

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Thomas Boys, of Vankoughnet, has taken out 22,000 pieces of timber for Robert Thompson & Company.

The town of Welland, Ont., desires tenders by the 20th inst. for the annual supply of pine plank, oak plank and scantling.

The town of Brockville, Ont., wants tenders by 5 p.m. on the 16th inst. for the supply of 100,000 feet of white pine plank and cedar sills.

Tanner Bros., of Sturgeon Bay, Ont., are taking out a large stock of logs this winter. About 5,000,000 feet have already been cut.

J. D. McArthur, of Winnipeg, Man., has purchased from H. B. Mitchell, of Selkirk, a small limit and saw mill at Dog Island, Lake Winnipeg.

T. O. Bolger, city engineer of Kingston, Ont., desires tenders by the 23rd inst. for the supply of 2 and 1 1/2 inch plank, and 40,000 lineal feet of 5x4 inch cedar sleepers.

Tenders are invited by the city of Quebec up to 22nd inst. for the annual supply of deals and other lumber. Address, W. D. Baillange, assistant city inspector.

McArthur Bros., of Cheboygan, Mich., have finished logging on the Georgian Bay for the season. They have taken out 4,000,000 feet, which will likely be manufactured in Canada.

Thackray & Davidson, of Ottawa, report a very successful season at their Quyon limits, having gotten out several thousand logs more than last year. They have just finished operations in the woods.

During the month of February last, there were imported into London from the St. Lawrence 5,000 pieces of pine deals and 73,000 pieces of spruce deals, against 6,000 and 4,000 pieces respectively in 1898. The only import from New Brunswick was 4,000 pieces of birch planks.

It is reported that Buchanan Bros., of Severn Bridge, Ont., have secured a contract from The Brennan Manufacturing Co., of Hamilton, for cutting and manufacturing into lumber and shingles the timber on a limit in the neighborhood of Whitney, on the Parry Sound Railway.

The Department of Public Works at Ottawa are about to undertake the construction of 113 miles of telegraph line in British Columbia, and invite tenders up to Monday, March 20th, for the supply of the necessary poles. These are to be 25 feet long and not less than 5 inches diameter at the top; if of cedar, to be barked above 5 feet from the butt.

It is estimated that the cut of logs on the head waters of the Miramichi river, in New Brunswick, will be somewhat lighter than last winter. Timothy Lynch and Michael Welsh have each cut about 3,000,000 feet. William Richards, who lumbers lower down on the Miramichi, has cut about the same quantity as last year, and has his logs ready for stream driving. The winter has been a favorable one for lumbering, there being plenty of frost and just about enough snow.

It may interest Canadian lumber manufacturers to learn the price at which yellow pine is to be supplied to the United States government for shipment to Cuba. The bill was for 4,000,000 feet. About four-fifths of the entire amount is to be delivered at Havana, and the balance at other Cuban ports. Included in the bill are about 400,000 feet of flooring, 1,100,000 feet of boxing, and the balance piece stuff, 2x3, 3x5, 4x4, 4x5, 4x6, etc. The contract was secured by the Litcher & Moore Lumber Co., of Orange, Texas, the average price being \$14.80 delivered.

Concerning the Bay City, Mich., market, Mr. L. C. Slade says: "My trade in January and February was double in volume that of the corresponding months last year. There is an extraordinary demand, and the advance in prices is well maintained. Uppers and selects and No. 3 common and mill culls are well cleaned up, but in the intermediate grades there is a fair supply. Box is not to be

had on the river, and is held at \$11.50 and \$12. Mill culls are out of stock, except the small accumulations of the few mills in operation, and they are asking \$9.50 for them." Mr. C. S. Bliss, who is cutting hardwood and hemlock, states that there is a big call for special bills, and his hardwood stock is all contracted for in advance at a much better price than last year. Hemlock piece stuff, No. 1, is selling at \$9 and \$9.50, and No. 2 at \$7.50.

A slight error in the remarks of Messrs. D. L. White & Co., quoted in last issue, gave a rather ambiguous meaning to their review of the Albany market. The paragraph should have read as follows: "We are able to report a marked improvement in the outlook for 1899. The evidences are unmistakable of increased activity and better prices for all kinds of lumber. It has been in the common grades that the recovery has been more marked, with an advance of \$1 to \$2 per M. But return of prosperous times will result in an increase in the consumption of the better grades, and higher prices may be looked for. The foreign complications now existing, once totally brought to an end, and a complete recovery from late disastrous years having set in, and confidence restored, the next few years cannot fail to be as prosperous as ever known. The impetus in that direction already and increase in all branches of trade are borne out by the statistics published since the new year. Over-production of lumber alone will prevent a healthy and profitable business."

THE GLASGOW MARKET.

Of the Glasgow market Allison, Cousland & Company say:

WHITE PINE.—WANEY.—There has been a moderate demand, and several fair lines are reported. First class wood, 19 to 20 inches average, is quoted at 25 6d to 28 8d; 2nd class, 15d to 25 per cubic foot. SQUARE.—The demand has been very light, and little business has been transacted, and prices remain at lower figures.

RED PINE.—Little or no business has been done, and prices are unaltered at 14 1/2d to 15 1/2d for 35 feet average.

