

and considerable shipments are being made to the West Indies, South America and other countries. Manufacturers report many inquiries for stock and expect to have no difficulty in disposing of their output. Waney pine timber is strong. Sales have been made at Quebec at 56 cents per cubic foot for best quality.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Lumber is moving quite actively throughout Manitoba and the North-West Territories. The excellent crop prospects are an incentive to dealers to increase their stocks in anticipation of a heavy fall trade. The tendency of prices is upwards. The mills in British Columbia continue busy, and are behind with orders for local and eastern account. Export business, however, shows no improvement over last year. The prices now quoted for B. C. shingles delivered in Ontario are as follows: XXX, 6 to 2", \$2.90; XXXX, 6 to 2 3-16", \$3.05; XXXXX, 5 to 2", \$3.30; No. 2 shingles, 6 to 2" and 6 to 2 3-16", \$2.40; No. 2, 5 to 2", \$2.55.

UNITED STATES.

The demand for lumber during the past week has been a little slow, partly on account of the strike of coal miners. Prices, however, have been easily sustained, as there has been the usual amount of buying by wholesale houses. It is this buying rather than the actual retail trade that is sustaining prices. The time is near at hand for prices to yield as the result of the marketing of new stock, but as yet there are no indications of any price recessions in white pine unless it might be in ordinary short piece stuff. The purchase is reported of a large quantity of Norway log run at \$15 at Duluth. This is a high price and in line with recent sales. The buying of manufacturers and railroad companies was a feature of the month of May. The outlook for crops is good, and railroads are preparing for heavy traffic during the summer and fall months. Several railroads will materially increase their rolling stock.

Spruce clapboards are readily marketable, and while the fancy prices now being paid may stimulate production, the present scarcity cannot be relieved for some time. Spruce lath meets with a quick sale, the price at Boston being \$3.25 for 1 3/8 inch. Extra cedar shingles are selling between \$3.50 and \$3.60, with the more important manufacturers holding for the latter price. Shingles are moving steadily. At Buffalo best white pine brings about \$4.15, but it is impossible for dealers to secure a steady supply. In the Saginaw valley XXXX pine shingles are held at \$4 and clear butts at \$3 for 18 inch. For 16 inch \$3.05 is quoted for "A" and \$2.45 for clear butt stocks. White cedar shingles are in active request there at \$3.90 for 18 inch. Birch leads the hardwoods in point of demand, followed by ash, basswood and elm. There has been no change in prices, as small mills have placed considerable stock on the market at prices below the actual ruling quotations. As stocks are not large, there is likely to be an improvement in the near future.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The declaration of peace is expected to have an important and reassuring effect upon the timber market. There is much speculation as to the volume of shipments that will be made to South Africa, but the consensus of opinion seems to be that a brisk revival of trade cannot be expected for a year or two. Nevertheless, there will doubtless be some immediate

improvement in business, as it is known that several orders were placed for execution upon the termination of the war. It is thought the cessation of the war will materially assist in bringing about higher prices. The first arrivals from the St. Lawrence are reported to have met with a ready demand, as the stock of the standard sizes of pine and spruce deals had become limited. First quality pine is particularly wanted, as the stock in the yards is practically nil. The prospects for spruce are good. Importers are meeting the shippers more willingly and apparently do not expect that lower prices will rule this season. A report from Dublin says: "The first steamer from the St. Lawrence has arrived, and the various consignments of deals will find a good market, as all the stocks of second and third quality Quebec spruce, 12 feet x9x3 inches, have been cleared long since. Good waney pine timber is scarce and prices are high. It is said to be impossible to buy any quantity of first grade".

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The mill of W. Burgess at Grand Falls, N.B., will likely cut about 8,000,000 feet of lumber this year.

The steamer Manchester Shipper is about to load a cargo of deals at Halifax, N.S., for a French port.

Last week 2,500,000 feet of logs on skids near Sudbury, Ont., and valued at \$10.50 a thousand, were destroyed by fire.

At Manistee, Mich., green hemlock piece stuff, 10 to 16 feet, is being sold at \$9.50 and the 18-foot lengths at \$12. Pine stuff is selling at \$14.

The Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company have just finished shipping by rail from Georgian Bay to Quebec 140,000 cubic feet of square timber, for export trade.

Chicago dealers are paying from \$13 to \$14 for No. 1 short dry hemlock delivered by rail, and from \$11 to \$11.50 for No. 2 hemlock. Piece stuff is quoted at \$15 by rail.

The steamer Scarp is loading a cargo of deals at Montreal for the United Kingdom. The steamer Fashoda is about to load timber and deals at Montreal for the same destination.

The steamer Huntcliffe sailed from Montreal last week for London with a cargo of timber and deals. The steamer Forest Brook also sailed for London with deals only.

It is reported that Andrew Haslam, of Nanaimo, B. C., has been awarded the contract to furnish 1,000,000 feet of lumber for the building of a saw mill at Vancouver for T. Ludgate.

A report received last week stated that by the breaking of the boom at Grandes Piles, St. Maurice river, 300,000 logs are on their way to the St. Lawrence river. The water is so high at Three Rivers that the logs are in great danger.

