

Kat Portage Lumber Co. J. T. Horne is superintending operations.

It is reported that Dickie & McGrath, of Tusket, N.S., have been given a contract to supply 5,000,000 feet of lumber for shipment to Bord. aux, France.

The W. H. Sawyer Lumber Co., of Buffalo, recently purchased 8,000,000 feet of white pine lumber to be manufactured this season by the Rittenhouse & Embree Co., of Ashland, Wis.

A. McCall, of Simcoe, Ont., has given a contract to Hubbard & Vincent, of Duluth 'o saw 5,000,000 feet of logs this spring. Kimball & Barber will also saw 12,000,000 feet for Mr. McCall.

The road committee of the Montreal city council has accepted the following tenders for supply of lumber: White pine, T. Prefontaine & Co.; tamarac floats, J. & B. Grier and Shearer, Brown & Co.; spruce, J. T. Marchand; yellow pine, E. H. Lamay; tamarac planks, J. T. Marchand.

The Gash Point Lumber Co. are erecting a mill at Gash Point, on Rainy lake, and expect to saw from three to four million feet of timber for the Ontario & Rainy River Railway. The company will get out something over 1,000,000 feet on Rainy lake, while T. Fraser has a gang of 40 men at work on Little Canoe river, getting out 2,000,000 feet of logs, to be sawn at Gash Point.

The Canso & Louisburg Railway Co., of Port Hawkesbury, C.B., invites proposals for furnishing all or part of 200,000 sleepers and 3,300 telegraph poles, to be delivered before July 1st next, in cargo lots, at shipping ports along the south coast of Cape Breton. The sleepers are to be 8 feet long, 7 inches thick, flatted, 6 to 8 inches minimum face, and of cedar, hemlock, hackmatac and yellow birch; the telegraph poles to be 25 feet long, 5 inches minimum diameter at top, of sound cedar.

WRIGHT, GRAHAM & CO.'S MARKET REPORT FOR JANUARY.

The Glasgow market is in rather a stagnant condition at present, the merchants buying only sufficient to cover immediate requirements. The shipbuilding trade continues to prosper. Quite a number of large contracts have been placed this month, and the work on hand approximately amounts to 464,000 tons. The new tonnage launched during January amounts to 32,950 tons, as compared with 42,000 in January of last year. The housebuilding and cabinetmaking trades are very quiet.

WANEY BOARDWOOD—The demand is steady and prices are firm. Prime large average is quoted at 2s. 9d. per cubic foot; smaller average and second class wood at from 1s. 10d. to 2s. 6d. per cubic foot.

SQUARE PINE has gone well into consumption. Price, for long prime wood, 2s. 5d. to 2s. 7d.; smaller average and poorer quality at 1s. 6d. to 2s. 1d. per cubic foot.

RED PINE.—Enquiry is fairly good. Prices quoted from 1s. 10d. to 2s. for first-class wood; small average and second quality at from 1s. 6d. to 1s. 8d. per cubic foot.

OAK LOGS.—For first-class wood of large average the demand continues. Price—2s. 10d. to 3s. 3d. per cubic foot; smaller average and second quality at 2s. to 2s. 3d. per cubic foot.

ELM LOGS.—The good demand continues, and prices are firm. First-class wood of large average is quoted at 2s. 9d. to 3s.; smaller average and second-class wood at 2s. to 2s. 6d. per cubic foot.

ASH LOGS.—There is a good demand. Stock in first hands is practically nil. Price—1s. 5d. to 2s. 1d. per cubic foot.

BIRCH LOGS.—The stock is small, and a good demand exists for prime wood. Price quoted for 14 to 17 inch average is from 1s. 7d. to 2s. per cubic foot.

ROCK MAPLE LOGS.—There is enquiry for prime fresh timber for early spring shipments.

QUEBEC WHITE PINE DEALS.—On account of high prices now being asked, only a very limited amount of business has been done this month. 1st quality, broad, £12 2s. 6d. to £28 3s. 9d. per standard; 11 in., £23 7s. 6d. to £24 15s.; 7 in. to 10 in. and ends, £17, 17s. 6d. to £21 6s. 3d. 2nd quality, broad, £15 10s. 1d. to £15 9s. 4, 11 in., £16 10s. to £18 4s. 4d., 7 in. to 10 in., £13 8s. 1d. to £15 9s. 4d. 3rd quality, broad, £11 13s. 9d. to £13 1s. 3d.; 11 in., £10 13s. 1d. to £11 6s. 10d.; narrows, £7 15s. 1d. to £8 11s. 10d. 6th quality, broad, £8 18s. 9d. to £9 12s. 6d.;

11 in., £7 18s. 1d. to £8 11s. 5d.; Narrows, £6 17s. 6d. to £7 11s. 7d.

