

and as a result dealers are turning their attention to Canada in the hope of augmenting their stock from this quarter. Low grade stock continues to show the greatest degree of strength, and it is almost impossible to name a market price for box stuff. A correspondent in Michigan explains the situation in these words: "High prices for logs, high freights, and good old Republican times make our business the best we have had for the past seven years." Prices at Michigan producing points have now reached almost the highest mark ever known, as will be observed by reference to our quotations on page 4. Even \$15 is being paid for box lumber, which is an advance of \$5 per thousand since last spring.

The hardwood market has not changed, there being no visible falling off in the demand. White and brown ash is quoted at Boston at \$42 to \$45, quartered white oak at \$70 to \$72, and thick oak at \$72.50 to \$76. Elm and maple meet with ready sale at advanced quotations.

FOREIGN.

The difficulty in securing tonnage is strengthening the British timber market. Prices of lumber generally are improving, although Canadian pine does not seem to participate in the improvement to the extent it should. The Timber Trades Journal believes that this is due to inferior shipments, coupled with the inordinate quantities of oddments in pine specifications, which has disorganized values.

From what can be learned, however, pine deals are likely to advance considerably in the near future. At London Quebec pine deals of first quality are selling at £20 to £24 per standard, second quality at £15 10s to £16 10s, and third quality at £9 to £9 10s. There continues to be a steady improvement in spruce deals and planks. The railway contractors have now entered the market and are purchasing large quantities of first, second and third quality. Sales are reported at £10 for 2 inch first quality deals, £8 10s for second quality, and £7 15s for third quality. These prices are for the Quebec production, New Brunswick deals being quoted at slightly lower figures.

There is a good demand for square and waney pine timber of first-class quality, but the stock of second quality is sufficient to meet immediate requirements. Elm and birch timber are strong, the former selling at 25 4d to 25 6d for first class of 40 to 45 feet average. Ash timber is firm and the stock light. Red pine deals are low in stock and wanted.

THE SHINGLE AND LATH MARKET.

There is a scarcity of shingles and lath throughout the Eastern States. Buffalo dealers have recently issued a new price list, making a 30 cent advance upon the former price, quotations now being as follows:

WHITE PINE.—18 inch XXXX, \$4; 18 inch clear butts, \$3.75; 18 inch sound butts, \$1.80; 16 inch XXXX, \$3.55; 16 inch extra A's, \$2.75; 16 inch A's, \$2.70; 16 inch XX, \$2.65; 16 inch 6 inch sappy clear butts, \$2.30; 16 inch sound butts, \$1.80; 16 inch culls, \$1.55.

CEDAR.—18 inch XXXX, \$3.70; 18 inch clear butts, \$2.85; 16 inch XXX, \$3.10; 16 inch extra A's, \$2.70; 16 inch A's, \$2.45; 16 inch clear butts, \$2.20; 16 inch culls, \$1.55.

At Saginaw there has been a remarkable advance in lath, No. 1 white pine being now held at \$3.50 and No. 2 at \$3, against \$2 and \$1.50 as the prevailing price six months ago. At Buffalo lath is now quoted at \$3.25 for No. 1 white pine, both 1 and 1 1/2 inch. Cedar shingles are not as much inquired for as one month ago, the price at Boston being \$3.10 for extra quality.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The vessel Johnson sailed last week from Little Current, Ont., for Chicago, with 600,000 feet of lumber.

The barque Reform sailed last week from Yarmouth, N.S., for Buenos Ayres, with about 700,000 feet of lumber.

The barque Walter G. sailed last week from St. John, N.B., for Buenos Ayres, with a cargo of lumber, shipped by A. Cushing & Co.

The Turner Lumber Co. are engaging a large number of men to go to the lumber woods. Their limits are in the Parry Sound district.

David Sword, of Christie, has been given a contract by the Parry Sound Lumber Co. to get out 3,000,000 feet of logs during the coming winter.

R. Connolly, of Eau Claire, Nipissing district, has put in a logging camp on the Little Sturgeon river. He expects to make a larger cut than last year.

The schooner C. J. Woods is now loading props at Ganges Harbor, B.C., for Santa Rosalia, on account of a Mexican firm. The schooner is capable of carrying 900,000 superficial feet of lumber.

The Gilmour Co., of Trenton, Ont., are taking a considerable quantity of timber from their limits in Harvey and Galwey townships. It is reported that the company will cut the logs at Pigeon lake, but the report is not confirmed.

In the Saginaw valley common log run pine is held at \$16 to \$18, and good log run at \$20 to \$24. Norway piece stuff is scarce and sells at \$12 to \$14 for short lengths and up to \$18 for long stuff. Mill culls are quoted at \$12.

J. Dewar & Son, of St. George, N.B., are reported to have purchased 25,000 acres of timber lands, with a wharf privilege, from Daniel Gilmore. The limits have not been cut over for many years, and are said to contain some excellent timber. Messrs. Dewar expect to cut about 5,000,000 feet-of-logs on the property this winter.

