

to 15 7d for 16 inch average. For ash, oak and red pine the demand is only moderate. This is also the case with square and waney pine timber, the stock of which at several ports is too large.

UNITED STATES.

The demand for lumber in the United States is steadily increasing, and manufacturers and dealers are looking forward to a season of great activity. Prices continue to strengthen. The scarcity of box lumber is still the feature of the market, and substitutes are being sought for. It is not anticipated that prices will weaken before midsummer at least, and even then it is unlikely that there will be any material decrease. Tonawanda and Buffalo dealers report numerous enquires for low grade stock. There has been an unusual run on No. 3 barn, which is selling at from \$14 to \$15. No. 2 barn is also much in demand, and the upper grades are scarce. Mill culls are selling in Michigan at from \$9 to \$10, and the quantity available is extremely limited. In New York there has been an advance of \$1 per thousand on box lumber, and 10-inch 13 foot boards are likely to bring higher prices. Spruce lath has advanced 40 cents within the past ten days, being held at \$2.40 per thousand.

The situation in hardwoods has been somewhat relieved by the new cut. Basswood is getting dry and some of it has gone forward from the mills. Maple is slightly weaker, as the cut of the past winter was probably the largest ever known.

NEW BRUNSWICK CEDAR SHINGLES.

The situation of the shingle market to-day is exactly what we predicted. There are practically no shingles in stock at producing points. On the other hand, the retail dealers are very short of stock, and the net result is a flurry of very large extent. Those few manufacturers who have held their shingles up to the present time are receiving to-day, delivered at Boston, the following prices: Extras, \$3; clears, \$2.50; second clears and saps, \$2.

We believe that four times as many shingles as there are at producing points are sold for immediate shipment at these figures. It can be readily seen, therefore, that the market is entirely in the hands of the manufacturers. A great many of the latter are refusing to quote for shipment until after the summer mills start, say in June, believing that by such time shingles will be worth \$3.25 or more. We are inclined to think this view of the situation is correct, and would advise all manufacturers to wait until they have shingles to offer, making no quotations whatever, for the reason that they are absolutely sure at such time of getting present prices, and certainly stand a strong chance of realizing considerable more.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Thomas Barber, of Keldon, Ont., has engaged a portable mill to cut about 100,000 feet of soft elm lumber.

The total cut of logs in Minnesota last winter is estimated at 640,000,000 feet. This is said to be the largest on record.

The Ontario Lumber Company, of French River, Ont., recently shipped several car-loads of deals to Great Britain by United States ports.

Spruce logs have recently been selling at Bangor, Maine, at \$12 to \$13 per thousand, which is about \$2 higher than the prices quoted at same time last year.

The city council of Guelph, Ont., have accepted the tenders of Robert Stewart for the supply of cedar lumber, at \$11.50 per M, and of H. M. Clemens & Co. for tamarac, at \$12.94.

W. R. Thompson has disposed of his stock of elm, basswood and maple at Belmore, Ont., containing in all about 200,000 feet, to the Union Furniture Company, of Wingham.

Chew Bros., of Midland, Ont., have purchased from H. H. Cook the Upper Islands, extending from Moose Deer Point to Parry Sound. There is considerable timber on the property.

The steady demand for shingles at Tonawanda has practically cleaned out that market. Prices have advanced, and are now from 15 to 20 cents a thousand higher than they were last fall. On 18

inch clear butts pine, quotations range from \$2.50 to \$2.65, and on 18 inch XXXX from \$3.35 to \$3.50 f.o.b. cars Tonawanda.

At Saginaw, Mich., dry lumber is practically cleaned up. Log run is quoted at \$14 to \$22, box at \$12 to \$13, Norway bill stuff at \$9.50 and upward, and mill culls at \$9 to \$10. Shingles are quoted at \$2 to \$3 for white pine and 15 cents less for cedar.

A Boston dealer reports that cargoes of wide random spruce are held at \$17.50 to \$18.50, while a special bill of wide stuff sold at \$20. Bangor and St. John lath are in good demand at \$2.25 to \$2.40, which is the strongest opening price quoted for many years.

Chicago dealers have sent out new lists advancing nearly all the items in low grade lumber from 50 cents to \$1 per thousand. There is a shortage of common stock boards in 8 and 10 inch widths. The stock of 12 inch boards is in better shape. In No. 2 common boards an advance has been made of 50 cents a thousand on 8, 10 and 12 inch, 12, 14, 16 feet. On shingles an advance of 5 to 10 cents has been made on both pine and cedar. There is a famine in lath, present quotations being \$2.25 to \$2.30 for white pine and \$1.90 to \$2 for mixed.

On April 14th the following vessels were loading lumber at British Columbia ports: Ship Atlacar, at Vancouver, for South America; ship Alex. McNeal, at Victoria, for Adelaide, Australia; ship Orion, at Chemainus, for Calcutta; barque Undaunted, at Chemainus, for Cape Town, South Africa; ship British General, at Chemainus, for Adelaide, Australia; barque Sebastian Bach, at Chemainus, for Tientsin, China; barque Burnel, at New Westminster, for Chile; schooner Weatherwax, at New Westminster, for San Francisco. The ship Clan Galbraith, the schooner Hawaiian Isles, and the barque Star of France were also ready to load.

