

a good figure in business as yet. Shepard, Morse & Co., who do business at Ottawa, and are heavy operators in New England, with a branch at Burlington, Vt., are authority for the statement that South American orders are proving slow indeed, and that the outlook at present is discouraging. Internal wars and the low prices of cereals are large influences creating these conditions.

**HARDWOODS.**

Some small lots of hardwood keep moving, but no one is making shipments of any large size. This is not to be deemed a discouraging feature of the situation. Business is not at a standstill, and later when conditions are more favorable, larger shipments will be heard of. The weather for the past week has proven, perhaps, more awkward for hardwood men than pine men, as in filling orders they have to draw from many different sources, and freight traffic is blocked nearly everywhere. In the sections from which hardwoods are drawn, great quantities of snow have fallen and impeded traffic. "No one seems disposed to cut prices," said a dealer to the writer the other day, "and this is a pleasant feature of the trade." It can hardly be said that any one class of wood is much more largely in demand than another at present.

**SHINGLES.**

The shingle trade is light enough just now. Workmen are not anxious to do shingling with such weather as the country is at present experiencing. And these are not the times when the trade carry heavy stocks, in any class of lumber, unless they see the likelihood of a demand near at hand. Quite a spurt has been made in red cedar shingles in the Washington territory. Ten cents advance has already taken place and another ten cents raise is anticipated before March. Seventy per cent. of the shingle mills in that state are not running a wheel, and stocks on hand are very scant. \*A's have advanced within a month from 80c to \$1. and \$1.10, being very scarce. These conditions give hope to red cedar shingle men that prices will show a decided advance all along the line. With the duty removed on shingles between Canada and the United States, the Washington territory people are not without thought of pushing their product into British Columbia and Manitoba. As an offset, it may be remarked that British Columbia shingles in good quantities are to be found in Massachusetts and throughout the New England States in competition with the Washington product.

**STOCKS AND PRICES.**

**CANADA.**

The lumber cut in St. Martin's, N. B., is likely to be the largest in the history of the parish.

Edmund Hall is putting in 17,000,000 feet of pine in Ontario to be sent to his mill at Bay City, Mich.

Smalley & Woodworth are putting about 8,000,000 feet of logs into Georgian Bay waters, which will be rafted to their Bay City mill.

Turner & Fisher are cutting 30,000,000 feet of logs on the Whanapitae, Georgian Bay. These will be, in a large measure rafted to Bay City, Mich.

200,000 feet of red pine deals are being kiln-dried and made into flooring for the

United States market at Thackray's mill, Ottawa, Ont. Some of the lumber is already being loaded on cars for shipment.

Four car loads of lumber to be used in the construction of the new bridge across the Thompson at Ashcroft, have been shipped from the Brunette Saw Mills, New Westminster, B. C.

The American schooner W. F. Witzman has cleared the customs at Vancouver, B. C. for San Pedro, California with another load of lumber from the Hastings Mill, consisting of 493,000 feet.

The Whaley Lumber Co., Huntsville, Ont: "Business is slow, there being very little movement of stocks. Those in most demand are low grades. Stocks on hand in this locality are light and of good grade. Prices are holding firm."

Shipments from St. John, N. B., to British ports the past week embraced 2,000,000 feet of deals, etc., and 825 tons of lumber; to the United States 500,000 feet of long lumber, 1,000,000 lath and 1,500,000 shingles.

The sale of 146½ square miles of timber limits on the Upper Ottawa, noted in these columns a fortnight ago, has been finally closed. The limits were the property of Ald. Lauzon, of Ottawa. Robt. Thompson & Co., of Hamilton, are the purchasers, and the price paid is \$115,000 in cash.

R. R. Weir, Lindsay, Ont: "The lumber in most demand at the present time is basswood, ash and elm. Recent sales of shingles include 18 inch pine, xxx at \$3.30; C. B. 18 inch at \$2.30. Have a large quantity of cedar xxx clear and C. B. There is quite a quantity of shingles held by the lumbermen of the province. Have taken over the business of the Parkin Lumber Co."

