

have fallen very considerably since last summer. Operators who contracted in advance are getting from 2 to 4 cents better prices than they could now get.

The Assiniboine Lumber Co., of Brandon, Man., have a good stock of small dimension stock. They are taking out 4,000,000 feet of logs this winter.

The Standard Oil Company, of Oswego, N. Y., who consume annually from 85,000,000 to 100,000,000 feet of lumber in the manufacture of boxes, will, it is said, purchase a large portion of their supply in Canada this year.

The annual meeting of the Spanish River Boom Company was held at Windsor, Ont., on the 20th inst. It was reported that the company handled 200,000,000 feet of logs during the past season, and that the estimate for the coming season was but 100,000,000 feet.

Messrs. McPherson & Co., of Longford, Ont., are taking out about 20,000 feet of waxy board pine. This timber is hauled out to the track of the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Ry., at Ravensworth, and will be railed to shipping points on the St. Lawrence.

The Parry Sound Lumber Co. are reported as not taking out any logs this season, on account of the dullness of the American lumber markets. If other operators would follow this lead and curtail the production, no doubt the result would be very beneficial to the trade in general.

FOREIGN.

A compilation of the production of lumber and shingles in the northern pine districts of the United States shows that in 1896 the cut of lumber was 5,538,112,748 feet, against 7,093,398,978 in 1895. In shingles there was a falling off in 1896 of 600,000,000 shingles. The stock of lumber at the mills is less than the previous year by something over 500,000,000 feet.

At Churchill & Sims' last auction sale at London, Eng., a large quantity of Canadian goods were offered, prices ruling as below: Per steamer "Coquet," from Quebec—13x3x11 3rd pine, \$9 10s.; 12x3x10 4th pine, \$6 15s.; 12x3x8 4th pine, \$6 10s.; 13x3x8 4th pine, \$6 5s. Per steamer "Mab," from Quebec—12x3x11 3rd pine, \$9 10s. and \$9 15s. Per steamer "Cameo," from Quebec—12x3x9 1st spruce, \$9 and \$8 15s. Per steamer "Hannah Blanchard," from Quebec 11x3x9 1st spruce, \$9. Per steamer "Aloe dene," from Quebec—12x3x9 3rd pine, \$8 and \$7 15s. Per steamer "Birmam," from Quebec—16x3x11 3rd pine, \$9; 12, 15x3x10 3rd pine, \$7 10s.; 12, 15x3x9 3rd pine, \$7 10s. Per steamer "City of Lincoln," from Quebec—9 pcs. oak timber, 398 ft., \$3 15s.; 9 pcs. oak timber, 430 ft., \$3 17s.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

Steamer Leticia has been chartered to load deals at St. John, N. B., for Liverpool, at 41s. 3d., April loading.

The Nova Scotia bark Antigna has been chartered to load a full cargo of 1,000,000 feet of lumber at Baltimore, for Rio Janeiro, at \$10 per thousand feet, and it will probably be the first shipment of the kind to leave there for the intended destination.

The saw mill of the Montague Paper Company at Lake Megantic, Que., was completely consumed by fire on the 21st inst. The mill was valued at \$50,000, on which there was an insurance of \$29,000.

PRICES FOR CANADIAN GOODS AT LIVERPOOL.

Sales of Canadian timber and lumber were made in the Liverpool market as follows, as reported by Farnworth & Jardine:

QUEBEC PINE. The arrivals have chiefly been the usual contract shipments, but a few consignments have been sold as follows:—

WAXY, 1st class, 45 1/2 feet and 17 1/2 inches at 2s. 8d. per cubic foot; 20 inches average, at from 2s. 6d. to 2s. 7d.; 15 1/2 inches average, at 22d.; 2nd quality, 20 to 22 1/2 inches average at from 22 1/2d. to 2s.; 16 1/2 to 19 1/2 inches average, at from 19d. to 20d.

SQUARE PINE 1st class, 32 1/2 feet average cube at 21d. per cubic foot; good fair average at from 20d. to 21d.; fair average at from 15d. to 16d. ST. JOHN PINE, on contract only. DALHOUSIE 15d. per cubic foot. SPRUCE TIMBER has not been imported.

