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

Spruce lumber at Boston shows little change. There is considerable difficulty in placing orders for dimension stuff. Most of the lumber from the Kennebec mills is still going to New York, where better prices are ruling. There is not likely to be much improvement in the supply, as few of the mills would be benefitted now by high water. Prices are steady: Ten and 12 in. dimensions, \$21; 9 in. and under, \$19; 12 in. random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$20.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$17 to \$17.50; all other randoms, 9 in. and under, 10 feet and up, \$18 to \$18.50; 5 in. and up, merchantable boards, \$17; matched boards, \$18.50 to \$20; out spruce boards, \$13 to \$14; bundle furring, \$17.

Hemlock lumber is steady and unchanged: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet stock, \$14.50 for good eastern; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$18.50 to \$19.50; No. 2, \$15 to \$16.50.

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Western pine lumber is quiet, but prices are firm and unchanged: Uppers, 1 to 2 in. \$84 to \$87; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$92 to \$97; 4-in. \$96 to \$100; select, 1-in. \$76; 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in. \$76 to \$78; 2-in. \$78; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$84; 4-in. \$86; fine common, 1-in. \$67; 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in. \$69; 2-in. \$72; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$80; 4-in. \$82; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$28 to \$32.

There is a firmer market for choice hard wood finish stock, especially quartered oak and whitewood. Prices are advanced: Quartered oak, \$85 to \$92; plain oak, \$42 to \$45; common and rejects, \$20 to \$25; red oak, plain, \$43; whitewood, \$34 to \$56; sap, \$43 to \$48; common, \$39 to \$45; brown ash, \$41 to \$44; white ash, \$43 to \$46; maple, \$33

to \$37; end dried white maple, \$46; birch, \$27 to \$30; birch, 75 per cent. red, \$45 to \$50; northern elm, \$29 to \$31; Michigan elm, \$34 to \$37.

Clapboards are quiet at unchanged quotations: Extra, \$45; clear, \$43; second clear, \$40; extra No. 1, \$30.

Shingles hold steady at recent quotation, though there is still a large supply of low grades: Extra cedar, \$3.35 to \$3.45; clear, \$2.90 to \$3; second clear, \$2.25 to \$2.35; extra No. 1, \$1.50 to \$1.75; British Columbia red cedar, 16-in. five butts to 2 in. \$3.40 to \$3.45; 18-in. five butts to 2 in. \$3.70 to \$3.90; five butts to 2 1/4 in. \$4.10 to \$4.20.

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