SALE OF CANADIAN WOOD GOODS.

Messrs Churchill & Sim, London, England held an auction sale of wood goods on April 12th, at which 3 x 9 third pine realized £7 10s, 3 x 8 £6 15s, and 3 x 7 £6 10s, while 3 x 8 first spruce made £7 15s. A line of two inch first spruce fell at £8 7s for seven inch, and £7 10s for four and five inch. A large parcel of oak sold at 92s 6d to 100s per load, and several lots of birch at 72s 6d to 77s 6d. Details follow:

SPRUCE.—Ex Unique, from Quebec—12-16 ft. 3 x 9 and 2 1-2 x 6, £7. Ex Progressist, from Quebec—13-14 ft. 3 x 8 first quality, £7 15s; 13 ft. 3 x 8, £7 15s; 12-14 ft. 3 x 7, £7 15s. Ex Henri, from Saguenay, Que.—12-14 ft. 3 x 11 third quality, £7 10s; 9-11 ft. 3 x 11, £7 5s. Ex Cameo, from Quebec—12-13 ft. 2 x 8, £8 5s; 12-13 ft. 2 x 7, £8 10s, and £8 5s; 12-13 ft. 2 x 5, £7 10s; 12-13 ft. 2 x 4, £7 10s; 10-11 ft. 2 x 8, £7 15s; 10-11 ft. 2 x 7, £8; 10-11 ft. 2 x 6, £7 15s and £7 10s; 10-11 ft. 2 x 4 and 5, £7 10s. Ex Latona, from Grindstone Island, Que.—12-13 ft. 3 x 9 unassorted, £7 5s; 4-20 ft. 2 x 5-10, £6 5s. Ex Yola from Quebec—7-13 ft. 2 x 8 third quality, £7; 12-13 ft. 2 x 6, £5 15s; 7-11 ft. 2 x 5, £5 15s; 7-13 ft. 2 x 4, £7 5s. Ex Queensmore, from Montreal—6-9 ft. 3 x 8-11 first quality, £9; 7-12 ft. 3 x 6, £8 5s.

PINE.—Ex Progressist, from Quebec—14-16 ft. 1 1-2 x 8-22 first quality, £17 5s; 12-16 ft. 1 1-4 x 7, £15 5s; 12-16 ft. 1 1-4 x 6, £14 10s; 12-16 ft. 1 1-4 x 5, £13; 12-16 ft. 1 1-4 x 4, £13. Ex Monarch, from Quebec—9-15 ft. 2 x 12-24 first quality, £21; 16 ft. 2 x 11, £16; 12-15 ft. 2 x 10, £16; 12-16 ft. 2 x 9, £17 10s; 9-11 ft. 2 x 8-10, £14 10s; 9-11 ft. 2 x 6 and 7, £12 5s; 9-11 ft. 2 x 5, £13 10s; 6-8 ft. 2 x 10, £15 5s; 6-8 ft. 2 x 8 and 9, £13 15s; 6-8 ft. 2 x 7, £12 5s; 6-8 ft. 2 x 6, £11 10s; 6-8 ft. 2 x 5, £12 5s; 6-8 ft. 2 x 4, £9 5s and £10; 6-16 ft. 1 1-2 x 12-23, £18 15s; 6-15 ft. 1 1-2 x 11, £16 15s; 6-16 ft. 1 1-2 x 10, £14 15s; 6-16 ft. 1 1-2 x 9, £15; 6-11 ft. 1 1-2 x 7 and 8, £11 15s; 6-11 ft. 1 1-2 x 6, £10 15s; 6-11 ft. 1 1-2 x 5, £10 10s; 6-11 ft. 1 1-2 x 4, £9 10s; 6-11 ft. 1 1-4 x 11 and 17, £14 5s; 6-11 ft. 1 1-4 x 9 and 10, £13 10s; 6-11 ft. 1 1-4 x 8, £10 15s; 6-11 ft. 1 1-4 x 7, £10; 6-11 ft. 1 1-4 x 6, £9 15s; 6-11 ft. 1 1-4 x 5, £9 10s; 6-11 ft. 1 1-4 x 4, £9 and £9 5s. Ex Merino, from Quebec—12 ft. 3 x 10 third quality, £7 10s; 12 ft. 3 x 9, £7 10s; 12 ft. 3 x 8, £6 15s; 12 ft.

3 x 7, £6 10s and £6 15s; 13 ft. 3 x 9 third quality (Hudson's stock) £7 10s; 12 ft. 3 x 9, £7; 13 ft. 3 x 8, £6 15s; 12 ft. 3 x 8, £6 15s; 12-13 ft. 3 x 7, £6 10s; 11 ft. 3 x 9, and 12 £7; 10 ft. 3 x 9, £7 5s; 11 ft. 3 x 8, £6 10s; 10 11 ft. 3 x 7 and 8, £6 10s; 6-8 ft. 3 x 7-11 first and third quality, £8.