RED PINE.—37 1-2 to 40 feet average cube at from 16d. to 18d. per cubic foot.

OAK, 60 feet average cube at 2s. 7d. per cubic foot; 12 to 14 inches at 2s. 7 1-2d.; 2nd quality, at from 2s. to 2s. 2d.

ELM.—Several parcels 48 to 70 feet average cube, at from 23 1-2d. to 2s. 0 1-2d. per cubic foot.

ASH has ruled as follows: 15 1-2 inches average at 20 1-2d. per cubic foot; 14 to 15 inches average, at from 19d. to 20d.; 13 inches average at 17d.

BIRCH.—Of QUEBEC: 19 to 19 1-2 inches average, at from 21d. to 23d. per cubic foot; 18 to 18 1-2 inches average, at from 18d. to 20d.; 17 inches average at 19d.; 16 to 16 1-2 inches average, at from 16 1-2d. to 18d.; 15 to 15 1/2 inches average, at from 16 1-2d. to 17d. 13 to 13 1-2 inches average, at from 13 1-2d. to 14d. ST. JOHN, chiefly by auction—15 1-2 to 15 3/4 inches average, at from 16d. to 17 1/2d. per cubic foot; 14 3/4 to 15 inches average, at from 15 1/2d. to 16 1-2d.; 14 1-2 inches average, at from 14 1-2d. to 15 1/4d. DALHOUSIE: 13 inches average, at 14d. MIRAMICHI: No sales to report. LOWER PORT, 15 1/2 to 15 3/4 inches average, at from 12 1-2d. to 14 1/2d. BIRCH PLANKS: early in the season, at from \$7 5s. to \$7 10s. per standard; during the summer, at from \$6 to \$6 5s., but recovered later to \$6 10s. to \$7 per standard.

NEW BRUNSWICK & C., SPRUCE DEALS.—St. John, early in the year, at from \$6 5s. to \$6 10s. c.i.f. and steadily advanced during the season to \$7 per standard c.i.f., which is latest sale. Miramichi, Dalhousie, and Bathurst at about same as St. John. Parsboro', (West Bay), Halifax, Campbellton, Grindstone Island, and similar, at from 2s. 6d. to 5s. per standard, and Bay Verte, Pugwash, &c., at from 10s. to 15s. per standard less than St. John.

NEW BRUNSWICK, & C., PINE DEALS.—Miramichi, chiefly on contract, but consignments 1st quality at \$13 10s. per standard; 2nd quality at \$10 10s.; 3rd quality from \$6 10s. to \$6 15s.; 4th quality, \$5 15s.

SCANTLINGS AND BOARDS (SPRUCE) have been sold with the cargo at the usual reduction of 20s. per standard, but on their merits, at from \$15 15s. to \$6 12s. 6d. per standard.

PALINGS AND LATHS.—Miramichi pine palings, 4 1-2 feet 3 in. x 1 in., at 110s. per mille. Spruce, 5 feet 3 in. x 1 in., at 85s.; 4 1-2 feet 3 in. x 1 in., at 75s.; 4 feet 3 in. x 1 in., at 65s.; 4 1-2 feet 3 in. x 3/4 in., 65s. per mille of 1,200 pieces. Laths (sawn), at 12s. per mille.

QUEBEC PINE DEALS.—The imports have been largely on merchants' account. 1st quality regular specifications, at from \$22 10s. to \$24 per standard; oddments, at from \$17 to \$18; strips, at from \$17 to \$18; 2nd quality deals, at from \$15 10s. to \$17 10s.; strips, at \$12 10s.; 3rd quality deals, at from \$9 to \$10; strips, at \$7 10s.; 4th quality deals, at about \$7 10s.; strips, at from \$6 5s. to \$6 10s. Red pine deals, at from \$8 to \$8 10s. per standard; oddments, at \$7 10s. per standard; common quality, at \$6 15s. per standard; 1st quality spruce, at from \$9 to \$10 10s. per standard; 2nd and 3rd quality, at from \$6 15s. to \$7; 4th quality, at \$6 5s.; 5ths and culls, at \$5 15s.

