

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The tender of Patrick Burns has been accepted for the supply of cedar and plank to the city of Ottawa, Ont.

The drive of the Wm. Richards Co. has arrived at the mill at Boiestown, N. B. About 3,000,000 feet will be sawn.

Booth & Shannon, of Ottawa, are taking large quantities of square timber down the Ottawa river for shipment to Great Britain.

The bark Ashlow cleared last week from St. John, N.B., for Buenos Ayres, with 510,749 feet of dry lumber, shipped by A. Cushing & Co.

The steamship Bovaria sailed from St. John, N.B., for Liverpool, last week, with 2,036 standards of deals and timber, valued at \$41,000.

The shingle mill of the Parry Sound Lumber Co. at Parry Sound is about to resume operations. The daily output will be about 150,000 shingles.

Lumber shipments from Ludington, Mich., for the opening three weeks of navigation have been greater than for the same period in ten years past.

At Saginaw, Mich., Canada log run is held at \$14 to \$17, and Michigan log run at \$17 to \$24. Box lumber is stiff at \$12 to \$13, and Norway at \$9.50 to \$12.

The Holland & Erery Lumber Company have started their two saw mills and a shingle mill at Byng Inlet, Ont., having a stock of 40,000,000 feet of logs to work on.

The following figures show the stock of timber, deals, etc., in the public docks at London, Eng., on 30th April for three years, and for the purpose of comparison, are interesting:

	1899.	1898.	1897.
FOREIGN Deals, in pieces.....	979,000	1,156,000	895,000
Battens, in pieces.....	2,474,000	1,657,000	1,740,000
Boards, in pieces.....	8,513,000	8,340,000	7,705,000
Wainscot Logs, in pieces.....	767	486	753
Oak Timber, in loads.....	1,531	1,266	1,553
Fir Timber, in loads.....	1,718	2,314	929
COLONIAL Pine Deals and Battens, in pieces.....	1,042,000	1,097,000	844,000
Spruce Deals and Battens, in pieces.....	726,000	1,019,000	473,000
Oak Timber, in loads.....	2,178	1,711	1,070
Birch Timber and Planks, in loads.....	1,793	5,006	4,415
Elm and Ash Timber, in loads.....	617	1,281	243
White Pine Timber, in loads.....	914	1,689	753
Red Pine, in loads.....	130	63
UNITED STATES Pitch Pine Timber, in loads.....	9,415	14,391	3,147
Pitch Pine Deals, in pieces.....	57,000	112,000	87,000
EAST INDIA Teak, in loads.....	10,016	14,832	7,308

It is said that over 75 per cent. of the 300,000,000 feet of lumber that will be manufactured this year by the twenty one mills on the Nemominee river, in Wisconsin, has already been sold.

Of the eighteen sawmills at the lower end of the Saginaw river, in Michigan, eleven are in operation. The others depend upon Canadian logs, and will probably remain idle this season.

Cooperage stock has recently undergone a considerable advance, as will be observed by reference to the pricelist elsewhere. Jointed elm staves and coiled elm hoops have advanced about 50 cents.

Pelton & Reid, of Cheboygan, Mich., cut a quantity of logs on Indian reserve lands in the Georgian Bay district last winter. These are now being driven down the bay, and will be rafted to the mill.

The Fredericton Herald states that logs are in good demand at Springhill. A number of rafts have been disposed of at prices ranging from \$7.50 to \$8.10 per thousand for spruce, against \$6.50 one year ago. Hemlock logs are worth from \$3.50 to \$4 per M.

Attention is directed to the changes in the New York and Albany prices as given on page 3. Black ash in New York is now quoted at \$35, soft elm at \$25, hard maple at \$24, basswood at \$25, and birch at \$24. At Albany 4/4 box boards, 6 inch and up, are quoted at \$13 to \$14, and spruce lath at \$2.

The city of Vancouver, B.C., recently invited tenders for the annual supply of lumber. The tenderers were the Royal City Planing Mills Co., Tyler, Robertson & Hackett, and W. L. Tait, and the prices named in each tender were the same.