A large raft of hemlock logs for Toner & Gregory reached Collingwood last week. The second raft of the season for the Charlton Saw Mill Company, of Collingwood, has also arrived. It contained about 2,000,000 feet and was made at Little Current.

The agreement of the Washington manufacturers to shut down the red cedar shingle mills is the most generally observed of any movement the western shingle men have made. The manufacturers are quoted as being determined to keep the shingle market up, for they

cannot see a living in lower prices while logs cost as much as at present. If necessary, they say they will extend the period for remaining inactive until the market is sure of being steady.

Henry Atkinson, of Etchemin, Que., who last winter got out a very choice lot of spruce logs (about 7 1/2 million feet) on the upper reaches of the St. John river, has been successful in delivering same inside the corporation limits. This is good work considering the small quantity of rain there has been to assist the drives.

The Edward S. Hartwell Lumber Company, of Chicago, have established Canadian headquarters at Parry Sound, Ont. They have recently purchased the cut of logs of Ferguson & McFadden, of Sudbury, Ont., amounting to about 15,000,000 feet, and have contracted for the cut of the Conger Lumber Company, of Parry Sound. Of the latter cut the bulk will be shipped to eastern points. About 30 per cent. will be shipped to Chicago, consisting mostly of 4, 5 and 6-inch strips.

LUMBERING IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

The following estimate has been made of last winter's lumbering operations in the Maritime Provinces:

NEW BRUNSWICK.

In New Brunswick the cut of logs the past winter is estimated at 450,000,000 feet, of which 400,000,000 are saw logs and 50,000,000 pulp wood. On the Upper St. John the provincial lumbering operations are as follows: H. Atkinson, 5,000,000; Kilburn, old and new, 9,000,000; Flavius Chinouard, 2,250,000; Holmes Morrison, old and new, 2,800,000; Oliver Gurrett, old and new, 1,500,000; Gilbert Gurrett, 250,000; Fraser & Lowe, 1,000,000; Thos. Clair, 3,000,000; Purvis & Murchie, 3,000,000; R. A. Estey, 2,000,000; Hale & Murchie Mfg. Co., 12,000,000; Baird, 1,500,000; Hilyard Bros., 4,000,000; Randolph & Baker, 4,000,000; James Scotts, 4,000,000; D. Fraser & Lowe, 4,000,000; John Morse, 2,000,000; St. John River bank logs, 2,000,000; hemlock for Esty, 4,000,000; and to the above add 23,000,000 old logs on St. John River.

The past winter the Miramichi was the scene of very extensive operations and the cut aggregates 125,000,000 feet. The Snowball Lumber Company at Chatham are extensive operators and their cut reaches a large figure. Wm. Richards & Company, of Chatham, are also extensive, operators in the woods as well as manufacturers, and Ernest Hutchinson, of Douglastown, is also a large lumber operator. Allan Ritchie, at Newcastle, manufactures about 10,000,000 feet annually. Burchill & Sons manufacture about 10,000,000 feet at Nelson. On the Richibucto lumbering operations have been light, but on the Restigouche a fair amount has been secured.

The Tracadie Lumber Company, on the Tracadie river, Gloucester county, cut the past winter about 10,000,000 feet, largely pine.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The cut in Nova Scotia last winter aggregated about 363,000,000 feet, of

which 300,000,000 are saw logs, 50,000,000 pulpwood and 25,000,000 piling. The most extensive operator is Alfred Dickie, of Lower Steviacke. His operations will be slightly less than last year, but will amount to about 50,000,000 feet in all.

The Dominion Lumber Company, successors to Young Brothers, cut the past winter about 10,000,000 feet of logs in the vicinity of Margaret's Bay, twenty-five miles from Halifax. The Shulee Lumber Company carry on an extensive business and cut about 10,000,000 feet. The Newville Lumber Company, in Cumberland County, cut about 6,000,000. The Nova Scotia Lumber Company carried on extensive operations on St. Mary's River, Guysboro County. Mr. McMullen, on the St. Croix River near Windsor, will manufacture in the vicinity of 50,000,000. Below is appended a list of the operations in the western part of Cumberland county: B. B. Barnhill, Two Rivers, 1,000,000 superficial ft. spruce logs, 7,000 piling; Newton Pugsley, River Hebert, 2,500,000; Kelley Brothers, River Hebert, 2,500,000; Rufus Chester, River Hebert, 500,000 s. ft. spruce logs, 1,000 piling; R. A. E. Chester, Two Rivers, 500,000 s. ft., spruce logs, 1,000 piling; Prescott, Gillespie & Co., Shulee, 3,000,000 s. ft. spruce logs, 6,000 piling; Shulee Lumber Co., Shulee, 8,000 piling; E. I. White & Sons, Sand River, 600,000 s. ft., spruce logs, 20,000 piling; C. T. White, Apple River, 2,000,000 s. ft. spruce logs, 18,000 piling; John Leslie, Apple River, 3,000 piling.

LARGE TIMBER DEAL.

The Newville Lumber Company, of Newville, N.S., are reported to have sold their steam saw mill and other property at that place, as well as their timber lands, to Percy E. Spencer, of Spencer's Island, and J. W. Kirkpatrick, of Dilligent River. The price is said to be in the neighborhood of \$60,000.

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