

vival in building operations. Confidence has been restored and money is easier. The mills have many orders for lumber on their books. The logging industry, however, continues in an unsatisfactory condition, chiefly on account of the depression in the shingle trade. Many of the logging camps are closed down. It is understood that the Provincial Government have notified the Loggers' Association that the law prohibiting the exportation of logs to the United States must stand. There continues to be a good demand for limits. During the month of June 155 licenses to cut timber on Government lands were issued. Of these 99 were licenses to cut on Government lands in the Big Bend and Duncan River district, Kootenay.

UNITED STATES.

The lumber demand throughout the United States is irregular; some districts report an increase in the volume of trade, others a falling off. At Duluth and Philadelphia prices of white pine are said to be slightly easier. There has been no general weakness, however, and business is about as good as could be expected at this season of the year. Farmers are engaged in harvesting the crop and will not be in the market for lumber until the early fall. The wheat harvested shows a good yield and the promise is for an average crop. The yield of corn will perhaps be slightly less than last year.

Stocks of lumber are accumulating to some extent. This is not regarded in an unfavorable light, as in the past many of the mills have been handicapped in making shipments on account of scarcity of certain grades. Chicago dealers report a better trade and less pressure to sell. Norway pine is in light supply and strong. There still prevails a disposition to advance the price of demension. It is claimed that not more than half of the regular supply of demension is being turned out by the mills, nearly everybody cutting inch lumber almost exclusively. Thus the shortage of dimension promises to be further increased. Spruce lumber sells readily. Throughout the Eastern States clapboards are worth \$45, \$43 and \$40. The list for car frames from the mills is unchanged at \$19 for ordinary and \$21 for 12-inch.

A very satisfactory movement of hardwood lumber is reported. Stocks in many varieties are still scarce. In quartered white oak it is said that the greatly increased amount of dry stock available has not been sufficient to satisfy the demand in the slightest. Soft elm and birch are selling very freely. The supply of basswood has increased, although it is still below normal. Maple is slightly lower, but the demand is keeping up well. Manufacturers of maple flooring have shaded prices, resulting in an increased volume of orders. Laths are slightly weaker. In Chicago No. 1 white pine are quoted at

\$3.35, No. 1 Norway and No. 1 hemlock at \$3, No. 2 white pine at \$2.75, and No. 2 mixed at \$2.30.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The reports of the British lumber market this week are not of an entirely satisfactory character. The consumption does not show the improvement which had been hoped for, and sellers have found it difficult to place large blocks of stock, the tendency being to purchase for immediate requirements only. There is a desire to buy cheaper kinds of lumber instead of pine deals whenever it is at all possible to do so. At the last public sale in London prices ruled steady, 3 x 9 spruce bringing £10 10s per standard. A favorable feature is the fact that importers are beginning to recognize that there will be no fall in the price of Canadian lumber this year. A writer in the Timber News expresses a favorable view of spruce in the following words: "Spruce values are steadily improving, and although the number of regular buyers at the auction sales is not great, the competition among them is exceedingly keen. Many buyers who have been waiting for a fall are very sorry they did not accept the advice offered in these columns some months ago, when we urged spruce consumers to stock up." The same writer, after referring to the shortage in the log supply in Maine and New Brunswick, says: "This extra demand from the United States spells higher prices all round, and coming on top of the existing Canadian shortage gives both manufacturers and shippers much the best of the strong position. In view of these circumstances, all tending in the direction of reduced supplies abroad and higher quotations here, would it not be greater wisdom for British consumers to promptly cover their reasonable wants for the present year?"

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The tug Harrison is bringing a raft of logs from Byng Inlet to Owen Sound, for the John Harrison & Sons Company.

The Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company, Sandwich, Ont., have just received a large raft of logs from the Georgian Bay.

The J. D. Shier Lumber Company, of Bracebridge, Ont., have sold their good sidings, strips and shorts to the McArthur Export Company.

J. J. Wheelock & Son, Connors, N. B., report the following prices at the mill for 16 inch cedar shingles: Extras, \$2.75; clears, \$2.40; second clears, \$1.75.

The steamer Crown of Navarre is loading deals and timber at Miramichi, N. B., for the United Kingdom. The steamer Brantingham is loading a cargo of deals at Quebec for the U. K. The steamers Persian and Ramon de Larrinaga are about to load at St. John, N. B.

