

are very active. During the month of March 738 permits were granted by the city of Philadelphia, representing a valuation of \$6,000,000. In many other cities the volume of building is correspondingly large. Chicago reports a heavy movement of lumber, with some irregularity in prices of common inch boards and strips. The base price of piece stuff is \$17.50 for short lengths and a dollar or two added for anything over 18 feet. Norway pine and hemlock show an advancing tendency. The last sales of hemlock in Chicago have been at \$10.75 and \$11. At Saginaw hemlock piece stuff is worth \$12, and boards one dollar more. Sales of pine lumber at Duluth have not been numerous of late. One transaction included 4,000,000 feet of No. 3 and better at \$18.

The scarcity of hardwoods at eastern points is causing some alarm. At Buffalo the supply of quartered oak is almost exhausted. Maple, birch and basswood are good sellers. Maple is steadily advancing and brings about \$2 more than three weeks ago, but the price is yet considered too low. The spruce market continues very firm as regards both demand and prices. The supply of dry stock is light and \$20 is talked of in Boston.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Recent developments in the British timber market have been rather favorable. Buyers are apparently more disposed to operate at current prices, although contracts have generally been for small lots. Prices of pine and spruce deals are quite firm, and the better qualities show a slight appreciation. For 3 x 9 spruce deals £8 10s. c.i.f. London is being asked. This size is very scarce and likely to advance. The stock of Canadian pine deals at the public docks at London on March 31st last was 890,000 pieces, almost the same as one year ago. Of spruce deals the stock was 1,259,000 pieces, an increase of 159,000 pieces over the stock of March 31, 1901. Messrs. Foy, Morgan & Company have compiled the following statistics, showing the supply of deals, battens, etc., at London at the present rate of consumption:

	1902	1901	1900	1899
Deals	3.6	3.5	2.0	2.1
Battens	3.1	2.7	2.0	2.1
Boards	5	4.6	3.2	2.8
Pine	5.6	3.8	2.7	3.6
Spruce	3.9	2.5	1.7	2.5
Floorings.....	3.7	3.8	3.1	2.6

As the consumption is rapidly increasing, it is thought that a more favorable showing will be made when the next monthly report is issued. The supply of Canadian lumber at Glasgow is proportionately smaller than at London or Liverpool. The stock of Quebec spruce deals is less than one year ago. This is also the case with first and fourth quality pine deals, but second and third quality are in larger supply. There is a heavy stock of soft elm timber, birch planks and red pine deals. Large sales of Canadian waney and square white pine are reported to have been made to Irish houses, chiefly for ship-building purposes, at high prices.

The assignment is reported of O. P. Fraser, lumber dealer, Liscombe, N.S.

Duncan, Ewing & Company, timber merchants, Liverpool, England, announce that they have taken James M. Lamb, who has been associated with them for some years, into partnership. The style of the firm remains unchanged.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

At Springhill, N. B., merchantable spruce logs are worth \$10 and battens \$8.

Tenders are invited by the city of Halifax, N.S., for the annual supply of lumber.

D. L. Mather, of Rat Portage, Ont., took out over 300,000 railway ties during the past season.

Tenders for the annual supply of lumber for the city of Winnipeg are invited up to 8 p.m. of the 17th inst.

Mickle, Dymont & Son will supply lumber for the corporation of Barrie, Ont., at \$18 to \$19 for pine, \$14 for cedar, and \$12 for hemlock.

It is understood that the price at which the cut of the South River Lumber Company was purchased was \$19 for log run, mill culls out.

Williamson & Morrison, of Montreal, have sold their 1902 output of three inch spruce deals to Dobell, Beckett & Company, of Quebec.

The management of the Mispic pulp mill at St. John, N. B., expects to take 5,000,000 feet of logs down the Mispic stream this spring.

M.R. Mackey, of Keewatin, Ont., took out during the past winter 100,000 railway ties, 25,000 cords of stove bolts, and 2,500,000 feet of logs.

C. L. Peck has finished sawing 200,000 feet of lumber at Hopewell Hill, N. B. McClellan Bros. are sawing on a 300,000 feet contract at same place.

The R. Laidlaw Lumber Company, of Toronto, are understood to have purchased the cut of the South River Lumber Company, and a portion of the cut of the Huntsville Lumber Company, the latter consisting largely of the upper grades.

The Pine Lumber Company, of Cartier, Ont., are reported to have sold their waney pine timber to W. & J. Sharples, of Quebec, at the price of 37 cents per cubic foot on cars at Cartier. The timber was of small average.

It is estimated by lumbermen that it will cost \$25,000 to save and raft the logs which went past Fredericton, N. B., in the recent freshet. It is said that about 60,000 pieces are already boomed at the mills, and about 40,000 more are safely in booms up river awaiting transportation.

T. D. Robinson, of Winnipeg, has secured the contract from George A. Mitchell to supply over half a million feet of lumber for the Strathcona apartment building to be built in that city. The fir joists will be brought from British Columbia, the hardwood flooring from Ontario, and the balance from the Lake of the Woods district.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company, in their last report of the Barbadoes market, say: "There have been no arrivals of either white pine or spruce, and although the market is amply stocked with the former, and fairly so with the latter, there is rather a better feeling, and next arrivals should readily bring late prices and probably a shade better. No receipts of shingles have taken place, but there is no inquiry."

