probability that prices for carly spring shipments in 1900 will be higher than the closing sales of the present year. The South African war does not seen to have intertered with the timber trade; on the other hand, it has had rather an enliven. ing effect.
Holders of Canadian spruce deals report an unusually brisk demand for goods, and prices are steadily advancing. Within one month third quality spruce has advanced nearly $25 s$ per standard at London, although at time of writing second and third quality are slightly easier, several contracts having just been concluded for seconds at $£ 815 s$ and for thirds at $E 85 \mathrm{~s}$. It is predicted that the top bas not yet been reached, and that atill higher prices will rule during the winter months. At Liverpool a cargo of 1,250 standards has been sold at $\mathcal{L} 723$ od, cost, freight and insurance, and $£ 7$ $5 s$ is being asked for West Bay and similar stock. There has also been increased firmness in Quebec pine deals of all qualities, and sellers are inclined to hold goods for higher prices.
. From Australia comes the report of im. proved conditions in the timber trade. An advance has been made in the price of Oregon pine, and the outlook for the future is brighter than it has been for some time.

## STOCKS AND PRICES.

John Collins, of Honora, Ont., expects to glet out about 100,000 ties this winter. $^{\text {en }}$
James Beveridge, of Parry Sound, has gone to Webbwood, Unt., to superintened the cutting of $10,000,000$ feet of logs near that place.
Lindsay, Baird \& Fulton, of Belmont, N.S., are prepared to let contracts to four jobbers to take out about 1,000,000 feet of logs each.
S. A. Baldwin, of Stanhope, Que., has been given a contract to get out $5,000,000$ feet of logs this winter at Norton Mills for Mr. Fitzgerald.
Chew Bros., of Midiand, Ont., have contracted with Joseph Turner, of Saginaw, Mich, to cut-about $15,000,000$ feet of lumber for him next season.
Vigars Bros., of Port Arthur, Ont., are preparing to get out a large number of logs this winter, but so far have been somewhat handicapped by the scarcity of men.
The extensive mill property, wharves, etc., of S. T. King \& Sons at Kingsville, on the St . John river, about one mile from St. John, N.B., are being offered for sale by L. A. Curry, solicitor, of St. John.
Wim. Gordon, of Stratford, is supplying the timber and lumber for the Whyle Packing Co.'s factory in that city. The cuntract calls for over 600,000 feet, and his tender was in the vicinty of $\$ 12, \infty 0$.
The bark Argilla cleared from larrsboro, N.S., on Oitnber $26 t h$ for Cardiff, Enkland, with about $1,000,000$ feet of deals, shipped by M. L. Tucker for W. M. Mackav. This is the last vessel of this season's deal fleet of that port.
The Conger Lumber Co., of Darry Snund, Oni.. has closed a deal with an American firm in saw $10,000,000$ feet of loss for them during the scason of 1900. The Conjer Conpany will also cut about the same quantity of their own logs.
A syndicate has acquired the Violin Lake pruperly in British Columbia. This properiv includes between 1,600 and , $700:$ acres of the finest timber land in the fowlenay district and the whole area of Violin laike in addituon. It is understond to be the intention of ilie purchasers to operise quite hacarils for some jears.
J. © T: Conlon, of Thorold, Cint., are offermg for sale their umber lunits on the north shoie of lake Huron, comprising: in all iol square miles. The pine in the townships of Thompson and Bright has
nearly all been cut off, but it is estimaied that there is in these townships about 40,000,000 feet of hardwood timber, principally birch, red oak, hard maple, ash and hemlock.
The largest cargo of lumber that ever cleared from the port of Vancouver, B.C., was carried on the whaleback Elm Branch, which sailed for Shanghai, China, one week ago. The cargn consisted of $2,841,324$ feet, valued at $\$ 26,000$. The timber is for the Chinese railway, and will be used chiefly for bidge building. It is prouable that this steamer will be re-chatiered to take another cargo from Vancouver.
Following is a comparative statement of timber, \&c., measured and culled at Quebec to Octover 31st, 1899:


Birch and Maple, cu. feet 271,276 122,500 244,530
The following prices were obtained at a recent auction sale held by Foy, MorRan \& Co., London, Eng.: Pine-Ex Canadia, from Montreal- 12 ft . $3 \times 11$ 4ih quality, $68 ; 12.13 \mathrm{ft} 3 \times$.10 , $7710 \mathrm{f} ; 12$ ft. $3 \times 9, \notin 710 \mathrm{~s} ; 12 \mathrm{ft}, 3 \times 8, \geq 6155 ; 12$ fi., $3 \times 7,26155 ; 12.17 \mathrm{fl}, 3 \times 5,1610 \mathrm{~s}$. Ex Monmouth, from Montreal-6ft. $3 x$ 11 3rd quality $\not \subset 815 \mathrm{~s}$. Spruce-Ex Yolam, from Monireal- $13 \mathrm{ft}, 3 \times 9$ 2nd
quality, 58 tos. Ex Montauk, from
 Sawn Birch-Ex St. John City, from St. John, N.B. $-31 / 2 \times 4-18$, 8 d per cubic foot.
The new white pine list issued by Buffalo and Tonawanda dealers is an advance over the August list of $\$ 3$ on uppers and $\$ 2$ on selects, No. 1 cuts, most of the dressing and the greater part of No. I barn and box. No. ${ }^{1}$ dressing is now quoted at $\$ 33.50$ to $\$ 36.50$, No. 2 dressink at $\$ 23$ to $\$ 29.50$ for inch, No. 1 harn at $\$ 22.50$ to $\$ 30$, No. 2 barn at $\$ 2050$ to $\$ 24.50$, and NO. 3 barn at $\$ 19$ in $\$ 20.50$. Box boards range from $\$ 17$ to $\$ 30$, and mill culls are quoted at $\$ 16.50$. Prices on Norway piece stuff are based on $\$ 19.50$ for $2 \times 4$ in the short lengits, and $\$ 20$ for $2 \times 6$ and $2 \times 3$. No. $:$ Norway diessing ranges from $\$ 22$ to $\$ 30$ and No. 3 from $\$ 18$ to $\$ 20$. Shingle prices remain unchanged.

TIMBER SALE AT DUBLIN, IRELAND.
A saic of wood grods, consisting chiefly of Canadian pine and spruce deals, was heid recently at Dullin, Ireland, by tWm. Grabain. The prices realized, per lrish standard of 3,240 superficial feet, were as follows:
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linay liekte Sirver.- $-4 \times 3$ in., 10.14 f., L11256d;13.15 ft. $21155 ; 16.20 \mathrm{ft}, 611$ 2s G1: $5{ }^{\lambda} 3$ in. $10 \cdot 11$ f1., fil: $12.16 \frac{11}{1 .}$

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Miramichi Pine Dial.s.-7 $7 \times 3$ in.i. $10-11$

 in., 10-12 f1., E12; 14-20 fl., E12 5 s; $9 \times 3$
 3 in., 10-12 fi., £12 10s; 13.15 ft., t12 15s; $12 \times 3$ in., 10.12 ft , £ 1227 s 6d.

## the australian market.

The monthly timber report of Fraser \& Co., Melisura
follows:
As ne anticipated in our last report, an improved tone in the market has buen experienced. during the past mouth, better busines ed, while the demand from our city and suburbs has been well maintained, and from both direction: there are appearances of such continuing for at least some time to come such no case has there been 2 decline upon our last no case has there been 2 decline upon our last advance in prices has been secured, notably in advance in prices has been secured, notably in
flooing goods and Oregon, and the inprove. ment made in these is likely to be sustained, white it is prohable that very shontly we shall be able to advise higher rates as tuling for beveral other descriptions of timber which are several ouher descriptionst
placed upon this market.
The position of affairs with us should also be strengthened by the fact that c.i.f. values are increasing from many of the export countries which se indications formere, and that generally the indicaucons from these quarters point to still further higher rates ensuing sather than
any lower yalues being manifested in the near any low
future.

Oracion Pine. - Imports: 30,000 super ficial feet, from Sydayy. The trade baving bought largely from supplies received last month, consequenly no quantity of import. ance has teen quitted within the past few weeks. IHolders are, however, firm and 67 per thousand feet is now required, al which
price sonie business has been done. Further price some business has been dona
sales are pending upon this hasis.
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I.ATHS AND PICKETS.- Imports: Laths, 1305 lundles. Both are wanted, but extremely scarce. Lathis have been disposed of at 375 6d, while pickets are quoted at $\mathcal{L} 10 s$
per 1000 pieces. An advance upon these rates pes 1000 pieces. An advance upon these rates
will likely le ohtainable when forward supplies are available.
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.THE OUTLOOK FOR BASSWOOD.
Basswood is so plentiful in the stump, so easily logged and handled compared with some of the other hardwoods, is capable of such rapid manutacture, and can be so quickly cured for market, that a possibility of a shortage in supply has not perhaps entered the minds of many buyers or crinsumers, says the American Lumberman. Nevertheless, the time has arrived when the likelihood of a shortage in the supply of basswood lumber within the next few months assumes such prominence that it is worthy of serious consideration.
The demand for basswood opened up early this year, and even in January and February there were quite a number of transactions in which mill cuts were involved. As the manufacturing season progressed, the interest of buyers in the basswood output increased accordingly: For several months there was a great deal of quiet buying and large bunches of stock were taken off the market. But there was apparently so much left that even those buyers who were most interested saw no reason to apprehend that there would not be enough basswood to go around. However, some new and unexpected factors entered the situation. Many wholesalers who had supposed they had acquired enough stock to carry them through the winter suddenly awoke to a realization of the fact that their stocks were dwindling and
their assortments broken, and in. mediately set about looking .or turther supplies. In canvassing he northern mills they found that the H. D. WICCII Easimituss will ingpect at mill and PAY CASH for FBG ERUN
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