QUEBEC TIMBER LIMITS SALE.

A sale of timber limits took place at the Crown Lands Department, Quebec, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., with the following result.

Lower Ottawa Agency.—Township Beresford; area square miles, 4 1/4; upset price per mile, \$80; price obtained, \$80; purchaser, J. H. Nault.

Township Harrington, No. 1; area square miles, 2 1/4; upset price per mile, \$80; price obtained, \$100; purchaser, Robert McIntyre.

St. Charles Agency.—Lake Kiskisink, No. 145, area square miles, 30; upset price per mile, \$25; price obtained, \$25; purchaser, Richard Turner.

Lake St. John East Agency.—Township Kenogami, No. 1, area square miles, 4; upset price per mile, \$8; price obtained, \$8; purchaser, J. D. Guay.

Township Kenogami, No. 22, area square miles, 38; upset price per mile, \$8; price obtained, \$8; purchaser, J. D. Guay.

Lake St. John Centre Agency.—River Metabetchouan, No. 1, area square miles, 8 1/4; upset price, \$9; price obtained, \$9; Price Bros. & Co., purchasers.

Montagny Agency Township Ashburton, area square miles 4; upset price per mile, \$10; price obtained, \$10; purchaser, Price Bros. & Co.

Matapedia Valley Agency—River Assametchouan, area square miles, 1; upset price per mile, \$35; price obtained \$35; purchaser, John Mills.

Bonaventure West Agency—Riviere Andre, West Branch, Township Restigouche, area square miles, 4 3-5; upset price per mile, \$20; price obtained \$20; purchaser, F. Stancliff.

Township Carleton, No. 4, area square miles, 7 1-2; upset price per mile, \$50; price obtained, \$69; purchaser R. J. Miller.

Basket Brook, area square miles, 4; upset price per mile, \$15; price obtained \$22; purchaser J. D. Sowerby.

Little River, East Branch, area square miles, 10; upset price per mile, \$15; price obtained, \$15; purchaser, John Oatman.

Gaspe Centre Agency—Township Fox, No. 3, area square miles, 1 1/2; upset price per mile, \$15; price obtained, \$15; purchaser, F. J. Annett.

Gaspe West Agency, Riviere a Pierre, Township Duchesnay, area square miles, 40; upset price per mile, \$25; price obtained, \$25; purchaser P. E. McConville.

A MANUFACTURER'S OPERATIONS.

Mr. J. E. Murphy, of Hepworth Station, Ont., writes to THE LUMBERMAN, under date of January 19th, as follows:

"I am trying to put in a million feet of hemlock at each of my mills here and at Murphy, on the Owen Sound extension of the G. T. R. So far we have had little or no snow. The thaw of last Sunday entirely obliterated the little sleighing we had, and operations are now at a stand-still.

Next to hemlock, I am putting in all the soft and rock elm I can get, the former to be made into barrel hoops; the latter principally for bicycle rims and other bending stock for U. S. points. I have no contracts ahead as in former years, except a few cars hard maple plank and soft elm coffin boards for export, for both of which I am getting satisfactory prices. I am also stocking up largely with cedar tie material, telegraph and electric light poles, and cedar timber and piling. This will be my principal output for 1897. If we get snow enough to permit, I will have between three and four million feet between the two mills. I am carrying over only about \$4,000 worth of stock of 1896, composed principally of hemlock dimensions. New stock will consist of birch, maple and spruce, along with those other varieties above mentioned.

I am exercising greater care than formerly in selecting none but good logs at good prices, having learned from experience that second grades of hardwoods are dearer as a gift than No. 1 is at a good round price. Common and cull hardwood continues quite unsaleable. All

operations in this section are being done on a much more limited scale than hitherto, owing principally to the apparent unwillingness of banks to put out money in new old stocks are further reduced."