The Timber News says that St. John and Miramichi, N.B., spruce deals are being held at £5 15s to £6 per St. Petersburg standard f.o.b., which is not considered an inducing or safe price at which to operate extensively. This journal further says:—"A few sales have also been concluded in Bosnian whitewood of late, the shippers accepting £8 15s. c.i.f. London for 3x11 unsorted, and £8 5s. for a few

3 by 9, the 11 in. being the principal line in the contract. These are slightly lower prices than those demanded by the Canadian shippers for spruce. Whether the quality and manufacture of the European whitewood is fully equal to that of the spruce shipped from the Gulf of St. Lawrence we leave to experts to decide, but it is evident that in certain quarters the Canadian wood is being displaced, the difference in price being the sole reason for the change."

During the month of March the imports to London from Canada, according to Churchill & Sim, were as follows: Pine deals, 16,000 pieces; spruce deals, 12,000 pieces; birch planks, 10,000 pieces. In 1901 there were no imports of pine deals, but 22,000 pieces of spruce deal and 28,000 pieces of birch planks. These brokers say: "There has been little change in the pine deal market in London during March. Considerable sales of the new shipment from Newfoundland have been effected at rates which must be relatively satisfactory and the general market remains quiet, steady and well protected by the high prices being realized for further supplies. The demand here, however, is hardly as good as it was last month. In spruce deals there is no change to report here, prices are kept firm by the undeniable scarcity of further supplies for arrival, but the stock is a large one. The demand shows no elasticity and buyers continue to disbelieve in the threatened famine. Any large demand in the next three months would nevertheless not be easy to cope with. There is no change to report here in white pine timber or in oak. Birch, elm and ash have been but little enquired for.

THE BRITISH MARKET.

Messrs. Edmiston and Mitchell, in their report of the Glasgow market, make the following comments on Canadian stock:

WHITE PINE.—There have been a few enquiries for waney boardwood during the month, but we hear of no sales to report. There has been rather more doing in square wood, several sales having resulted at prices ranging from 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d. for first quality and 2s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. for 2nd quality, according to size.

RED PINE.—There has been the usual small demand, and the stock is now only about 250 loads. The price is firm at 1s. 9d. for 300 feet wood.

OAK.—The demand has been quiet, though a few retail sales have been made at 3s. 6d. per cubic foot for long wood, and 2s. 10d. to 3s. for small wood of 12 inches to 14 inches on side. The stock is low, there being only about 700 loads on hand.

ELM.—There has been little enquiry during the month. Prices of 1st-class rock are firm on the basis of 3s. 1d. for 900 cubic feet per page. Soft wood and small squared wood are difficult to move except at low prices. The stock is heavy.

QUEBEC BIRCH.—The stock on hand is now reduced to a small compass, and prices are, if anything, rather firmer than they were, a small parcel of 15 inch logs having been disposed of this month at 18 1/2d. per foot "ex store." Prospects for the coming season seem fair, assuming that the import is not overdone.

N. B. BIRCH.—The stock is chiefly composed of Pictou wood, which is moving off slowly at about 15d. to 16d. per cubic foot for 15-inch average.

ASH.—The stock on hand though small

is difficult to move off on account of the poor quality generally. Buyers here have not responded to the advance in price asked by Quebec shippers, and only really good logs of fair size would sell at anything over 2s. per foot. Ash lumber has come more into favour of late, and the import from the States is increasing.

DEALS, &c.—Business during the month has been extremely quiet; the deliveries from public yards are, however, over the average, showing that consumption is good. Stocks of all kinds of pine goods are very low and record prices are being got for small parcels of broad 1st pine sidings and deals arriving per liners. Prices of spruce are firm. Current values are as under:—Broad first pine deals, £26 to £30; 11-inch, £23 to £25; ends and non-dimensions, £18 to £22. Second pine deals, 11-inch and up, £18 10s. to £21; non-dimensions, £12 10s. to £15. Third pine deals, 11-inch and up, £11 10s. to £13; ends and non-dimensions, £8 10s. to £10. Fourth pine deals, 11-inch and up, £9 10s. to £10; narrows, £7 10s. to £8 5s. Red pine deals, 9-inch and up, £10 to £12; narrows, £8 to £8 15s. First pine sidings and strips, 9 and 10-inch average, £16 to £18; 10 to 12-inch average, £20 to £22 10s.; 13 and 14-inch average, £23 to £25. Spruce deals, 9-inch and up, £8 10s. to £9 10s.; 7 and 8-inch, £7 5s. to £8. Lower port pine and spruce, 9-inch and up, £8 10s. to £9; 7 and 8-inch, £7 to £7 15s.

Messrs. Alfred Dobell & Co. review the Liverpool market as follows:

Waney Board and Square Pine are in fair request. Prices are very firm.

Oak—The stock of first class wood is exceptionally light and full prices are being obtained.

Birch Logs—The consumption has been small, but values are firm. Planks have again arrived freely, and although a considerable quantity has gone into consumption the stock is still excessive and the prices easier.

Pine Deals and Boards—There has been an improved demand, but the stock remains heavy, although firmly held.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Spruce Deals—The arrivals have been large, but the consumption has been on a corresponding scale; 11 and 9-inch deals are exceptionally light in stock and

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