

into the auction room for realization at prices detrimental to the interests of those who have previously bought largely on f.o.b. or c.i.f. terms. Such a condition of things must find its level, and the present stagnation of first-open-water business can be traced to this cause. It seems a pity that the Canadian firms do not combine with the object of regulating their business on similar methods to those of the North of Europe shippers." At Liverpool the market is also dull, but some of the other ports are buying spruce quite liberally. A fair amount of business is being done in Ireland, and at prices slightly higher than those of last year. Red pine deals are especially firm, being in low stock and advancing in price.

France and Germany are buying only moderately. The South American demand shows some life, but the West India market is overburdened with stock, and prices are depreciating.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

D. K. Bugisch, of Antwerp, Belgium, desires to correspond with Canadian lumber exporters.

W. J. Barrett, of Thessalon, Ont., will probably get out this winter 5,000 cords of pulp wood.

S. H. White, of Sussex, N.B., is taking out a quantity of hardwood timber for export to England.

William White, reeve of Tweed, Ont., wants tenders for the supply of pine plank and cedar scantling.

R. J. Abbot, a contractor of Boston, Mass., was in Annapolis, N. S., last week with a view of purchasing lumber.

Red cedar shingle manufacturers in the Western States have advanced prices. Clears are now selling at about \$2.50 delivered on a 60 cent rate.

D. M. Rennie, Canadian Commercial Agent in Argentina, writes that the lumber business has not been large, but stocks are light and the outlook for 1899 is excellent.

F. R. Gilchrist & Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, have made a large shipment of maple flooring to Peru, and have received an order for the same kind of material to go to Belfast, Ireland.

At Saginaw, Mich., there is a general belief that prices will advance. Log run lumber is selling at \$13 to \$18, box lumber at \$10 to \$50, Norway at \$9 and \$10, and mill culls at \$7 and \$8.

The Temiscouata timber property purchased by Donald Fraser & Sons, of Fredericton, N.B., and referred to in last issue, contains 700 square miles. The price paid was \$90,000.

The corporation of Welland, Ont., invites tenders up to February 27th for a supply of white oak and white pine timber. Address, C. H. Reilly, chairman Road and Bridge Committee.

It is reported that Boston capitalists have undertaken the formation of a large lumber company to consolidate all the mills on the Machias river, and to purchase several townships which embrace valuable timber limits.

D. L. White, jr., and James Playfair & Co., of Midland, Ont., are reported to have purchased twenty million feet of logs put in this winter by the Arthur Hill Co., of Saginaw. This stock will be manufactured at Midland, some of it for export.

A. McPherson & Co., of Longford Mills, Ont., have just finished hauling their cut of logs in Anson township. They have taken out 40,000 pieces. They state that the great depth of snow is making hauling very expensive. At their Ravensworth mill, in Bethune township, they have a stock of two and one-quarter million feet. They also have in stock over two million of No. 1 and 2 16-inch pine and cedar shingles.

Speaking of the lumber trade, Mr. E. C. Whitney, manager of the St. Anthony

Lumber Company, remarked that this has been an excellent season for getting out logs in the Ottawa valley. The St. Anthony Company, whose limits are principally on the Madawaska, are taking out about the usual quantity of logs. The Booth Company are taking down to Ottawa daily a train load of about forty-five cars of pine and spruce logs, averaging from twelve to twenty feet long and about eighteen inches in diameter.

At the Crown Lands office, Fredericton, N.B., the following timber berths were sold last week:—Head of Popelogan stream, Upsalquinch river, 4½ miles, to James Reid, at upset price of \$8 per mile; hardwood settlement, Bay du Vin, 2 miles, to Edward Sinclair, at \$8.50 per mile; east branch, Christopher's brook, 2½ miles, to A. Alexander at upset price; headwaters of Tattagouche river, 9 miles, to Sumner & Co., at upset price; Tattagouche river, above Third lake, 5 miles, to Sumner & Co., at upset price; Gaspereau river, at mouth of Demon's brook, 4½ miles, to Geo. F. Baird, at upset price; Gaspereau river, above Meadow brook, 2 miles, to Geo. F. Baird, at upset price; west branch Rockway river, 2 miles, to Milton Dayton, at upset price; head of east branch Christopher's brook, 9 miles, to A. Alexander, at \$8.10 per mile.

Concerning an auction sale held by Churchill & Sims, London, Eng., on the 8th inst., the Timber Trades Journal says: Spruce went tolerably, and all we can say is, that if the whitewood market has an improving tendency, as some wish to make out, there are no signs of it in the auction realizations; 2nd Quebec regulars selling at £7 10s., and unsorted 5s. less, must be a losing game. The few lots of white pine went indifferently, and it seems pretty plain that the market for Canadian pine has no life in it, and only at sacrificial prices is the present stock realisable. 3rd Quebec have been hanging in the auction sales at £8 15s. for some time past, and though some explanation is afforded for the depreciation on the score of quality, the damage to better kinds by these low sale values can be easily understood. The red pine boards, ex "Nordcap," were well competed for and prices fairly good.