ELM.—Sellers are very firm in their price, but there has not been so large demand as would be expected. Quotations, 1st class, 45 to 50 feet average, 25 3d to 25 4d; 2nd class 22d to 25 per cubic foot.

OAK.—There has been some inquiry, but little business has been reported. Prime wood is quoted at 25 6d to 35 2d; second class, 23d to 25 3d per cubic foot.

ASH.—The demand keeps good and prices are stiffer. Quotations, 22d to 25 for 15 to 16-inch average.

BIRCH.—The stock is light, and prices are very firm at about 20d to 22d for 16-inch average.

DEALS, BATTENS AND BOARDS.—A fair amount of business has been transacted during the month, and any advances have been maintained.

PINE.—Firsts.—Broad and long undersized are firm in price, but short undersized are heavy in stock and difficult to place. Quotations, broad, £24 15 3d to £24 15s; undersized £17 3s 9d to £19 5s per St. Pet. std. Seconds.—There has been little demand, and that principally for narrow deals. Quotations, broad, £16 10s to £19 5s; undersized, £13 8s 1d to £13 15s per St. Pet. std. Thirds.—Regulars are firm in price, but undersized, the stock of which is very heavy, are low and weaker in price. Quotations, regulars, £9 12s 6d to £10 13s 1d; undersized, £7 4s 3d to £8 5s per St. Pet. std. Fourths.—Although the prices have improved, the demand has been very dull. Regulars are quoted at £6 17s 6d to £7 4s 3d; undersized, £9 3s 9d to £6 10s 7d per St. Pet. std.

SPRUCE.—A good business has been done at former prices. Quotations, £6 3s 9d to £7 11s 3d for thirds, and £5 10s to £6 10s 7d for fourths.

BUSINESS NOTES.

Taylor & Bateman, lumber dealers, Waldron, N. Y., are reported to have assigned, with liabilities of \$40,000.

An application has been made for a receiver to be appointed to wind up the business of H. B. Mitchell, lumber dealer, Selkirk, Man.

Albert Hirsch, formerly a wholesale lumber dealer of New York city, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$102,485 and practically no assets.

TRADE CONDITIONS IN LIVERPOOL.

From timber circulars to hand the following particulars of the Liverpool market are obtained:

WHITE PINE TIMBER.—There has been a good demand during the month for waney board pine, the deliveries amounting to 28,000 feet, but square wood is dull of sale. Stocks are now light, and prospects fair for next season's imports.

RED PINE.—The deliveries have been of a retail character, and stocks are sufficient for probable requirements.

OAK LOGS.—The consumption during February amounted to only 6,000 feet. Stocks are ample and 2nd quality wood is very difficult to sell. For prime wood values are steady.

ELM.—No change to report. Values are steady and stock slight.

BIRCH.—Logs are in good demand, stocks are now low and prices firm. The import of planks has been heavy, but the consumption has been good. Stocks, however, are excessive, and values show no improvement.

PINE DEALS, SIDINGS, ETC.—Deliveries have been fairly good, but stocks remain excessive, and there is no improvement in values to report.

N. B. AND N. S. SPRUCE DEALS.—The deliveries during February have been satisfactory, and stocks are now comparatively light, especially in long lengths and wide deals. The import was 2,064 standards, in parcels, by steamer, and sales of these have been made at about £6 5s for St. John's. For next season's imports sellers are demanding higher prices.

QUEBEC SPRUCE DEALS.—Stocks are light and prices firm.

The following table shows the consumption and stock on February 28th for two years:

Table with columns for Consumption (1898, 1899) and Stock (1898, 1899) for various timber types like Quebec square pine, Waney board pine, etc.

Wholesale prices current on March 1st were as follows:

Table of prices for various timber types including Quebec white pine, Waney board, Elm, Birch, Spruce, etc., with prices per cubic foot.

CORRECTION.

A typographical error in our issue of March 5th made it appear that the lumber shipments of the Charlemagne & Lac Outreau Lumber Company from Montreal last year were 1,494,000 feet, whereas their total exports were nearly 13,000,000 feet, a good showing for an individual manufacturing company.

N. N. Bentley's saw mill at Lower Five Islands, Colchester county, N. S., was destroyed by fire on March 2nd. The loss is estimated at \$2,000.

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SHIPPING MATTERS.

There is a good enquiry for tonnage from the St. Lawrence ports to the United Kingdom, but as yet few fixtures have taken place. Large engagements have been made by the regular liners from Montreal and Quebec, as follows: Montreal to London, upwards of 50,000, May, June and July, at 40s; Liverpool, 37s 6d to 40s; Quebec to Liverpool, 38s 9d to 41s 3d; Glasgow, 40s; Belfast, Cardiff and Avonmouth, 40s to 42s 6d.

The following fixtures are reported: Quebec to Carthage, 800 standards f.o.w., 53s 9d; Dalhousie, N.B., to Barcelona, 800 standards, 52s 6d; to Cork, 750 standards, 45s; to Bristol Channel, 1200 standards, 45s 9d. Quebec to Greenock, timber, 65s; to Liverpool, large contract for timber at 65s to 67s 6d, f.o.w. and summer shipments. 1200 standards, Montreal or Quebec to east coast. Great Britain, 43s 9d f.o.w. A boat, 600 standards, Shediac, N.B., to United Kingdom, 47s 6d, if Preston, 50s.

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