The following are the current quotations for lumber at Vancouver, B. C., net in yard: Rough, \$8.00 per M ft.; rough clear, \$14; ship lap, \$10; tongue and groove flooring, 4 in. No. 1, \$16; do. 4 in. No. 2, \$12; do. 6 in. No. 1, \$15; do. 6 in. No. 2, \$11; rustic, No. 1, \$15; do. No. 2, \$11; surfaced, \$15; shingles, \$2; lath, \$1.75. Quotations for Douglas Fir Lumber in cargo lots for foreign shipment: Rough Merchantable, ordinary sizes, in lengths to 40 feet inclusive, per M feet... \$ 8.00 Deck plank, rough, average length, 35 feet per M... 1.00 Dressed T. and G. flooring, per M... 15.00 Fickets, rough per M... 8.00 Laths, 4 feet 6 in., per M... 1.90

A government culler has given the following estimate of the lumber cut for this season in the Sudbury district of Ontario:

	Feet.
Holland & Emery.....	40,000,000
Eddy Bros.....	25,000,000
Hale & Booth.....	20,000,000
Fisher & Turner.....	11,000,000
Georgian Bay Lumber Company... 10,000,000	
C. K. Eddy & Son.....	10,000,000
C. A. McCool.....	6,000,000
Alex. Fraser.....	5,000,000
Booth & Shannon.....	5,000,000
S. G. M. Gates.....	5,000,000
Saxe Bros.....	4,000,000
Joseph Chew.....	3,000,000
J. T. Hurst.....	4,000,000
O'Neal & Simpson.....	2,000,000
D. O. Conner.....	2,000,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>162,000,000</b>

The property known as Ward's limits, on the Rouge river, some sixty miles north-east of Ottawa, has been sold to E. J. Swan, of New York, the sum of \$100,000 being involved in the transaction. The area is about 550 square miles, the Rouge river running through them for about 68 miles. Mr. Swan proposes erecting mills on the property near the junction of the Rouge and Ottawa rivers, and

using the timber on the limits for the manufacture of matches, tooth picks, clothes pins, pulp, furniture of various kinds, and lumber generally. Several Ottawa capitalists are interested in the project, and the head office will be in that city.

**UNITED STATES.**

Box lumber is in good demand at Oswego, N. Y., whilst better grades are slow.

Since the first of the year the enquiry for C and better stock at Tonawanda, N. Y., has improved.

Geo Cassidy, of Standish, Mich., is ready to purchase 5,000,000 feet of hardwood lumber logs.

\$7 a thousand is being paid for elm logs at St. Louis, Mich., and \$7 to \$10 for black and white ash.

Chas. Zeizer, of Arthur Bay, Mich., will furnish 2,000 logs of basswood stave-bolts for a barrel factory at Green Bay

The Cosmopolis Shingle Mill Co., of Cosmopolis, Wash., has just shipped 6 car loads containing 912,000 shingles.

Buffalo received 24,000,000 feet of lumber last year by lake and 22,240 cars which would make the total 580,000,000 feet.

Red wood shingles from Washington territory are arriving in considerable quantities at Buffalo, N. Y. Hanes & Co. have 10,000,000 in stock.

The Linton Manufacturing Co., of Saginaw, Mich., has received an order for egg cases for shipment to South Africa and also for Germany.

The Michigan Head Lining and Hoop Co., of Coleman, Mich., has 2,000,000 feet of elm logs at the mill, besides a large stock of shingle timber.

The T. B. Scott Lumber Co., of Merrill, Wis., is busily engaged shipping on account of a sale of 1,000,000 feet of lumber made to Indianapolis parties.

Salling, Hanson & Co., of Graling, Mich., are shipping lumber products to Cape Town, Africa. The lumber goes directly to New York, and then by ship to its destination.

S. O. Fisher and J. T. Hurst, of Michigan, who recently purchased 200,000,000 feet of pine timber in Minnesota, from Sibley & Beringer have further augmented their purchase by 50,000,000 feet.