During the first six months of this year British Columbia mills shipped by cargo 31,223,534 feet of lumber and 521,820 shingles.

The market price for No. 1 short hemlock piece stuff in carloads delivered in Chicago is \$3.50. Water shippers are finding the cargo trade rather weak, sales for the present time being placed at \$10.50 to \$11.00 at the mill, as against \$11.00 to \$11.50 during the spring. There is a good demand, however, at the lower quotations.

Following is a comparative statement of timber, etc., measured and culled at Quebec up to July 28th as furnished by the Supervisor of Cutters:—

	1901	1902	1903
Waney White Pine	850,733	1,519,609	1,064,440
White Pine	337,500	297,570	188,920
Red Pine	45,961	59,947	34,000
Oak	247,737	503,742	364,080
Elm	65,342	527,884	215,000
Ash	98,521	68,438	50,760
Basswood	332	.....	.....
Butternut	740	.....	.....
Tamarac	22	.....	.....
Birch and Maple	295,412	90,410	189,760

At a meeting of the directors of the Vermillion River Boom Company, held in Toronto on July 27th, it was reported that the upper river drive will be down to the mouth of the stream a month earlier than it was last season, when each owner drove his own logs. The company will handle more logs this season than in any previous year.

The Edward Hines Lumber Company, of Chicago, have taken a contract from the Barnett & Record Company for 8,000 40-foot piles for the Canadian Northern Railroad, to be delivered at Port Arthur, Ont., within thirty days. The piles are to be used for the foundations of elevators. The piling is about the only wood used in the work and the contract is one of the largest undertaken this year.

Cooperage supplies are scarce. Second-class elm staves are lowest in stock and with a good apple crop in sight, prices promise to advance. There is a slight advance in staves and heading, first-class elm flour and apple barrel staves selling in Buffalo at \$9.50 to \$9.75; mill run elm, \$7.25 to \$7.50; second-class, \$5.50 to \$5.75; basswood heading, 6½ to 7 cents for first-class, 4½ to 4¾ cents for second-class; coiled hoops, \$9.50 to \$10 for 5½ foot and \$10 to \$10.50 for 6-foot; hickory, \$6 to \$6.75.

Under date of July 18th Messrs. S. P. Musso, Son & Company say of the Barbados lumber demand: "The only arrivals to note are a small lot by the schooner "Talmouth", not yet on offer, and the schooner "Rhoda", from Liverpool, N.S., with 212,000 feet, which was contracted for some time ago. The stock is moderate and fair prices should be maintained for both shipping and second quality pine. The demand for spruce is over. The "Talmouth" brought 442,000 Cedar Laying shingles, which we sold at \$3.20 for clears,

\$2.85 for second clear, \$2.36 for extra No. 1 and \$2.24 for ordinary. We also learn that two cargoes of Long Laying are on the way from Gaspe, Que."

LARGE CAR LOAD OF SHINGLES.

Messrs. H. J. Hall & Son, of Berlin, Ont., write: "We noticed in the weekly edition of the LUMBERMAN of July 29th, that J. M. Green & Son, of St. Thomas, Ont., received a car of B. C. shingles with 270,000 on it, and freight of \$300.00. We received a car in June with 350,250 shingles, with freight of \$361.05. This, we think, is the King car, and hard to beat for quantity."

THE SPRUCE LOG SUPPLY.

The prospects of securing an ample supply of logs for the mills of Maine have improved during the past week, although it is still feared that there will be a considerable shortage. On the Chaudiere river it is reported there are 50,000,000 feet of logs hung up, and at considerable expense operators are building a dam in the hope of raising sufficient water to float the logs. The same thing is in contemplation, says the American Lumberman, on the Salmon river, where 25,000,000 feet are hung up.

It is regarded as certain that about 10,000,000 feet of the East branch logs, belonging to Marsh, Lawlor & Murphy, will be left above Grand Lake until fall and probably until next spring. The rear of the Kennebec drive left the Forks on July 21, and although two weeks behind the usual time, it is thought they will reach the boom as early as last year.

It is reported that Minneapolis capitalists have purchased a large interest in the Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Company, of Vancouver, B. C. It is stated that there will be no change in the management of the mills and that they will be conducted as formerly. The company own a saw mill, planing mill and two shingle mills at Vancouver and four shingle mills in Washington.

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