

in free-on-board values for 1903 shipments. Owing to the moderate stock of Canadian lumber, the probability of a decline in prices is almost entirely removed. It claimed that floorings and spruce are likely to be advanced within the next two months, while all classes of pine deals are exhibiting strength. A correspondent at London reviews the spruce situation in the following manner: "The spruce market is really the only one which gives real evidence of brisk trading. The box-making industry is in a flourishing condition, and the demand from this quarter largely accounts for the high prices now ruling for all qualities of spruce. It is a real satisfaction to turn to a branch of the softwood trade wherein it can be said that the demand is good and orders are brisk, for from the ready way in which all the new arrivals from Canada are snapped up it is very conclusive that the spruce dealers experience no difficulty in finding a market for their importations. Second quality 3 by 9 spruce deals are unobtainable below £10 10s. landed, whilst it is difficult to find a merchant willing to accept less than £10 for his 3rds. The planks (3 by 11) are remarkably scarce."

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The steamer "Mountfields" is loading a cargo of deals at Quebec for the United Kingdom.

The steamer "Atbara" sailed from Montreal last week for London, England, with a cargo of deals.

The "Loughrigg Holme" sailed from Montreal on Saturday last for Cardiff with a cargo of timber and deals.

The steamer "Hutcliffe" is loading deals at Montreal for the United Kingdom. The steamer "Nord Kap" is loading at Quebec for London.

The steamer "Inishowen" arrived at Plymouth, England, last month from Montreal, with a cargo of timber for the Imperial Government.

The base price of 16-foot hemlock boards in the Tonawanda market is \$15. In Chicago good No. 1 hemlock piece stuff is worth \$13 in car-load lots.

For the fiscal year ending June 30th the exports of forest products from the Dominion of Canada were valued at \$32,119,422, as compared with \$30,003,857 for the previous year.

A. F. Bury Austin, wholesale lumber and timber merchant, Montreal, has been appointed sole agent for Canada for the W. W. Herron Lumber Company, of Mobile, Ala., who are large manufacturers of long leaf yellow pine.

The Department of Interior at Ottawa is asking for bids up to August 13th for a license to cut timber on Berth No. 1023, on the west shore of Lake Winnipeg, in the Province of Manitoba. The berth contains an area of ten square miles.

Skillings, Whitneys & Barnes, who have their principal yard at Ogdensburg, N.Y., have closed their yard on Little Island, North Tonawanda. The remainder of their stock, about 1,000,000 feet of white pine, was purchased recently by Smith, Fasset & Company.

The maple flooring manufacturers of the North-West held a meeting in Chicago on July 11th. The reports presented showed the industry to be in a satisfactory condition, except that prices were too low in view of the rapid advance in the raw

product. It was decided to make an advance on No. 1 maple flooring of \$2 per thousand, and on the clear and factory grades of \$1 per thousand.

The demand for apple barrel stock has set in quite generally and has greatly helped the cooperage stock market, for there has been a falling off in the movement of flour and other products that require barrels. There is a great scarcity of hoops. Quotations at Buffalo are about as follows: No. 1 dry elm flour barrel staves, \$7.75 to \$8; mill-run fruit barrel staves, \$6.25 to \$6.50; No. 2 staves, \$4.25 to \$4.50; first-class basswood heading, 5¼ to 5½ cents; mill-run staves, 4¼ cents; No. 2 heading, 3¾ to 4 cents; coiled hoops, \$10.50 to \$11 for 6-foot, \$10 to \$10.50 for 5¼ foot.

The first warning of the approach of the end of the open season, says the American Lumberman, is given by the announcement of red cedar shingle dealers that it is time to begin to accumulate shingles for the winter. The Pacific Coast reports are that they are afraid that the approaching big salmon and grain season will interfere with the car supply. It does not look as though the amount of shingles sold in Buffalo would equal that of last year, though the dealers are not aware of the reason. Prices are fairly firm, though not so stiff as they were earlier. The quotation of \$4.25 for perfections still holds, with white pines, when there are any, commanding about the same figure. There is always a small supply of white cedars, which sell for a trifle less.

Of the Barbadoes lumber market Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company, under date of July 5th, say: "The Edyth", from St. John, N. B., brought 21,000 feet of white pine, which has been sold at \$20, and the steamer "Dahome" brought 20,000 feet, which was placed at \$20. 10, as it run. We have a cargo on the way contracted for, and we believe further supplies are expected. The market is, therefore, amply supplied. There has been no arrival of spruce since our last, but we are momentarily expecting a cargo. The "Bravo", from Paspebiac, Que., arrived on July 3rd, with 750,000 shingles, including Laying Cedar, Long Gaspe, and Dimension. None have been offered up to time of writing. The "Edyth" also brought 1,500,000 Laying Cedar shingles, which have been contracted for at landed terms.