The contract has been awarded to Robertson & Hackett.

Up to May 1st there arrived at London, Eng., from the St. Lawrence, 11,000 pieces of pine deals and 73,000 of spruce deals, against 6,000 and 10,000 pieces respectively in 1898. From New Brunswick there arrived 9,000 pieces of spruce deals and 39,000 pieces of birch plank this year, against 145,000 and 32,000 pieces respectively in 1898.

Since the 1st of January the lumber exports from St. John, N.B., to United States ports have been as follows: Lumber, 32,000,000 feet; laths, 37,000,000 pieces; shingles, 13,000,000; piling, 2,271,000 pieces. Vessels other than winter port steamers have since the first of the year taken to British ports over 18,000,000 sup. feet of deals, etc., and there have also been shipments to South America, West Indies and Canary Islands.

Douglas L. White & Co., wholesale lumber dealers, Albany, N.Y., write that stocks at that point are badly broken, and as yet very little lumber has been received from the west. In the course of two or three weeks lumber will be coming in freely, and the assortment will be much better. Common lumber has advanced from \$1 to \$3, and good lumber nearly the same amount over last year's prices. 4/4 and 5/4 box is about cleaned out of the market.

The American Lumberman says: "New Brunswick white cedar 16-inch shingles are in active demand in New England, and command 25 cents per thousand more than the Michigan and Wisconsin product. It is not claimed that New Brunswick cedar is of quality superior to the western growth, but the habit of long use

has popularized the product to the extent that it is hard to replace it in that section. Producers of western cedar shingles of really first class manufacture can do some successful missionary work in the east at the present time.

From the last report of Clairmonte, Man & Co. the following particulars of the Barbadoes lumber market are obtained: There have been no recent arrivals of white pine, and a better demand is reported, quotations being \$20 to \$21. Spruce is in moderate demand. Last sale was made at \$15.27 for first quality and \$11.07 for second quality. There is only a limited demand for shingles, and should they arrive in any large quantity, a break in prices is looked for. Sales of long Gaspe cedar have been made at \$5.35, Halifax cedar at \$3.16, cedar laying at \$2.07, and spruce laying at \$2.27 1/2.

Tenders were recently invited by the Harbor Commissioners of Montreal for the supply of timber and planks. The following are the lowest tenders received: The whole of the contract, the W. H. Kelly Lumber Co., \$26,690; all the timber, without the planks, H. Dupre, \$24,923.60; all the planks, without the timber, Robert Acker and the W. H. Kelly Lumber Co., equal, \$1,685. For each kind of timber separately—round hemlock, H. Dupre, Robert Acker and the W. H. Kelly Lumber Co., equal, \$11,325; hemlock, faced, the W. H. Kelly Lumber Co., \$7,150; round pine, Shearer & Brown Co., \$1,568; flat pine, H. Dupre, \$452.20; pine, faced, H. Dupre, \$3,780; pine planks, Robert Acker, W. H. Kelly Lumber Company and the Shearer & Brown Co., equal, \$12; spruce planks, H. Dupre, \$157.50; hemlock planks, Robert Acker and the W. H. Kelly Lumber Co., at \$8. The contract has not yet been awarded.

LIVERPOOL MARKET REPORT.

Duncan, Ewing & Co., of Liverpool, Eng., in their last monthly circular, say:

WHITE PINE TIMBER.—The consumption during April amounted to only 18,000 feet of waney and 1,000 feet of square pine. The market for square wood is very dull and prices low, but values of waney pine are steady.

RED PINE.—3,000 feet have gone into consumption during the month, and the stock on hand is now only 5,000 feet. Prices are steady, but the demand is not brisk.

OAK LOGS.—The deliveries during the month have been on a moderate scale and the stock is excessive for this time of the year.

ELM.—Two parcels have been imported during the month and have found a ready market at satisfactory prices. The stock on hand is light and the demand good; values have an upward tendency.

