

keep prices firm. At Foy, Morgan & Co.'s recent sale, several parcels of Quebec goods were offered. First spruce sold fairly well at £9 to £9 10s., with £7 15s. for 2nds. Some 4th pine irregulars sold at £6 15s. 2nd pine, 12 to 16 ft., 3x11, brought £22 15s. Quebec red pine timber did well at £2 17s. 6d. per load. From Glasgow sales of pine and spruce deals are reported at good figures. The prospects of an early settlement of the shipbuilding strike are good, which will result in stimulating trade. The stock of Canadian lumber on hand at Liverpool is small, but several vessels carrying considerable cargoes of lumber are due to arrive there in a few days.

STOCKS AND PRICES. CANADA.

J. A. Ellis, of Fenelon Falls, Ont., who operates a circular mill, has 1,005,000 feet of lumber for sale.

A Lindsay firm has sold their cut of 1894 to R. Laidlaw & Co., Toronto. They have the cut of 1895 yet for sale.

J. W. Howry & Sons, of Fenelon Falls, Ont., have 25,000,000 feet of lumber now in their yards, and have 900 men at work in the woods.

A member of the firm of John C. Hall & Co., Boston, has recently been in New Brunswick, buying lumber for shipment to South American markets.

Gilmour & Co., of Trenton, cut 150,000 logs on their new limits last year, while on their limits on the Moira, their cut amounted to 10,000,000 feet.

The British ship Nineveh has sailed from Moodyville, B. C., for Sydney, N. S. W., with 100,000 feet of flooring, 720,000 feet of rough lumber, and 45,000 laths, the value being \$7,800.

The following shipments from Windsor, Ont., to the United States, for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, are reported: Staves, \$23,661; logs and timber, \$8,764; cedar posts, \$9,418; lumber, \$4,586.

Louis McConnell, Van Vlack, Ont., is stocking his new mill. He has 750,000 shingle timber on hand, and will cut 5,000,000 shingles and 5,000,000 feet of lumber, mostly pine and hemlock.

Kennedy, Davis & Son, of Lindsay and Bobcaygeon, expect to make a large cut this year. A large gang of men is in the woods and sufficient logs are now on hand to run their mill for several months.

The Reid Co., of Toronto, have been awarded the contract by the city of Hamilton for the supply of lumber, at the following prices: Lumber, \$12.97 per thousand feet; cedar posts, 10 cents per foot.

The Christopher Langelier timber limits of Maria, Bonaventure County, Que., have been purchased by T. Nadeau, president of the Washington Building Trust Co., J. M. Fortier, and Alphonse Charlebois, a Quebec contractor. Three hundred men are now employed on the limits cutting timber.

The following are the quotations for Douglas fir lumber, in cargo lots at Vancouver, for foreign shipment. Rough merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, \$7 per M feet; deck plank, rough, average length 35 ft., \$15 per M; dressed T. and G. flooring, \$13 per M; pickets, rough, \$7 per M; laths, 4 feet 6 in., \$1.50 per M.

Exports of lumber from New Bruns-

wick are reported as follows: From Quaco on Jan. 8th, for Boston, per sch. Silver Wave, 100,000 boards, etc., 75,000 laths, by J. R. McDonough; on Jan. 14th, per sch. Frank W., for Salem f. o., 135,000 ft. plank, 15,000 laths, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. For Buenos Ayres, f. o., per bark Bessie Markham, 137,277 ft. spruce boards, 603,256 ft. do. scantling, 16,433 ft. do. plank, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. For New York, per sch. Clayola, 225,000 laths, by J. R. Warner & Co. For Glasgow, by W. M. Mackay, 325,518 feet deals, etc.; John Wilson, 194 pcs. birch timber (84 loads).

UNITED STATES.

Sci. Froet, of Menominee, Mich., will bank 3,000,000 feet of logs at Saunders this winter.

The Donovan & O'Connor mill at Menominee, Mich., have 4,000,000 feet of stock in hand for sawing.

Alger, Smith & Co., of Saginaw, Mich., have 4,000,000 feet of long logs to be hauled to Black River, Alcona county.

