

with a year ago, and that the high prices which prevailed last spring were warranted by existing conditions, one of which is that there is no certainty of a steady log supply for the balance of the season. Notwithstanding the action at this meeting, the market, in the Eastern States at least, seems slightly weaker. At Buffalo prices are not as uniform as they were some time ago, although we have not considered it advisable to make any changes in our quotations this week. Our Albany list, however, shows a decline of about one dollar per thousand feet in moulding and shelving boards, shippers, box and barn boards, and twelve inch dressing and better. Pine and spruce lath have also been marked down to \$2. Whether there will be any further decline is a matter of conjecture, but there seems to be reason to believe that the fall trade will shortly present itself. At present a better enquiry is reported, and statements are frequent that retail stocks are very low. There is also a prospect of increased building in the east.

New York reports a better demand for spruce, but prices are still weak and buyers are not disposed to question values as they did previous to the decline. A moderate volume of business is doing in hardwoods. Prices are steady, although in some cases mill men are said to be making concessions in order to move stocks which have been slow sale. Maple is strong in comparison with other woods. Elm, ash and basswood are not selling in large quantities, consumers apparently pursuing a hand to mouth policy.

A slight improvement is reported in the hemlock trade, as prices are fully \$2 per thousand lower than they were a few months ago. In New York city the base price is about \$16 and at Buffalo \$14. Hemlock shingles are offering in Buffalo at \$2.25.

GREAT BRITAIN.

There has been little change in the position of the British wood market, and nothing calling for special mention. Perhaps the most interest pertains to freights, which are exceptionally high, and promises to limit the import of wood goods and keep the market firm. The scarcity of steamers is almost alarming, and some are even predicting that it will bring about much higher prices. But there is still dullness in certain channels of consumption, so that the inability to charter vessels is not felt as keenly as it otherwise would be. The receipts of spruce from the St. Lawrence have nearly all passed into the hands of consumers, and it is almost impossible to buy spruce in the docks. At Liverpool some birch timber was recently sold at prices ranging from 17½d to 30d, the average price being 20½d for 15 inch. Waney pine is reported to be dull.

ENQUIRIES FOR WOOD PRODUCTS.

The following were among the enquiries relating to Canadian trade recently received at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada in London, Eng.:

86. Enquiry has again been made for exporters of wood-flour by parties able to take large quantities of the commodity.

Canadian manufacturers may open up correspondence with any of the firms making the above enquiries by addressing a letter to the publishers of the CANADA LUMBERMAN. When writing refer to the number of the enquiry.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Geo. Gordon & Co., of Pembroke, have started up the Davidson & Hay saw mill at Cache Bay, Ont.

Red cedar shingles of extra quality are quoted in the Minneapolis market at from \$2 to \$2.05, with clears holding at \$2.35.

The schooner New Dominion left Midland July 5th for Saginaw, Mich., with a cargo of lumber, but up to a few days ago had not been heard of.

The Department of Marine and Fisheries of Nova Scotia is asking for tenders for the supply of hemlock timber required for construction of breakwater at Parrsboro, N. S.

Samuel Bingham, of Ottawa, returned last week from a trip up the Gatineau river. He reports that this year's drive of logs will be greater by one-third than that of last year, when it was 750,000 pieces.

Men are being sent from the Ottawa valley to work in the lumber woods next winter. A gang left last week for Gilles' limits on the upper Ottawa, and another gang is being gotten together for Fraser's limits on the Coulonge.

A report from Kingston, dated July 21, states that two large rafts of timber belonging to the Calvin Company, of Kingston, were stranded on the rocks at the Cedars. It had been decided to cut loose the tow and let the timber float down the rapids.

The steamship Sheppey Allison is loading timber at Sillery Cove, Quebec, for England, on account of W. & J. Sharples. The str. Florida is loading timber and deals at Louse Basin for Dobell, Beckett & Company. Str. Nera is loading at Sillery Cove.

The following steamers left the port of Quebec last week: Psyche, for London, with lumber; Oarham, for w. c. England, with cargo of timber, shipped by Dobell, Beckett & Co.; Huelva, with lumber; barque Orion, with lumber; Rydal Holme, for London, with deals; Nitocris, from Indian Cove, for Liverpool, with deals and timber.

The ship Treasurer cleared from Parrsboro, N. S., on July 11th for Sharpness, with 1,118,962 feet deals and 185,428 feet ends, shipped by M. L. Tucker for W. M. Mackay. Str. Mastry Carr cleared on 12th inst. for Manchester with 2,097,667 feet deals and 203,690 feet ends, shipped by M. L. Tucker for W. M. Mackay. Sch. Laconia cleared for Connah's Quay on the 13th with 515,224 feet deals and 49,788 feet ends and scantling, shipped by Capt. Norby for Geo. McKean.

The Hanbury Manufacturing Company, of Brandon, Man., succeeded in getting down their logs early in the season, the cut amounting to 8,000,000 feet. The company have been running their mill day and night this season, turning out large quantities of spruce of fine quality, tamarac, etc. They are now starting a gang of men to improve the Shell river and prepare generally for next season's work, when they expect to take out between nine and ten million feet of logs.