The total stock of lumber on hand at Albany, N. Y. on Jan. 1st, 1893 was 76,545,000 feet, of this amount 54,784,000 feet was white pine. On Jan. 1st, 1894 the stock was 86,616,000 feet, and of this 75,773,000 feet was white pine. On Jan. 1st, 1895 the total is 92,107,265 feet, there being 75,526,531 feet of white pine. The largest item of any one dimension in white pine is that of 10-inch shippers, 4,039,135 feet, with shippers 10-inch and wider; second 3,552,921 feet. The total of inch uppers is about 650,000 feet and inch box 1,300,000 feet of all widths.

Statistics of Port Huron Customs House show that during the past season 384,761,000 feet of lumber were shipped by boat from the ports in the Huron district. Bay City leads with shipments of 151,070,000, and is followed by Alpena with 111,505,000. The other ports show the following shipments: Oscoda, 51,857,000; East Tawas, 35,205,000; Saginaw, 31,850,000; Sand Beach, 3,034,000; St. Clair, 200,000 and Algonac, 40,000. Alpena also shipped 11,626 telegraph

poles, 1,032,000 staves and 528,234 rail-road ties.

A strong effort is being put forth by the spruce manufacturers of New England to form a combination, the annual output of which is 600,000,000 feet. The intention is to raise the price from \$13.50 to \$15 per thousand. The New England spruce men claim that for years they have been doing business for fun only. The present combined output of spruce of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and the New England States is estimated at one billion feet, of which about 400,000,000 goes into pulp. A combine therefore comprising 600,000,000 feet will prove an important factor in controlling prices.

The Collector of Customs for the port of Boston gives the following statement of traffic between Boston and the Dominion during the year 1894:

	M. ft.	Value.
<b>Imports.</b>		
Boards, deals, etc.....	23,058	\$1,700,000
Logs and unmanufactured lumber....	377	2,000,000
Timber hewed.....		1,000,000
Shingles.....	2,464	42,000
<b>Total imports.....</b>		<b>\$2,722,000</b>
<b>Domestic Exports.</b>		
Boards, deals, etc.....	6,435	\$14,000,000
Shingles.....	1,202	2,000,000
Logs.....		5,500,000
Lumber, all other.....		1,500,000
<b>Total domestic exports.....</b>		<b>\$21,000,000</b>
<b>Foreign Exports.</b>		
Boards, deals, etc.....	8,128	\$14,000,000
Logs.....		2,000,000
<b>Total foreign exports.....</b>		<b>\$16,000,000</b>

The above figures do not include cabinet woods.

Minneapolis is one of the points that entered extensively into the manufacture of lumber during the past year, having sawed 491,000,000 feet of lumber as against 409,000,000 feet in 1893 and 488,000,000 feet during the season of 1892, which up to the present was the banner year. A result is that stocks on hand at the close of the year are very large, amounting to 352,000,000 feet, which is 74,000,000 feet more than was on hand a year ago this time. The consumption of lumber in Minneapolis the past year amounted to 176,000,000 feet, as against 120,000,000 feet in 1893. The cut this year will likely be curtailed in order to let the trade out on the large stocks now held.

**FOREIGN.**

A cargo of some 600 loads of Kaun pine is now afloat from Newfoundland for Cape Town, and it is anticipated that this wood will in the future, become a serious rival to American wood. Indian hardwoods are now sent in considerable quantities to South Africa, being used principally in the furniture trade.

A recent sale catalogue of Singleton, Dunn & Co., British lumber merchants, comprised a good variety of Quebec pine and spruce deals and ends of recent imports. The goods were put up at auction in Glasgow, Scotland, and transactions to a considerable amount took place. Spruce deals in Glasgow continue in fair demand.

Chief amongst cargoes of lumber that have recently reached Liverpool are the "City of Lincoln" from St. John, N. B., with about 1,300 logs of birch timber for Messrs. Ellison, Murphy & Co., and the balance consisting of spruce deals, etc., consigned to Messrs. Farnworth & Jardine for sale on the market. Another cargo is brought forward by the Edmonston from Ship Island and consists of hewn and sawn pitch pine timber for Messrs. Robt Parker & Co., and part to be sold under instructions from Messrs. Alfred Dobell & Co. The Labrador from Halifax, N. S., is landing a quantity of maple, ash and hickory logs at Liverpool for various consignees.