BIRCH.—The import for April amounted to 44,000 feet, and the deliveries to 56,000; the demand has been very satisfactory and prices are steady, St. John wood realizing from 16 1/2d to 17 1/2d for 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 inches average; Halifax wood, 15 1/2 to 16 inches, at about 15d to 15 1/2d per foot. Of birch planks the import has exceeded the delivery, and stocks are very heavy, values running low.

PINE DEALS, SIDINGS, ETC.—Stocks are still excessive, and the market continues in an unsatisfactory condition, sales being very difficult to make for forward delivery.

N.B. AND N.S. SPRUCE DEALS.—The import during April amounted to 3,024 standards and the deliveries to 3,785 standards. The stock on hand is small and there is a scarcity of the favorite sizes and long lengths. Values are steady, St. John cargoes being worth about £4 7s 6d c.i.f., and lower port cargoes about £6 5s ex quay.

QUEBEC SPRUCE DEALS.—The deliveries during the month amounted to 318 standards, the stock on hand being now only 573 standards. The demand continues good, but prices are lower in sympathy with the reduced rate of freight from the St. Lawrence to Liverpool.

Current quotations for Canadian goods are as follows:

	s.	d.	s.	d.
TIMBER—White pine, Quebec, per cu. ft.	1	2	10	2
Waney board, Quebec, per cu. ft.	2	0	12	2
Waney board, St. John, 18 inches	1	6	10	2
Quebec red pine, per cu. ft.	1	5	10	1
Quebec oak, 1st quality, per cu. ft.	2	9	10	3
Quebec elm, per cu. ft.	2	2	10	2
Quebec ash, per cu. ft.	1	6	10	1
Quebec white wood, per cu. ft.	1	4	10	1
Quebec birch, per cu. ft.	1	3	10	1
St. John, N.B., birch, per cu. ft.	1	3	10	1
St. John, N.B., birch planks, per cu. ft.	0	9	10	0
SPRUCES—Spruce, per cu. ft.	0	10	10	1
	L.	s.	d.	L.
DEALS—Que. pine, 1st qual., per std.	20	0	10	24
Quebec pine, 2nd quality, per std.	15	10	10	16
Quebec pine, 3rd quality, per std.	9	0	10	9
Pine, St. John's, &c., N.B., per std.	6	5	10	0
Spruce, St. John's, per std.	5	5	10	6
Spruce, Nova Scotia &c., per std.	6	0	10	6
BOARDS—Spruce, per std.	5	0	10	5
LATHWOOD—Hemlock, per fathom.	3	12	6	10
OAK STAVES—Quebec pipe, 1st quality, per mille	60	0	10	65
Quebec pipe, 2nd quality, per mille	35	0	10	45
Quebec puncheon, 1st qual., per mille	20	0	10	22
Quebec puncheon, 2nd qual., per mille	14	0	10	16

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The bark Antigua has been chartered to load lumber at Bridgewater, N. S., for Buenos Ayres, at \$10.50, or Rosario at \$11.50.

The steamers Treasury and Samantha will load deals at Miami, N.B., for Liverpool and Manchester, at 45s. The steamer Hills-craig is chartered at 43s 9d for same ports.

The ship Vanloo will load a cargo of deals at Bathurst, N. B., for Marseilles at 55 francs. The bark Monte Moro will load at Halifax, N. S., for Marseilles or Cette, at 55 francs.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company will put into effect on June 1st a new tariff on lum-

ber, by which the rate will be increased 1/2 cent. per 100 lbs.

The following vessels have been chartered to load lumber at St. John, N. B.: bark Guiseppine, for Las Palmas, Canary Islands, at 60 francs; bark Ginila R., for Marseilles, 56 francs; bark Vesuvio, for Marseilles, 60 francs; ship Macdon, for Buenos Ayres, \$9.75.

LUMBERMEN'S INSPECTION BOOK.

Send four 3-cent Canadian postage stamps for a copy of the LUMBERMAN'S VEST-POCKET INSPECTION BOOK, containing rules for the inspection of Pine and Hardwood Lumber in the leading markets of Canada and the United States.

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