

was much less than it was in former years. The coal strike made impossible the arrangement of return cargoes from American points, and as the barges, Canadian and American, could not with profit be brought one way, many were tied up and the local lumbermen deprived of one important medium of transportation.

Since July over 5,000 men are said to have been hired and forwarded from Ottawa for work in the lumber camps, and still the demand has not been filled, over 2,000 more being required. The agents are hunting in all directions, and large numbers of men have been brought from points as far east as Gaspé, Que. The return of the western harvesters in about a fortnight's time, is looked for to solve the difficulty. A comparison with wages paid a few years back will give an idea of the advance in wages, which must of necessity be followed by an advance in next season's lumber prices, and which in all probability will, for lack of men, mean a shortage in this season's log output. Road cutters are receiving from \$18 to \$22 a month and board, where formerly the maximum figure was \$12 and board. General hands and teamsters are in demand at \$25 to \$28 per month, classes that a few years ago received only from \$12 to \$15 and board per month. Log cutters are hiring at \$28 to \$30 and board, who were only able two years ago to command \$14 to \$17 and board per month. Hewers are receiving \$30 per month, an advance of \$10 in a few years.

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THE GLA GOW MARKET.

From Edinoton & Mitchell's monthly timber circular the following particulars of the Glasgow market are extracted:

In Quebec timber, the stock of waxy and square pine logs is about 25 per cent. more than last year, while oak, elm, and ash are also in excess; but it may be pointed out that the stocks generally last year were abnormally low. In pine deals and sidings the amount on hand, with the exception of second quality, is very small as compared with previous years, while as regards spruce, the figures are 7053 standard, against 13,120 standard at 30th September last year.

A fair volume of business has been trans-

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high-grade white pine have considerably appreciated.

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