

late. But notwithstanding prices show a further upward tendency. F.o.b. transactions are reported at the following prices: 1st quality pine, 11 in. x 12 ft., £26; 2nd quality, same dimensions, £18 to £19; 3rd quality, £12; 4th quality, £8. Several sales of 3rd and 4th quality have been made at the above figures. At a recent sale held by Churchill & Sim, a parcel of 1st pine, 13 ft. x 11 in., from Montreal, sold at £30, and two lots of 12 ft. to 13 ft., 3x7/8, dry, of the Hawkesbury cut, brought £21 5s per standard. There is likewise a splendid demand for spruce. The latest prices have been £9 12s 6d for 2nd quality 3x9, and £9 for 3rd quality, 11 in. of 2nd quality bringing £10 15s c.i.f. London. The docks contain a large quantity of slating battens, and it is said that the market in this line is likely to be overdone unless the consumption increases.

Square and waney timber is steady but not particularly active. Waney pine has been sold at an advance of 6d per cubic foot on the price obtained for similar stock last year, but recent sales have shown a slight decline in the price of birch. This is said to be due to the action of certain merchants in placing too much stock on the market. Maple timber has been sold at auction at 16 1/2d per cubic foot, elm timber at 19 1/2d, and ash timber at 19d.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The "Scottish King" is about to load a cargo of lumber at Montreal for the U.K. R. & T. Ritchie, of Aylmer, Que., have contracted to saw 10,000 of Gillies Bros' logs now lying in the Baillie boom.

F. E. Sayre is reported to have purchased the lumbering property of the late Hugh McLean at Salmon River, N. B. The British bark "Brushels" has just sailed from Vancouver, B. C., for Cape Town, South Africa; with a cargo of lumber.

The "Manchester Shipper" sailed from Parrsboro, N. S., on August 21st for Manchester, with a cargo of 3,494,632 feet of lumber, shipped by George McKean.

A large quantity of lumber will be required for the proposed harbor improvements at Port Colborne, Ont. The contractors estimate that they will use 4,000,000 feet this year.

Thos. E. Stewart, of Upper Musquodoboit, N. S., owns 900 acres of timber limits on the headwaters on the Musquodoboit and Moose river, and wishes to let the contract for logging same.

During the month of July of this year there was received at Buffalo 15,552,000 ft. of lumber, against 34,574,000 feet in the corresponding month last year. In shingles there was a decrease of 6,981,000.

Peter Wallace, of Midland, Ont., has secured the contract from the Georgian Bay Lumber Co. to take out 10,000,000 feet of logs during the coming winter. It is estimated that the company will make a large cut on the Blind River.

The German ship "Marie" sailed last week from the Moodyville, B. C., mills, for London. She carried 512,000 feet of lumber below decks. The "Wilhelmina" is to load lumber at the Hastings mill, Vancouver for Delagoa Bay. The "Louisiana" and the "Lindfield" are both loading at the same mill for foreign destinations.

The following is a comparison of the cargo shipments of lumber and lath from British Columbia during the first seven months of the years 1899 and 1900:

	Lumber		Laths	
	1899	1900	1899	1900
January	2,792,002	1,097,776	117,272	183,000
February	5,090,954	2,374,055	131,620	.....
March	5,048,064	3,112,573	543,430	.....
April	4,022,012	7,811,004	295,000	.....
May	6,170,380	6,200,117	708,000	.....
June	7,165,850	3,650,522	.....	.....
July	2,513,667	3,599,262	.....	172,620
Total	33,071,590	25,755,519	1,799,670	355,620

A.F. & D. Mackay, of Liverpool, Eng., recently held an auction sale of birch timber from St. John. The sale was moderately well attended by local buyers, but bidding was dull, and prices ranged from 15 1/2d to 26d, the whole averaging 17 1/2d for 15 1/2 in. deep foreign. Early last month a parcel of the same average depth was disposed of at an average price of 20 1/2d per foot. This shows a decline of about 3d per foot, which is ascribed to the forced sales of timber.

