

perhaps more weakness than any other grade. It is believed that a strengthening of prices will take place in the immediate future. A ten per cent. advance in the price of sash and doors took place on the 5th instant, this being necessitated by the higher price of factory lumber. Reports from Boston tell of a strong spruce market, an advance of one dollar a thousand above the old price list being the general rule. The larger dimensions of spruce are quite scarce. Hardwoods are still less active than pine. There is a good trade in birch, basswood and oak, but elm in particular lacks activity.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The reports this week from the British timber market are of a more hopeful character. Imports have decreased, while the consumption is quite brisk, and on the whole there is hardening tendency. Of course, the market is still unsettled and the future uncertain, but if the receipts during the fall are not too heavy a recovery in prices seems probable. While recent auction sales have shown no general improvement, the prices realized for Canadian deals showed exceptional strength for this particular class of timber. The spruce market is more active than it has been for many weeks, and it is probable that a shortage of 3x9 second and third quality deals will develop during the winter. For this reason importers have of late shown a disposition to contract for these sizes. The Timber News, referring to the spruce market, says: "Were it not for the low prices of Russian and Scandinavian white, there would be a much more active rise, because the quantity available for shipment is much less than usual, particularly in 3x9 inches. Offers of £6 10s c.i.f. for Lower Port cargoes are being refused by the shippers." For unsorted and lower quality deals the market is still rather weak, as the stock is large. Canadian pine deals are exhibiting strength, and first quality 3x11 brings £28 per standard. There is also a good inquiry for 3x11 fourth quality pine. Plasterers' laths are selling low, 1/4x2 at 8d, and 3/16x1 at 7 1/2d. per bundle. In square timber oak leads in point of demand. Waney

pine is in heavy stock at West Hartlepool, and seems to be a drug upon the market. Other classes of timber are firm.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The steamer Pinemore is loading lumber at the Louise Basin, Quebec, for the United Kingdom.

In the Saginaw valley No. 1 pine lath is quoted at \$3.50 and No. 2 at \$3.00. Hemlock lath brings \$3.00.

The Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company received their first consignment of logs at Sandwich, Ont., last week. There were two rafts, containing 3,500,000 feet.

There is a somewhat firmer feeling in the cooperage trade. At Buffalo elm flour barrel staves are quoted at \$7.50 to \$7.75 and first-class basswood heading at 5 1/2 and 5 3/4 cents.

James Oaks, of Presque Isle, Me., will cut 3,000,000 feet of spruce logs the coming winter on Three Brooks stream, in New Brunswick, to be rafted to St. John.

A representative of the Rat Portage Lumber Company states that 76,000,000 feet of logs will have arrived at the mills of the Rat Portage Lumber Company at the close of the season.

At the Crown Lands office, Fredericton, N. B., last week 2 1/4 square miles of timber lands on the Lower Trout Brook, Magaguadavic river, were sold to F. H. Todd & Sons, at \$300 per square mile.

J. A. Gregory, manager for Dunn Bros. at St. John, N.B., has purchased the right to cut logs on the property at Point Le-Preaux, a few miles down the shore from St. John, on which Alexander Gibson began his lumber career. It is said that Mr. Gregory will erect a mill.

An important transaction in timber lands has lately taken place, by which Messrs. William Power, of Quebec, and Hiram Calvin, of Kingston, became the owners of 500 miles of virgin forest lands on the Metabetchoua river, in the province of Quebec. The consideration is not given.

During the month of August the price of red cedar shingles in Washington steadily declined, the drop being about 40 cents per thousand. The cause in part is said to be an overproduction; consequently a meeting of the shingle manufacturers was called to consider the situation. At this meeting it was decided to close down the mills until prices could be maintained on the basis of \$1.80 for clears.

Messrs. Clairmonte, Mann & Co. review the Barbadoes lumber market as follows: There is still a good enquiry for white pine lumber, but the demand for spruce is not so good, our crop season being over. There have been no arrivals with lumber during the fortnight. Latest sales for local use are:—White pine, \$24 for mer-

chantable and \$17.50 for second quality; spruce, last sales \$17.26 for merchantable and \$13.26 for second quality, and \$13 for scantling. Gaspé long cedar shingles are enquired for; last sales at \$3.40 to \$3.70 per M, now worth more. Cedar laying, in over supply, last sale \$1.75. Spruce laying, last sale \$1.55.

FIRES.

The stove and hoop mill of Steinhoff & Gordon at Wallaceburg, Ont., was almost totally destroyed by fire last week, at a loss of \$8,000.

Fire on September 3rd completely destroyed the saw mill of the Armstrong Thilman Company at Hancock, Mich. The loss is placed at \$100,000.

The sash and door factory of J. H. Giguere in Quebec, Que., was partially destroyed by fire recently.

TIMBER LIMIT PURCHASE.

The M. Brennan & Sons Mfg. Company, of Hamilton, are reported to have purchased from the Victoria Harbor Lumber Company, three timber berths in the townships of McCraney and Finlayson, districts of Muskoka and Nipissing. They are virgin berths and the timber will be manufactured at the Huntsville mill of Brennan & Sons. The purchase price, it is said, was in excess of \$200,000. The purchasers will take out during the coming winter a large quantity of saw logs and waney timber.

PULP WOOD WANTED.

The Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, is in receipt of an enquiry from an American firm who desire to purchase 500,000 cords of Canadian spruce pulpwood, to be delivered 25,000 cords per year for a period of twenty years. The pulp is to be shipped to Erie, Penn. The price offered is \$3.00 per cord free of duty at a lake port.

TIMBER STATEMENT.

Following is a comparative statement for three years of the timber, etc., measured and culled at the port of Quebec up to Sept. 3rd, as reported by the Supervisor of Cullers:

	Cu. ft. 1899	Cu. ft. 1900	Cu. ft. 1901
W'ny w'te pine	1,747,098	1,366,183	324,723
White pine	581,246	505,606	555,240
Red pine	159,708	60,796	89,184
Oak	522,178	426,302	434,040
Elm	456,841	586,031	941,913
Ash	56,646	81,227	134,612
Basswood	241	464
Butternut	60	142	944
Tamarac	415	71	198
Birch & Maple	244,530	392,149	307,039

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