OAK TIMBER.—Ex Fernmoor, from Quebec—Seven pieces 18 inches and up, £5 per load; six pieces, £4 17s 6d; 100 pieces under 18 inches, £4 12s 6d, £4 15s and £4 17s 6d.

BIRCH TIMBER.—Ex Hazelmoor, from Quebec—About 200 pieces, 18 inches and up, £3 12s 6d and £3 17s 6d per load.

BEECH SQUARES WANTED.

A Liverpool firm of timber importers and saw millers write to the CANADA LUMBERMAN as follows:

"It is possible that we might be able to use very large quantities of beech squares of the following sizes or multiples:

Table listing sizes of beech squares: 10 per cent... 12 1/2 x 2 1/4 square, 25 " ... 12 1/2 x 2 1/2 " ... 9 1/2 x 1 3/8 " ... 9 1/2 x 2 1/8 " ... 9 x 1 1/2 " ... 9 x 1 3/8 " ... 12 x 1 3/8 " ... 12 x 1 1/2 or 2 square ... 10 1/4 x 1 3/8 square.

"These would have to enter into competition with English beech, and would necessarily have to be at a very low price, as birch planks are being largely shipped at a very low price. We have no doubt that beech could, if it grows plentiful enough, be cut and shipped at as low a price, or possibly lower. It would be necessary for these squares to be absolutely first quality in every respect, perfectly straight grained, free of knots and other defects, and it would also be necessary after the squares have been cut that they be immediately steamed in a boiler under pressure with live steam (a pressure of 10 to 20 lbs. to the square inch for some hours would be sufficient for this) to eject and kill the sap contained in the wood, and then before being shipped to be allowed to cool off and season a little. This is to prevent splitting upon the ends. The steaming need not necessarily be a costly process; it is done in our mill as soon as the wood comes from the saw, and it has most beneficial results."

Readers of THE LUMBERMAN wishing the address of this firm may obtain same by enclosing postage to this office.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The Timber Trades Journal reports that very little chartering has taken place of late from Canadian ports, but that engagements have been made by liners to Liverpool from Montreal and Quebec at 35s per standard, June-July sailing. The following fixtures are recorded: Quebec to Bristol, steamer Ramleh, 425 6d, June; West Bay, N. S., to w. c. England, 1100 standards, 35s; St. John, N. B., to w. c. England, 1100 standards, 38s 9d; steamer Russ, to w. c. England or Clyde, 40s.

The following additional charters are reported: Bark, 398 tons, St. John, N. B., to Ireland, deals, 55s; steamer Manuka, Grindstone Island, Que., to w. c. England, 40s; bark, 400 tons, Miramichi, N. B., to c. c. U. K., deals, 47s 6d; bark Stadacona, Yarmouth, N. S., to Buenos Ayres, lumber \$10.

John Calcott's saw mill, about three miles from St. Thomas, Ont., was destroyed by fire last week. The loss is \$3,000, with no insurance.

Send four 3-cent Canadian postage stamps for a copy of the LUMBERMAN'S VEST-POCKET INSPECTION BOOK, containing rules for the inspection of Pine and Hardwood Lumber in the leading markets of Canada and the United States.

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Mr. Geo. A. Fowler, Lumber Agent, C.P.R., Ottawa, furnishes the following schedule of freight rates on lumber on that railway: To Toronto and Hamilton from Brock, Marston, Bonfield, North Bay, Sturgeon Falls, Cache Bay and Warren, 9 cents; from Sudbury, 11 cents; Rayside and Chelmsford, 10 cents; from Carter and Geneva Lake, 10 1/2 cents; from Spanish Forks, 11 cents; from Cutler, Sprague and Algoma, 12 cents; from Lake, Thessalon, Deserats, 12 cents; from Lake, 100 lbs. on pine and soft woods, the rate on hard woods being one cent per 100 lbs. higher, from Ottawa, 12 cents; Aylmer and Dechenes Mills, 12 cents; from Pembroke, to Toronto the rate is 1 cent both on pine and hardwood.

To Albany and points taking Albany rates—Ottawa, Hull, Aylmer and Deserats Mills, 10 cents; East Templeton, Buckingham, Calumet and Carleton Jct., 11 cents; Arnprior, Braside and Renfrew, 11 cents; Pembroke and Eganville, 11 cents per 100 lbs. These rates are based on a minimum of 30,000 lbs. per car.

To New York, for track delivery and all points on the Hudson river, or the New York Central and West Shore railways from Ottawa, Hull, Aylmer, Deserats, Braside and Renfrew, 12 cents; from Eganville and Pembroke, 13 cents. The rates to New York, including litharge within the free litharge limits of New York harbor, are 2 cents per 100 lbs. additional. To New York via large line from Albany—12 cents.

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