Following is a comparative statement of timber measured and culled at Quebec up to 27th August, as reported by the Supervisor of Callers:

	1899	1899	1900
Waney White Pine	1,606,278	1,598,685	1,366,183
White Pine	1,028,761	543,889	595,666
Red Pine	216,535	159,511	64,796
Oak	844,216	487,604	429,302
Elm	471,077	446,428	586,031
Ash	34,532	56,514	81,227
Basswood	.....	.....	241
Butternut	.....	60	142
Tamarac	955	60	71
Birch and Maple	106,592	231,946	392,149

On Friday, August 10th, Alfred Dobell & Co., Liverpool, held an auction sale of Halifax spruce deals ex Ailsa Craig. The specification was only fair, the bulk being of short lengths. The 16 ft. and up were well competed for, the 3 by 11 realizing £9 17s 6d, the 3 by 10 £8 7s 6d, the 3 by 9 £8 6s 6d, and the 3 by 8 £7 15s. The shorter lengths, 9 ft. to 15 ft., sold at from £7 to £8 15s per std, the whole cargo realizing an average price of £7 10s per std. The scantlings brought £6 12s 6d and £6 15s, the deal ends £6 12s 6d, and about 25 stds. of boards £6 7s 6d per std.

BRITISH AUCTION SALE.

The following prices were obtained for Canadian lumber at a sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, England, on August 16th: PINE—Ex. Devona, from Montreal—12-16 ft. 1x10 in. dry, £11; 12-16 ft. 1x10 in., £10 15s. Ex. Oceano—12-13 ft. 2x8-17 in., £17; 12-13 ft. 2x7 in., £16; 12-13 ft. 2x8 in., £16 10s; 5-11 ft. 2x4-14 in., £14. Elm. Arnage, from Montreal—16 ft. 2x11 in. second quality, £13; 13 ft. 2x11 in., £12 10s; 12-15 ft. 2x11, £13; 12-16 ft. 2x12-20 in., £12; 12-15 ft. 2x10 in., £11; 15-16 ft. 2x9 in., £11; 12-24 ft. 2x9 in., £11 10s; 15-16 ft. 2x8 in., £9 15s; 12x14 ft. 2x8 in., £10; 12-16 ft. 2x7 in., £9 10s; 12-16 ft. 1 1/2x16 in., £11; 12-13 ft. 1 1/2x9 in., £10; 12-16 ft. 1 1/2x8 in., £9 15s.

SPRUCE—Ex. Cheronea, from Hopewell Cape, N. B.—15-18 ft. 3x6 in., first, second and third quality, £7 15s; 12-15 ft. 3x6 in., £7 10s; 9-11 ft. 3x6 in., £7 15s. Ex. Greta Holme, from Quebec—9-16 ft. 3x6 in., first quality, £10 5s; 6-8 ft. 3x6 in., £9 15s. Ex. Hildawell, from Quebec—13 ft. 3x9 in., second quality, £10 10s; 6-8 ft. 3x9 in., £8 10s; 6-8 ft. 3x7 in., £8; 6-8 ft. 3x6 in., £7 15s; 6-8 ft. 3x9 in., third quality, £8 5s; 6-8 ft. 3x7 in., £8; 6-8 ft. 3x10 in., £9; 6-8 ft. 3x9 in., fifth quality, £7; 6-8 ft. 3x7 in., £6.

Eight pieces of elm timber, 11 to 14 inches average and 36 feet in length, sold at £5 per load.

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

The following review of the lumber market of Barbados is given by Messrs. S.P. Musson, Son & Co., in their circular of August 4th:

There is still a fair demand for both white pine and spruce lumber. We note one arrival with white pine during the fortnight, which has been placed as follows—\$23.08 for first quality, and 18.08 for second quality. Last sale of spruce \$20.29 for first and \$16.29 for second quality boards, and \$18.00 for planks.

Gaspe cedar shingles have arrived freely. We placed 187 M. large, ex Success, at \$5.07 per M; other sales ex same vessel have been made at \$4.50 for large, and \$3.03 for small; cedar laying at \$2.03 for a cargo of 485 M. ex New Dominion; spruce layings at \$.....