Hardwood, of Chicago, reports that the Litcher & Moore Lumber Co., of Orange, Texas, is about to close a contract with the British government for 500,000,000 feet of yellow pine lumber. The contract calls for the delivery of the lumber at gulf ports, and the impression is that part of it is intended for South Africa and part for the British West Indies. Should the report prove correct, it will take all the mills of Texas a year to cut the lumber for this contract.

Following is a comparative statement of timber, &c., measured and culled at Quebec to September 12th, 1899:

	1897.	1898.	1899.
Waney white pine, cu. feet	3,662,359	789,025	1,747,098
Square white pine, cu. feet	781,511	1,056,356	581,246
Red pine, cu. feet	143,205	217,210	150,708
Oak, cu. feet	1,280,400	948,007	522,178
Elm, cu. feet	661,734	471,939	451,812
Ash, cu. feet	229,021	34,604	16,546
Basswood, cu. feet	5		
Butternut, cu. feet	673	955	60
Tamarac, cu. feet	348		45
Birch and Maple, cu. feet	271,174	106,592	244,830

WESTERN CANADA EDITION.

The publishers of the CANADA LUMBERMAN are completing arrangements for the publication, about the 1st of October next, of a special number, to be known as the Western Canada Edition, and to be devoted particularly to the lumber interests of Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, and to the export lumber trade of this part of Canada. It is the purpose to place a copy of this number in the hands of every saw mill owner, retail dealer and wood-worker in Western Canada, and also to distribute a large number of copies amongst the timber importers and others interested in Great Britain, South America, China, Japan, South Africa and Australia, to which countries British Columbia timber products are exported. By this means it is sought to better acquaint foreign consumers with the timber resources of our western provinces, and with the possibilities of obtaining supplies in Canada. There are many manufacturers in the Dominion who are interested in supplying the lumber requirement of the countries named. To these the opportunity is given of being represented in this number. Information regarding prices for

advertisements will be gladly furnished upon application.

SALE OF TIMBER LIMITS.

OVER \$130,000 REALIZED FOR FOUR PARCELS.

As announced in the CANADA LUMBERMAN, the sale of timber limits belonging to the late firm of Hale & Booth took place at the Russell House, Ottawa, on Wednesday, September 6th. Mr. Peter Ryan, of Toronto, officiated as auctioneer. There was a large attendance of lumbermen, including Thos. Pitts, Bay City, Mich.; John Charlton, M. P., Lyndoch; A. E. Dymont, M. P., Thessalon; J. B. Klock, M. P., Klock's Mills; James Playfair and D. L. White, Midland; E. Sparrow, Houghton, Mich.; C. McCool, Thos. Mackie and Alex. Barnett, Renfrew; C. McLachlin, Arnprior; M. Quinn and Hon Peter White, Pembroke, and many other Ottawa Valley lumbermen.

The bidding for the limits was quite keen, the result being that for 137 1/2 square miles there were realized over \$430,000.

Parcel No. 1 proved the greatest attraction. It comprised berth No. 52 on the north shore of Lake Huron, an area of 36 square miles. The buyer was Mr. Thos. Pitts, of Bay City, Mich., at the price of \$315,000.

Parcel No. 2, being berths 2, 3 and 4 in the township of Butt, contiguous to the line of the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound railway, containing 13 1/2, 12 and 11 1/2 miles respectively, was sold to Mr. John R. Booth for \$75,000.

Parcel No. 3, berths 136 and 137 on the Serpent river, area 36 miles each, was sold to Mr. John Charlton, M. P., for \$30,000. Considerable timber has been cut on these limits, but there is still a considerable quantity standing.

Parcel 4, berth No. 1, township of Hanmer, Vermillion river, area 7 1/2 miles, was sold by private sale previously to Booth & Shannon, of Pembroke.

Parcel 5 was a 28 mile limit in the township of Sprague, which was sold to R. Brewder, of Ottawa, for \$10,300.

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SHIPPING MATTERS.

Following charters are reported: Str. Ben-tala, 1,793 tons, Richibucto, N.B., to Liverpool, deals, 55s, September loading; bark Antilla, Bridgewater, N.S., to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$10.50, if Rosario, \$11.50; str. Rose-nath, Miramichi, N.B., to w.c. England, deals, 60s; bark W. W. McLaughan, Annapolis, N.S., to South American port, private terms.

Mr. Arthur White, divisional freight agent of the C.P.R., has sent out the following official circular announcing an advance in lumber freight rates: "I beg to advise you that, commencing on November 15th, an advance will be made in lumber, forest products and cordwood local tariffs of one-half cent per 100 lbs. I thought it better to give you this early information, although, after the consultation I had with the lumbermen generally last spring, it will, no doubt, be borne in mind that after we compromised on the advance of one-half cent. per 100 lbs., I very clearly led everyone to feel that an increase of one cent per 100 lbs. should have been made in May, but acting under the advice of the gentlemen who composed the lumbermen's committee, we only advanced the rates one-half cent in order not to hamper the then expanding trade, until it had become clearly established that the improvement in the lumber business was likely to be of a permanent nature for some time to come, and this is certainly now the case. We shall drop the hardwood column from our tariff G.N. 14 altogether."

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