Prices for logs at Manister, Mich., range about \$4.00 to \$4.50 for maple, ash, elm, etc. Rock elm commands a little higher figure.

Culligan & Doyle, of Bay City, Mich., have 1,000,000 feet of logs banked on the Oqueoc river. They will be rafted to Alpena next summer.

The H. Witbeck Co., of Marinette, Wis., have sold to the Schroeder Lumber Co., of Milwaukee, 40,000,000 feet of pine timber on Popple river, for \$150,000.

The lowest bidder on 3,200,000 feet of lumber and thick stuff to be used for canal improvement at Buffalo, was the Laycock Lumber Co., their price being \$67,759.05.

PROSPECTIVE TRADE WITH FRANCE.

The following interesting letter on the prospects of Canadian trade with France has been received by the CANADA LUMBERMAN:

BORDEAUX, FRANCE,

January 16, 1896.

DEAR SIR, — Regarding the outlook and market in France for Canadian lumber under the new treaty, I have gone over the position recently with many of our important dealers, and have had published here, the copy of the treaty I received. For the moment it is impossible to give you any very definite information, as it is so recent an affair, coming at our dead season, and when everyone is making up stock and closing their books, that no decided action has taken place to indicate to what extent our buyers will take hold of it.

Speaking particularly of spruce, which perhaps is of most interest to you, all our buyers are more or less familiar with the Canada spruce deals, having bought in a limited way from time to time under the old or maximum duty. Now that the new treaty allows a reduction of 13 Fcs. per standard (or say, \$2.50), it is more than probable that Canada can count on France to buy largely.

The position to-day can perhaps be described in a few words. Geographically, France is near the great forests of Norway, Sweden, Russia, and Austria; their products have a good foothold here, and are well liked, and justly so, because the lumber is very carefully manufactured, all sawn and equalized with band saws, in current sizes here. Clean, bright and even, it, as the French say, "pleases the eye," and everyone who has had experience in the French markets knows that this goes further towards selling it than a practical lumberman would at first believe. The nearness of France to these forests allows of

freights which are low and easily obtained.

In front of these facts Canada comes with a reduction of \$2.50 per std. to compete with the Baltic shippers. The result of this competition you will have from time to time in my regular reports to you, but, as I said before, nothing can be predicted for the moment.

I will make off a list of imports showing exact importations at different ports. The sizes most desired and saleable here are 3x7, 3x8, 3x9, 9 to 22 feet (metric) long, with an average of 14½ to 15 feet (metric). Long lengths are sought for. Inspections are 1st, 2nd and 3rd, with a good average of 2nd. It is impossible to name you any price, because no contracts have been made recently. The market is quiet and steady, with rather good prospects for active demand when the season opens.

Staves continue depressed and quiet, and our market continues overstocked. Some activity is looked for during the spring buying. If anything can be done in your staves here, I would be glad to hear from your shippers. Bordeaux uses some 30,000,000 a year, and it seems there ought to be room for Canadian trade as there is for American.

Yours truly,

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The trade, in keeping with other lines of business here, is rather quiet just now, but the prospects for the coming spring and summer are gradually brightening. Of course, so far as the manufacturers are concerned, they are largely safeguarded against any possible fall in prices during the coming season, as their prospective output of deal has been sold, leaving only the ordinary thin lumber for them to handle. A feature worthy of note has been a marked improvement during the past few weeks in the sale and shipment of box lumber. In the early part of the season there was a lack of the usual demand for this class of lumber, but lately, however, the demand has increased, and many large lots have been disposed of at fair prices, so that at present only the average winter stock is in the yards. Of all other classes of lumber, the usual quantity is now on hand.

THE SITUATION.

REFLECTED THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE OF THE "WEEKLY LUMBERMAN."

Eastman Lumber Co., Eastman, Que.: No. 2 spruce is all we are selling. Stocks in this locality are small, and prices firm.

Geo. Thomson, Wingham, Ont.: Hemlock is in most demand. Prices are firm, and stocks on hand small. The logs coming in are mostly hardwood.