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

Lumber freight rates on the Canadian way are as follows: Ottawa to Toronto, 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft. to Syracuse, \$2.20 per M ft. (3,000 lbs. per M ft.); Ottawa to Montreal, 50 per M ft.; Montreal to Montreal, 50 per M ft.; Montreal to Buffalo, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, track delivery 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Montreal to New York, track delivery 17 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to New York, track delivery 17 cents per 100 lbs., lighted to Parry Sound 22c. track, 24c. lighted; Ottawa to Boston, Portland and common points, 15 cents; exports 15c. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Portland and common points, local 17 cents per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Boston and common points, local 21 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Burlington, 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Albany to Albany, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; St. John, N. B. and common points, 10 cents; Ottawa to Halifax, N. S. and common points, 22 1/2 cents per 100 lbs. Minimum cartage and shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., and rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs. when quoted per M ft. the minimum cartage 10 M ft. lumber not exceeding 3,000 lbs. to Ottawa rates apply on shipments from Riv. Hawkesbury.

Lumber freight rates for pine on the G. T. R. Railway have been made a fixture, as below intended change due notice will be given.

General instructions in shipping by Grand Trunk in these words in the tariff schedule: "On carloads, minimum weight, 30,000 lbs. unless the marked capacity of the car be less than the marked capacity (but not less than 10,000 lbs.) will be charged, and must not be exceeded. It is impracticable to load certain descriptions of lumber up to 30,000 lbs. to the car, the weight only will be charged for, but not less than 10,000 lbs. The rates on lumber in the tariff are higher from an intermediate point on the line than from the first named point beyond, to the final destination. For instance, the rates from Toronto to Guelph, Brampton, Weston or Toronto are not higher than the specific rates named from Toronto to the same points. The rates from Southampton to points east of Listowel and west of Stratford will be the same. Kincardine, but in no case are higher than charged than as per mileage table published of tariff.

Rates from leading lumber points on the G. T. R. Railway, softwood lumber, shingles, etc., are as follows: Glencairn, Greenore, Aurora, Barrie and Orillia, 100 lbs. to Toronto, 6 1/2c.; Collingwood, Coldwater, Waukegan, Sturgeon Bay, Victor, Midland, Fenelon Falls, Longford, and other points in group C, to Toronto, 6 1/2c. bridge to Toronto 7c.; Utterson, Huntsville, Etobicoke, Kaituma to Toronto, 7 1/2c.; Burksville, Etobicoke and Sunning to Toronto, 8c.; Powassan and Callender to Toronto, 8c.; Junction and North Bay, 10c. Rate from Kincardine and Warton to Toronto, 6 1/2c. to are 7 1/2c. per 100 lbs.; to Deseronto, 9c.; to and Prescott, 10c.; to Montreal and Ottawa, rates on hardwoods average about from 10c. to 12c. higher than on softwoods. For rates on ties, mahogany, rosewood, walnut, cherry, etc.

Advertisement for JOHN B. SMITH & SONS, LUMBER MANUFACTURERS OF LATH, SHINGLES, DOORS, & BILLS. Includes contact information for Cor. Strachan and Wellington Avenues, 10f.

Advertisement for H. D. WIGGIN, MILLS. Having Brown Ash 12, 14 and 16 ft. first and second class firsts and seconds 12 feet, or 2nd Hardwood Lumber, can sell same for cash dressing. Inspection at mill.

Advertisement: "We Want to Buy" listing various wood types and sizes (1 to 2 in. Red Birch, 6 in. and up. etc.) and contact information for LAWRENCE & WIGGIN, Boston, Mass.

Advertisement: "WANTED" for 1 in. No. 1 and No. 2 Basswood, BOSTON LUMBER CO., No. 27 Kilby St., BOSTON, MA.

Advertisement: "RONAN LINE" HUDSON RIVER LUMBER TRANSPORTATION. Water Connection from Albany with points in Canada via Canadian Pacific to New York Harbor, Long Island Sound inland waters of New Jersey. Includes contact information for PARKER C. RONAN, Mgr.