RED PINE DEALS are still in strong demand. The stock on hand is principally held by consumers. Prices quoted are about—9 and 11 in. by 3 in., £12 7s 6d to £13 8s 1d per Standard; narrows, £10 6s 3d to £11 7s.

QUEBEC WHITE PINE DEALS.—The consumption has been good, and advanced prices are being asked for new shipments. First quality—2 in. thick, averaging 12 in. to 14 in. wide, at £18 18s 1d to £20 12s 6d per standard; 1 1-2 in. thick, averaging 12 in. to 14 in. wide, £18, 11s 3d to £20 5s 7d; 1 1-4 in thick, averaging 11 to 13 in. wide, £17 7s 6d to £18 18s 1d; 1 in. thick, averaging 10 in. to 12 in. wide, £16 10s 0d to £17 17s 6d; 1 1-2 and 2 in. strips, averaging 4 in. to 7 in. wide, £15 16s 3d to £16 16s 10d; second quality, 2 in. thick, averaging 12 in. wide, £14 8s 9d to £15 9s 4; 1 1-4 and 1 1-2 in., averaging 12 to 14 in. wide, £13 8s 1d to £14 15s 7d; 1 in. thick, averaging 10 to 12 in. wide, £12 7s 6d to £13 1s 3d; Third quality 2 in. thick, averaging 11 to 14 in. wide, £9 12s 6d to £11 6s 10d; 1, 1 1-4 and 1 1-2 in. thick, averaging 10 to 14 in. wide, £8 5s 0d, £10 7s 3.

SPRUCE DEALS.—A good consumption is still going on, and prices are very firm. Prices quoted—£7 5s to £8 5s for third quality; £6 17s 6d to £7 11s 3d for fourth quality, per St. Pt. Std.

N. B. PINE DEALS.—Higher prices are demanded. There is a fair demand.

N. B. SPRUCE DEALS (2nd quality average)—The demand continues, and long lengths, 9 and 11 by 3, are still in strong request. Prices quoted—£6 17s 6d to £9 5s 7d per St. Pt. Std.

N. B. BIRCH LOGS.—There is a satisfactory demand, and prices keep firm. Prices quoted—1s 6d to 1s 10d per cubic foot, according to average girth.

N. B. BIRCH PLANKS.—There is a good demand and consignments will find ready sale. Price quoted—£7 4s 4d to £18 15s 9d per Std.

WHITE OAK STAVES.—Canada Butts—5 1-2 ft. by 3 in. thick, at £115 to £125 per mille; 5 1-2 ft. by 2 1-2 inches thick, £90 to £95 per mille; 5 1-2 ft. by 2 in. thick, £67 to £72 per mille.

FIRM PRICES AT BOSTON.

[Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

At a meeting of the spruce manufacturers held in Boston on February 11th, it was voted to maintain the combination prices made in the fall on all sizes of spruce, and to raise the price on laths, 1 3/8 inch to \$3.15, and 1 1/2 inch to \$3.00. Reports from all the spruce-producing sections indicate that the cut of logs will not be as large as was anticipated, owing to the poor conditions for logging and lack of snow. Until within a short time there has been but very little snow in the northern section of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, and these conditions must necessarily make a short season and smaller stock of logs.

The trade from the retail yards in this section is very light. They are only buying what stock they need for an assortment, and the most of them are carrying very small stocks. The outlook for building is not very encouraging, as there is but very little new work in sight, which will result in a light trade for the next two months.

What few mills that are sawing this winter are disposing of their output at good prices, and the feeling is general that with the opening of spring the trade will start up on a good basis of prices and a good demand. Prices rule about as follows:

Table with columns for HEMLOCK, PINE, and Uppers, listing various lumber types and their prices.

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Table listing spruce products like Frames, 9 inch and under, and their prices.

HARDWOODS.

Table listing hardwood products like Whitewood, one inch, and their prices.

CLAPBOARDS.

Clapboards are in quiet request, with the market steady:

Table listing clapboard products like Spruce, extra, and their prices.

SHINGLES.

Shingles are firm, with eastern manufacturers asking higher prices:

Table listing shingle products like Extra cedar, best brands, and their prices.

LATH.—Laths are steady: 1 3/8 inch, \$3.15; 1 1/2 inch, \$3.

BOSTON, Feb. 17th, 1900.

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