Leischman, Maundrell & Co., Woodstock, Ont.: Barn stock and 1½ and 2-inch in good demand. Lumber is at a stand-still, but logs are coming in from all parts.

H. G. Ross, Victoria, B. C.: Stocks are moving slowly. For export, fir is in most demand, and for local use, fir and cedar. Stocks in this province are very small, and prices are inclined to advance. I may say that in British Columbia stocks are not held, the lumber being cut as ordered.

Thos. Ouellett, Detroit, Mich.: Regarding purchases of one million feet in the neighborhood of Owen Sound, the lumber consisted chiefly of hard maple, with some soft elm and basswood. I expect to buy more in that section during the coming

season. Am buying car-loads now to be shipped east. Water shipments nearly all come to Detroit.

Pobert Christie, Chesley, Ont.: There is a good enquiry for rock elm for bicycles. The old stocks of hardwood are well sold out, but considerable hemlock is carried. The usual stock of logs will be taken out.

COOPERAGE.

The Sutherland-Inne Co., of Chatham, Ont., have favored us with the following notes regarding the condition of cooperage stocks:

At this season of the year business for prompt shipment is very limited indeed, and until something definite is known regarding the United States tariff and the winter we are going to have, very little contracting will be done for delivery over 1896.

Owing to the entire absence of snow so far this year, manufacturers of cooperage stock advanced prices about two weeks ago. The stock of staves, hoops, and heading in Canada is very limited, and it does not look as if there would be enough stock to go around until the new cut comes in. Under the circumstances, very high prices are looked for by all manufacturers in the near future. Should the winter continue as at present, none of the mills in Canada will be stocked up, and all kinds of cooperage stock will be at a high premium this season.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

Bark Ethel Clarke is at Bear River, N. S., loading lumber for the West Indies.

Sch. John H. Cross is loading creosoted piling at Richmond, N. B., for New York.

Steamer Derwent Holme has sailed from St. John, N. B., for Liverpool, with a cargo of deals.

The Etta White has left Vancouver for Blaine, with 200,000 feet of cedar logs for shingles.

The Beaver Line boat Lake Superior sailed on the 23rd inst., from St. John, with 350 standards of deals for Liverpool.

The British ship City of Florence, which took a cargo of lumber from the Hastings mill, at Vancouver, has arrived at Antwerp.

The Hawaiian schooner Americana, which sailed from Vancouver, B. C., on September 5th with a large cargo of lumber, arrived at East London on January 7th.

Sch. Fred H. Gibson has sailed from Mobile for St. Jago, with a cargo of 394,000 feet of pine. She is chartered to return and load at Pascagoula for Port Spain, p. 1.

BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES AND CHANGES.

D. C. Matthews, lumber, Lakeport, Ont., is reported in financial difficulties.

The Revelstoke, B. C., Lumber Co. is reported to be in financial difficulties.

S. V. Bray, lumber and general store, Wellesley, Ont., has been succeeded by McGee Bros. & Co.

The assets of Atchison & Co., planing mill, Hamilton, have been sold to James Houlden, at \$7,150 for mill and machinery, and \$1,020 for the lumber.

FIRES.

James Smith & Son's saw-mill at Stanley, N. B., has been burned. No insurance. They will probably rebuild.

The Alexandria Furniture Factory at Alexandria, Ont., was destroyed by fire on the 21st inst. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

Campbell's mill, above Hartland, N. B., was burned recently. Loss on mill, \$6,000; insurance, \$3,000. The stock burned was valued at \$5,000, and was insured for \$1,700.

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

Lumber freight rates on the Canada Atlantic Railway are as follows: Ottawa to Toronto, 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft. (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Ottawa to Montreal, \$1.25 per M ft. (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Annaprior to Montreal, \$1.75 per M ft. (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, 15 cents track delivery 17 cents per 100 lbs. lightered; Annaprior to New York 17 cents track delivery 9 cents lightered; Ottawa to Boston, Portland and common points, local 15 cents; exports 15c. per 100 lbs.; Annaprior to Boston, Portland and common points, local 17 cents; export 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Burlington, 6 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Annaprior to Albany, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to