Farnworth & Jardine refer to the Liverpool timber market as follows: Pine Timber.—Of waney, the first direct shipment (chiefly on contract) has arrived, and goes largely into consumption; values rule high and stocks are very light. Square Pine—Deck wood, also on contract, has been imported more freely, and has gone mostly into consumers' hands. Stocks are fairly moderate; values unchanged. Red Pine.—The import consists of about 5,000 cubic feet fresh wood, the demand is quiet, and stocks appear sufficient for present requirements; prices are steady. Oak.—The arrivals have been moderate, chiefly first class wood for special requirements. Deliveries have not been large, but stocks are light and values very firm; there has recently been more enquiry for later delivery. Elm has been imported more freely, and consisting generally of fresh rock elm, the deliveries have been fairly satisfactory, stocks are moderate and prices steady, but soft elm is practically unsaleable. Ash is only in limited demand; stocks are sufficient. Quebec Pine

Deals. The imports have been large, and deliveries show considerable improvement, but stocks all round are heavy; values are unchanged. Red Pine Deals are dull of sale; stock ample. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Spruce and Pine Deals—The import of 10,000 standards, although exceeding the previous month, is slightly less than the corresponding month last season; the deliveries have fairly kept pace and stocks are still moderate; values have ruled steady. Pine Deals are in fair request; the stock is light and prices unchanged. Birch.—Of logs the arrivals have been chiefly from Quebec; there has been fair enquiry at firm rates, and stocks are moderate. Planks.—The imports show a marked falling off, but the deliveries have been very disappointing, and the stock is too large; there is little change in value to report.

THE GLASGOW MARKET.

The following particulars of the Glasgow market are found in the July report of Wright Graham & Co.:

WANBY BOARDWOOD.—The demand holds strong. Prices are much the same as before, prime wood being quoted at 29 10d to 38 6d per cubic foot, according to the average length; second-class stock at 28 6d to 28 9d per cubic foot.

OAK LOGS.—There is enquiry for long logs of prime quality to sell at about 35 to 38 3d per cubic foot. Logs of poorer size and quality are quoted at from 28 3d to 28 6d per cubic foot.

ELM.—The demand continues slight, but the price for prime quality logs of good average length remains firm at 35 to 38 3d per cubic foot. Parcels of poor specification and inferior quality are difficult to sell.

ASH.—The bulk of the stock is held by consumers. Prices are quoted at about 22d per cubic foot for 14 in. average, and 28 to 28 2d per cubic foot for 15 in. average.

BIRCH.—Since our last report the position has not undergone any change of importance. Logs continue to be quoted at about 18 6d for 16 in. average. Planks of ordinary quality are a drug in the market; prime quality only are saleable, price ranging from 15d to 16d per cubic foot.

QUEBEC WHITE PINE DEALS.—Prices of broad firsts have advanced, and there is a good demand for same. Quotations are as follows:

1st quality broad, £33 to £37 2s 6d per standard; 11 inch, £25 8s 9d to £28 10s; 7 in. to 10 in. £22 to £23 7s 6d. 2nd quality, broad, £22 to £23; 11 in. £20 to £21; 7 in. to 10 in., £15 16s to £16 10s. 3rd quality broad, £14 to £15; 11 in., £12 7s 6d to £13 5s; 7 in. to 10 in., £10 to £11. 4th quality, broad, £10 13s to £11 6s 10d; narrows, £8 5s to £9 5s.

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QUEBEC WHITE PINE SIDING. The is still an active demand for first quality 1½ and 2 in., and parcels arriving meet with ready sale. Prices have advanced, and are now quoted at from £22 13s 9d to £24 15s per standard.

RED PINE DEALS.—The demand is light and few sales are reported. The following prices are quoted: 9 and 11 in. by 3 and 4 in., £10 6s 3d to £12 7s 6d per standard; 7 to 10 in. by 3 in. at £7 15 to £8 11s 10d.

SPRUCE DEALS.—A moderate amount of business has been done this month, and prices keep firm. Prices quoted are: 9 in. and up by 3 in. at £9 2s 6d to £9 12s 6d per standard; 7 and 8 in. by 3 in. at £6 10s to £7 10s.

CANADIAN DOORS AND SASHES IN BERMUDA.

S. B. Ingham, of Hamilton, Bermuda, is a large importer of lumber. He states that his supply of doors and sashes comes from Binghampton, New York, and that he would like to get in touch with Canadian manufacturers of such articles. Mr. Ingham is anxious for closer trade relations with Canada and will do what he can to encourage them. At present he is buying spruce boards, scantlings, laths, box material and spars in this country, but would buy a good deal more if we gave him the opportunity. Trade in both rough and manufactured lumber has been very large during the past year because of the expenditures made by the Imperial Government. Probably the withdrawal of the Boer prisoners and their guards will have a tendency to reduce the volume of trade somewhat, but there is still a good business to be done.

BIRCH SQUARES AND SEATS.

A large buyer of Birch chair seats and of Birch squares is open to contract with a mill for their output. Also open for Broom Handles and Dowels in large quantities. Write in first instance to "Finance," care of CANADA LUMBERMAN.

The following charters are reported: Str. Falco, Miramichi, N. B., to Bristol, deals, 41s 3d; barque, Mary A. Law, Yarmouth, N. S., to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$8.50, option \$9.50 to Rosario; barque Egeria, Portland to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$8.

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