

of readjustment is now taking place. There is a marked scarcity of 12 inch boards and long piece stuff. The spruce market continues firm, a report from Boston stating that the list price has been advanced one dollar. It is most difficult to arrive at a definite conclusion regarding the hardwood situation. Indications point to an increased demand, while on the other hand many dealers report a very quiet trade, and basswood, which has been strong all year, has been offered at reduced figures. This has given consumers reason to hope for concessions and consequently they are showing a disposition to keep out of the market as long as possible. Inch maple is inactive, but there is good demand for thicker sizes. White pine shingles are scarce and strong.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The past two weeks has witnessed a falling off in the number of timber cargoes arriving in London, and consequently a more hopeful view is now taken of the timber market of Great Britain. If shipments are curtailed, the market will very soon show signs of recovery. So far as Canadian spruce and pine are concerned, it is significant that they appear to occupy a stronger position than any other class of lumber which is marketed in Great Britain. A quantity of third quality Ottawa pine, 70 per cent. 3x11 and balance narrow, is reported to have been sold at £11 10s. per standard delivered at Liverpool. Considerable parcels of spruce have also changed hands, and when dealers are enabled to reduce their holdings purchased at the higher level which prevailed in the spring, liberal buying for fall and winter account may be expected. A large line of Quebec spruce battens were sold at a recent sale in London at £6 17s. 6d. per standard for 3x7, and £6 7s. for 3x6. Quebec rock elm boards sold at 9d. per foot and birch planks at 1s., and square elm timber at 60s. to 67s. 6d. per load of 50 cubic feet. Quebec oak is in fair request, and the demand for first-class waney and square pine is good, but second-class is dull of sale. The consumption of wood in London is increasing and is in excess of same time last year.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

W. Caldwell, of Toronto, is announced to have sold within the past fortnight 4,100,000 feet of white pine lumber to W. H. Hogg, of Buffalo.

The Yale-Columbia Lumber Company, of Phoenix, B. C., is supplying about 750,000 feet of lumber for a large tunnel on the new Boundary railway.

A car load of shooks for fruit boxes and heavy baskets was shipped last week from New Westminster, B. C., to Adelaide, Australia, by the British Columbia Mfg. Company.

The schooner F. E. Saunders is loading lumber at the Hastings mill, Vancouver, B. C., for a foreign port, and the ship Cuy of Hankow is about to load lumber at Burnet, B. C., for Sydney, Australia.

Messrs. Robinson, Limited, held a sale of wood goods at Dublin, Ireland, on August 15th, at which the following prices were realized: Miramichi spruce, 9 x 3, 10 and 11 ft., £12 15s., per Irish standard; 12 ft., £13 2s. 6d.; 13 ft., £12 15s. to £13 2s. 6d.; 14 ft., £13 5s.; 15 ft., £13 2s. 6d.; 10 ft. to 19 ft., £13 5s., 20 and 21 ft., £13 7s. 6d. Cape Tormentine spruce, 12 x 3, £12 to £11 5s. 11 x 3, £12 5s.; 8 x 3, £11 17s. 6d.; 7 x 3, £11 12s. 6d.; 5 x 3, £9 2s. 6d. 1st Quebec spruce, 9 to 14 x 3, £14 5s.; 2nd, 11 to 14 x 3, £13 17s. 6d.; 7 x 3, £12; 3rd, 9 x 3, £11 10s.; unsorted, 7 x 3, £11 10s. to £12; 9 x 3, £13. Quebec red pine, 18 ft. 4 x 2, £14 7s. 9d. to £14 15s.; 20 ft. to 24 ft. 4 x 2, £14 10s.; 18 ft. 6 x 2, £15; 12 ft. 9 x 3, £19 1s.

Messrs. Campbell, Meredith & Allan have entered an action in the name of the Collin's Bay Rafting & Forwarding Company to seize and attach in the hands of Messrs. Poupore & Malone, contractors, now doing work in the Montreal harbor, some 1,050 pieces of oak now on board the steamer Saturn or on the wharf, to which the steamer is attached, the whole representing a value of about \$13,350. The affidavit of the President of the company plaintiff, which owns the Saturn, sets forth that the timber was shipped at Sandusky, Ohio, consigned to the defendants by Hirk, Christy & Co., of Cleveland, and that on coming to Montreal the ship grounded at Pigeon Island. A tug and lighter had to be secured to release the vessel, and the time lost and repairs needed constituted another source of damage. The plaintiffs claim that the accident is imputable to the cargo, and that they have a lien on the timber.

FIRES.

The saw mill of Thompson & Avery, near Sharbot Lake, Ont., was destroyed by fire on August 29th, at a loss of \$4,000.

The saw mill of John Greenlees, at Red Bay, near Warton, Ont., was burned recently, together with a quantity of lumber.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY

[Correspondence of the Canada Lumberman]

Prices on the local lumber market hold firm, no single line showing a break or tendency to break. The local demand has improved with the passing of the labor troubles. On account of the strikes, however, considerable building planned for the present season has been postponed a year. Culls are now a good feature, as the supply is limited. They are almost entirely in the hands of jobbers, according to a reliable authority.

Opinions differ on the export trade, but the American market from all accounts shows little, if any, improvement. One company has it that the United States buyers are trading from hand to mouth. September, however, promises an improvement, as winter stocks will then begin to receive attention. The British market is dull and according to report overstocked. British exporters, while moving considerable stock from local yards and mills, are holding considerable on the other side.

Quotations show advances in a few lines. Good pine strips have brought from \$26 to \$32 per thousand. Pine 8 inch shipping culls and better stock finds buyers at \$15 to \$16. Lath are in demand, No. 1 unchanged at \$2.00 to \$2.50 and No. 2 advanced to \$2.25. Cedar shingles have also reached a higher figure. Clear butts are mentioned at \$2.00 to \$2.35, and XXX at \$2.50 to \$2.75. Mill culls are retailing as high as \$14.

"Hardwood trade extremely dull," is

the situation as described by a local dealer. Buyers are not anxious for business and the mills are holding large stocks. Prices, however, are erratic and what holds good in one place may not answer in another, although the same stock may be selling. The figure given for basswood is \$16 per M., and for mill run ash \$17. Maple, birch and elm, which brought \$16 a year ago, are running from \$10 to \$12 now.

Business is brisk at the mills and logs plentiful. Low water in the Gatineau threatened a tie up, but heavy rain has improved the situation.

Over 500 men have gone up to the woods. Some place the figures even higher, and gangs are being hired daily. Wages are even higher than last season, ranging from \$20 and board for road-making to \$30 and board for axe men.

It is reported that the Bronson & Weston Company will next season erect a saw mill at the Chaudiere, on the site of their old one. They have been out of the business for a couple of years.

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