FIRES.

Fire recently destroyed Livingston's saw mill and hoop and handle factory at Blythe, Ont.

Doolittle's saw mill on the fourth concession of Malshide, near Centreville, Ont., was burned last week.

The sash and door factory of Geo. Bradshaw on St. James street, Montreal, has been damaged by fire to the extent of \$5,000.

The saw mill of Logan & Sutherland, at Musquodoboit Harbor, N. S., was destroyed by fire last week. The loss is about \$20,000 and insurance small.

The saw mill of R. B. Miller on the Red

Mountain railroad, six miles below Rossland, B. C., was burned recently, together with 500,000 feet of lumber. The loss is estimated at \$22,000, and there is no insurance.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The current rates of freight to Buffalo are \$2.25 from Duluth, \$1.624 from Menominee, and \$1.40 from Georgian Bay.

The German ship Wilhelmina, which is loading lumber at Vancouver, B.C., for South Africa, gets 92s 6d, which is said to be the highest freight rate yet paid on lumber from the coast to South Africa.

BUSINESS NOTES.

P. J. McGuire & Company, timber jobbers, of Whitney, Ont., are said to be asking for an extension of time for three years.

Messrs. Calder, Henderson & Livingston, wood brokers, Glasgow, Scotland, have moved from 109 St. Vincent street to 102 Hope street.

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

CANADA ATLANTIC RAILWAY.

Lumber freight rates on the Canada Atlantic Railway are as follows: Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft.; Ottawa to Syracuse, 9 1/2 cents per 100 lbs; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Montreal, for export only \$1.10 per M ft., domestic 4 1/2 cents per 100 lbs; Quebec, \$2.10 per M ft., domestic 8 1/2 cents per 100 lbs; Arnprior to Montreal, for export only \$1.60 per M ft., domestic 6 1/2 cents per 100 lbs; Quebec, export \$2.60 per M ft., domestic 10 1/2 cents per 100 lbs; Pembroke to Montreal, for export only \$1.85 per M ft., domestic 7 1/2 cents per 100 lbs; Quebec for export only 2.85 per M ft., domestic 11 1/2 cents per 100 lbs; Ottawa to New York, all rail, 15 cents per 100 lbs; Arnprior to New York, 17 cents per 100 lbs; Pembroke to New York, 18 cents per 100 lbs; Ottawa, to New York and points within regular lighterage limits of New York Harbor, seasoned pine lumber, lots of 50 M feet and up, via Williams Barge line from Albany, \$3 per M feet, lath 60 cents per M pieces, lots 250 M pieces and over; from Rockland and Hawkesbury Ont., seasoned pine lumber \$2.85 per M, lath \$2.15 per M pieces; from Arnprior, seasoned pine lumber \$3.50 per M feet, lath 70 cents per M pieces; from Douglas, Eganville and Pembroke, seasoned pine lumber \$3.75 per M feet, lath 75 cents per M pieces, Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cts. per 100 lbs; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14c. per 100 lbs; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Boston and common points, local 15c., exports 11c. per 100 lbs; Arnprior to Boston and common points, local 17 cents, export 13 cts. per 100 lbs; Parry Sound to Boston and Portland and common points, local 21 1/2 cents, export 20 cts. per 100 lbs; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to

Portland, &c., 15 cts.; Arnprior to Portland, 17 cts.; Ottawa to Burlington, 6c. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 10 cts. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Albany, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Albany 17 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Scranton and Wilkesbarre, Pa., also Binghamton N.Y., 17 cents per 100 lbs, from Arnprior 15 cents, from Parry Sound 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa St. John, N.B., and common points, 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Halifax, N.S., and common points, 21 cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight for shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 30,000 lbs. Rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs., when quoted per M ft., minimum carload will be 10 M ft. lumber not exceeding 3,000 lbs. per M ft. Lath minimum carload 50 M pieces, not exceeding 600 lbs. per M piece. Ottawa rates apply on shipments from Rockland and Hawkesbury.

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