Following is a comparative statement of timber measured and culled at Quebec up to 24th July, as reported by the Supervisor of Cullers:

	1898.	1899.	1900.
Waney White Pine....	1,100,134	1,168,534	747,764
White Pine .....	750,720	276,935	317,073
Red Pine .....	132,319	88,351	20,937
Oak .....	589,401	429,559	317,217
Elm .....	345,487	475,824	430,017
Ash .....	25,826	54,146	70,741
Basswood.....			341
Butternut.....	795	60	92
Tamarac .....		415	71
Birch and Maple.....	106,480	231,575	333,231

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The following charters are reported: Battle liner Paltea, Miramichi, N. B., to w. c. England, deals, 60s; bark Birnawood, St. John, N. B., to w. c. England, deals; str. Madura, Saguenay, Que., to Bowling, deals, 65s; bark Inderlyon, St. John, N. B., to Melbourne, Australia, lumber, 75s; bark Montreal, Tusket, N. S., to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$10.50; str. Natanna, from Bangor to Greenock, with a cargo of spool wood, will take a deck load of deals at 45s; bark Alec Black, Jordan River, N. S., to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$11, or Rosario, \$12.

TIMBER SALE IN LONDON.

At an auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., on July 11th, Canadian wood goods realized the following prices:

SPRUCE.—Ex. Cheronea, from Cape Hopewell, N. B.—10-18 ft. 3 x 15 in. unassorted, £8 15s; 9-19 ft. 3 x 14 in., £9; 9-18 ft. 3 x 13, £9 5s; 9-19 ft. 3 x 12, £9 10s; 9-16 ft. 3 x 12, £9 10s; 15-22 ft. 3 x 8, £8 15s; 12-14 ft. 3 x 8, £8 15s and £9; 9-11 ft. 3 x 8, £8 15s; 15-20 ft. 3 x 6, £7 15s; 15-17 ft. 3 x 6, £8; 12-14 ft. 3 x 6, £7 15s and £8; 9-11 ft. 3 x 6, £7 10s and £7 15s; 15-21 ft. 3 x 5, £7 5s; 12-14 ft. 3 x 5, £7 5s and £7 10s; 9-11 ft. 3 x 5, £7; 3-11 ft. 3 x 7, £7; 9-20 ft. 3 x 4, £7 10s; 3-19 ft. 2½ x 6, £8; 10-20 ft. 2 x 7, £8 15s; 10-20 ft. 2 x 6, £8 5s; 9-19 ft. 2 x 5, £7 10s. Ex. Akada, from Montreal—9-14 ft. 3 x 7-11 in. third quality, £8 10s; 9-14 ft. 3 x 6-9 in., £7 15s. Ex. Yola, from Quebec—9 ft. 3 x 9 in. third quality, £9 10s. Ex. Cairo, from Melis, Quebec—9-16 ft. 3 x 9-11 in., £7 10s; 6-23 ft. 3 x 5-8 in., £7.

PINE.—Ex Tantallon, from Quebec—10-11 ft. 3 x 5 in., second quality, £11. Ex Glenmoor, from Quebec—9-11 ft. 3 x 12-20 in., third quality, £10 10s; 12-16 ft. 3 x 11 in., fourth quality, £9 10s; 6-16 ft. 3 x 6-17 in., unassorted, £9 10s.

ASH BOARDS.—Ex Lindisfarne, from Quebec—4-10 ft. 1 x 7 in., £4 5s.

THE LUMBER TRADE AT CHICAGO.

The position of the lumber market at Chicago is thus set forth by the American Lumberman:

"The demand from manufacturing sources such as the box factories, car factories and like institutions, is keeping along about on an even keel, though smaller in volume than it was at this time a year ago. The box factory demand, however, is expected to pick up in the near future, as the busy season for the box factories is just approaching. There is a somewhat better supply of No. 4 boards, but No. 2 and No. 3 grades in inch are still scarce, and therefore it is hardly probable that there will be a decline in prices for white pine inch unless the box factories shall substitute other lumber to a large extent for white pine. In a general way it may be said that prices on white pine in this market have declined from 50 cents to \$1 a thousand since the first of the year. The greatest decline is on piece stuff, which was selling six months ago at \$15.50 and \$16 out of the yards. The basis price for short piece stuff is now \$15.

"Receipts by lake and rail during the first three months this year ran ahead of the corresponding period in 1899, but for two months past receipts have been falling off, particularly by water. Most of the stock that is now arriving by lake is lumber that was purchased last fall or winter. Dealers here are buying very little at present, claiming that prices at the mills are higher than they can afford to pay. Some stock is arriving by cargo from Lake Michigan points and is placed on the market here, but most of this is hemlock piece stuff and shingles. Hemlock piece stuff

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is selling at prices ranging from \$9.50 to \$10 for short. A few cargoes of pine piece stuff have arrived from Manistee, Muskegon and Menominee, selling at prices ranging from \$12.50 to \$13 for short. These sales are not numerous enough, however, to establish a market, and it is said most of the tallies have been poor ones. Practically no Lake Superior stock has been offered on the market here, except possibly a few holdsful of stock which has been shipped with deckloads of white pine timber. The latter is in fair demand and at prices approximating the figures at which such stock was sold last fall. Prices on shingles are from 15 to 20 cents a thousand lower than they were at the close of navigation last year. Offerings on lath are freely made by the cargo, but most of this stock is mixed or No. 2. No. 1 dry white pine lath are not in liberal supply, though prices for this grade are considerably lower than they were last fall."

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