BASSWOOD BOARDS WANTED.

A British importing firm write the CANADA LUMBERMAN as follows: "We would be glad to know if any Canadian manufacturers can supply the following specification of basswood boards, to be cut from winter-sawed, perfectly white basswood:—Lengths, 12½", 13½", 14", 15", 16", 16½", and any width from 3" and up, to be sound and perfectly white, and free from knots. Sufficient number of each length, to make a board four feet wide, these to be jointed on edge and glued together, thus:



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FIRES.

A saw mill at Morbely, B.C., has been burned.

The wood-working factory of Joseph Saunders, at Sunderland, Ont., was destroyed by fire on the 14th instant.

It is reported that a saw mill at Cranbrook, B.C., in which James Mundie, of Winnipeg, is interested, has been destroyed by fire. The mill had a capacity of 30,000 feet per day.

THE BRITISH MARKET.

The lumber market at Liverpool, Eng., is thus reviewed by Messrs. Farnworth & Jardine in their circular dated February 1st:

The arrivals from British North America during January have been 320 tons register, against 3,864 tons register during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to this date from all places during the years 1897, 1898, and 1899 has been 15,132, 21,739 and 15,477 tons respectively. The business during the past month has been quiet; the arrivals have been fairly moderate, but the deliveries have been small. Stocks are ample, and there is little change in values to report.

PINE TIMBER.—Of waxy the deliveries have been fair, and the stock is now reduced to a moderate compass; prices are firm. For square there is little enquiry; the stock is ample. Red pine is in very limited request, and the stock is sufficient. Oak:—The demand continues very dull; prices are difficult to maintain, and the stock is large. Elm:—The stock is small, and it is firmly held at advanced prices. Ash:—The import consists of round wood from the United States; there is only a limited demand; the stock is moderate and values unchanged. Pine deals remain in a very unsatisfactory position, the deliveries have been disappointing, prices rule low and the stock is far too heavy. Red pine deals are in strong demand, and the prices for next season are much higher; the stock is light.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA SPRUCE AND PINE DEALS.—The arrivals, amounting to 1,800 standards, have been by steamers from St. John and Halifax; the deliveries have been unsatisfactory. Stocks are too heavy, but there is little change in value to report. Pine deals are in very dull demand and difficult to sell; the stock is sufficient.

BIRCH.—Of logs there has been no import; there is a fair demand, and stocks are not excessive. Planks continue to arrive in moderate quantities, but prices are lower and the stock is ample.

Current quotations are as follows:

Quebec white pine timber:	per cu. ft.	s. d.	s. d.
Square.....	1 3	10	2 4
Waxy.....	2	0	2 10
St. John, 18 in. average.....	1	6	2 2
Dalhousie, &c.....	1	0	1 4
Red pine.....	1	5	1 10
Oak, 1st quality.....	2	9	3 0
2nd quality.....	1	6	2 0
Elm.....	1	10	2 3
Ash.....	1	6	1 10
Birch, St. John.....	1	3	1 5
Quebec.....	1	3	1 9
Nova Scotia, &c.....	1	0	1 3
Birch planks.....	9	10	10
Spars, spruce.....	10	1	0
Quebec deals:			
1st quality.....	per std	20	0 10 24 0
2nd quality.....		15	10 16 10
3rd quality.....		9	0 9 10
Deals, spruce:			
St. John, Bangor, &c.....		6	5 6 7
Nova Scotia, &c.....		6	0 6 5
Boards, spruce, &c.....		5	10 6 0

Of the London demand, Messrs. Churchill & Sim say: Pine deals have again been freely sold during the month with varying fortunes, dependent largely upon the quality of the particular parcel, but on the whole, perhaps, at some shade of reduction on the levels of last autumn. Spruce has been rather disappointing, for it has sold very freely in response to quite an eager demand. The stock is considerably reduced, comparing now very favourably with that of last year, and yet for wholesale quantities prices have been if anything rather lower than they were before the turn of the year. Birch, elm, and ash are in rather better retail demand; there is no change to record in oak; white pine timber has been sold very cheaply during the month.

Mead & Stewart, lumber dealers, Buffalo, have dissolved partnership.

The Merryman Lumber Company, of North Tonawanda, N. Y., has been incorporated, with a capital of \$25,000.

Joseph Jacob, lumber merchant, of St. Henri, Que., is reported to have assigned, with liabilities of \$45,000 and assets about same amount.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

There are still very few transactions to record in Canadian freights, says the Timber Trades Journal. The tendency is for easier freights from the timber shipping ports all round. The following transactions have taken place:—Quebec to Glasgow, 42s. 6d. f.o.w. 1,300 standards. Quebec to w.c. Great Britain, range 43s. 9d. f.o.w. 1,200 standards. Montreal to Liverpool, Fleetwood, Barrow, or Clyde at 42s. 6d. Liners are booking from Montreal to Liverpool at 37s. 6d.; London, 38s. 9d. and 40s.; Glasgow, 40s.; Manchester, 41s. 3d., bids. 2s. 6d. extra.

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