GREAT BRITAIN.

Business with British importers is not progressing as satisfactorily as might be wished for. A fair volume of trade is reported in spruce, but as far as can be learned, there is much hesitancy on the part of buyers to close contracts for pine. The buying for early shipment has been light, importers apparently being disinclined to pay the prices asked by shippers. Some contracts, however, have been closed at £12 15s to £13 per standard for third quality, and £10 10s for fourth quality c.i.f. London and Liverpool. At Glasgow the bulk of business is in spruce, although some transactions have taken place in third pine deals. The small amount of buying for early shipment is reflected in easier freight rates, and it is a question if importers would not find it to their advantage to close contracts immediately for their timber supply and thus place themselves in a position to effect charters at current rates. The experience of late years shows that summer and early fall freight rates are usually higher than those of the spring freights, and the present situation in the timber trade seems to favor such a condition this year, as there will doubtless be shown greater eagerness to buy is the season advances.

STOCIES AND PRICES.

No. 1 cedar lath is being sold in Tonawanda at \$3.25 and No. 2 at \$2.75.

The city of London, Ont., is inviting tenders up to 18th inst. for annual supply of lumber.

The Cowichan Lumber Company, of Duncan, B. C., expect to cut 10,000,000 feet of lumber this season.

The Murray limits and saw mill in the vicinity of North Bay, Ontario, are announced to have been sold to George Gordon & Company, of Pembroke, Ont

B. & R. Mitton are lumbering near Hopewell Hill, N. B. They have already 700,000 feet of deals hauled to the saw mill creek, and expect to make a cut of 2,000,000.

The New Brunswick Government will sell by auction on March 20th, at the Crown Lands office, Fredericton, timber berths on Little and Big Tracadie rivers, comprising 91/2 and 41/2 square miles.

Quotations on slack cooperage stock are lower at Buffalo, owing to the prospect of an increased output. There is no surplus, however, of dry stock. Dry elm flour barrel staves are sold by jobbers at \$\$ to \$8.25 for No. 1; basswood heading at 6 and 6 2 cents; coiled hoops at \$8 and \$8.50 for 6 foot.

ST. JOHN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

Following were the lumber shipments from the port of St. John, N. B., for the week ending March 9th: Per Manchester City, for Manchester—806,091 feet deals, 70,115 feet deals, 37,047 feet scantling,

14,883 feet boards, 26,448 feet ends, 685 bundles maple flooring. Per Lusitania, for Liverpool—150 standards of deals. Per Selacia, for Glasgow—25,330 feet deals, 1,058 feet ends, 1,680 bundles shooks, 454,-047 feet deals, 187 pieces birch timber, 154,089 deals. Per William Elkins, for City Island—25,120 feet deals, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Per William Jones, for City Island—324,887 feet deals, by Chas. Miller. Per Tay, for City Island—41,307 feet boards, 65,411 feet deals, 4,120 feet scantling, by A. Cushing & Co. Per Lake Ontario, for Liverpool—104,051 feet deals, 614 feet ends, 200 tons birch, 1,081 bundles shooks. Per Oruro, for Bermuda—14,000 onion crate shooks. onion crate shooks.

SALE OF TIMBER LIMITS.

Nineteen timber berths, aggregating 135 square miles, were sold at the Crown Lands office, Fredericton, N.B., on March 6th. All the berths, excepting one of two miles on North-west Nackawick, are situated on the Nipisiguit river, Gloucester county. There was a large attendance of lumbermen of the north shore, and good prices were realized, the proceeds of the sale being \$12,480.50. Summer & Co. bought the first six at \$129, 115, \$133, \$112, \$116 and \$100 per mile, the largest amount paid by them or any other purchaser for a single berth being \$1,096.50 for eight and a half miles, and their total purchases aggregating \$5,191.50. Wm. Engel, of Bangor, got seven berths, i seven and a half mile and 6 nine mile berths, at \$73, \$77, \$82, \$86, \$86, \$90 and \$86 respectively, the highest price paid by him for a single berth being \$810, and his total purchases aggregating \$5,110.50. The six and a half mile block was knocked down to the Maritime Sulphite Fibre Co. at \$100 per mile. John Robertson took the five and a half mile berth at \$85 per mile; J. D. Buckley, of Rogersville, a six mile block at \$108 per mile, and T. W. Winslow another six mile berth at \$64 per mile. The Nackawich lot went to Charles Palmer at the upset price, \$8 per mile.

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