

UNITED STATES.

Another week of very satisfactory conditions in the lumber trade has gone by. Any disappointment in regard to activity is offset by firm prices and sanguine expectations of a heavy spring demand. Prices at wholesale points are not yet in line with the prices at the mills, but are being steadily brought to that point. Our Albany list this week shows an advance of two dollars in 3-inch uppers and of one dollar in each common, barn and box stock. Buffalo dealers are about to advance prices on new stock. Reports from that centre tell of a scarcity of box and Norway pine. Dealers have bought quite heavily in the Lake Superior district, especially of box and other low grades, as they believe that there will be an unusually good season and probably higher relative prices in these grades. The retail dealers of Cleveland have adopted a new list, it having been discovered that the quantity of inch No. 3 common boards in 6, 8, 10 and 12 inch was much less than was thought to have been in stock before the inventory was taken on January 1. In Chicago sentiment regarding the coming season remains good, the prospects for building operations being of the best. Retail dealers are buying freely at present prices, which they fear will be advanced in the near future.

The scarcity of stock is the one drawback to a larger movement of hardwood lumber. The demand is excellent and prices are gradually hardening. Some Michigan mills are asking \$22 for log run hardwood. Oak and birch will also be higher than last year. Mill prices for the three grades of maple are \$20, \$14 and \$8.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The British market is exhibiting a little more life. Shippers and importers are getting clearer together in their ideas as to prices, and some contracts have been closed. The movement of stock on hand is about as large as usual at this season of the year. There has been an improvement in the oak trade. For logs the asking price is about 1s. 6d. per cubic foot. First quality quartered oak boards, 126 inch, bring 3 1/4d. to 3 3/4d. per cubic foot, and 124 inch from 2 3/4d. to 3 1/4d. A large business has been done in plain oak, at prices ranging from 1s. 11d. to 2s. per cubic foot. Consignments of inch boards would probably find a ready market.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

In Toronto XXX British Columbia red cedar shingles are selling at \$3.25 retail.

The city of Quebec is making for leaders up to 18th inst. for the annual supply of deals and other lumber.

The Cleveland-Sarnia Saw Mill Company, of Sarnia, Ont., are taking out 20,000,000 feet of logs on the Spanish river.

It is rumored that the Cook & Bros. Lumber Company, of Spragge, Ont., have sold the entire output of pine mill cuts for the coming season. The price is given as \$10.

It is reported that N. N. Wright & Company, of Cutler, Ont., have sold all the white pine lumber they will manufacture this season, which will probably be about 45,000,000 feet.

The South River Lumber Company are making extensive improvements to their mill at South River, Ont. Last season they cut 6,000,000 feet of lumber, and during the coming season expect to cut about 25,000,000 feet.

The Turner Lumber Company, of Midland, Ont., are reported to have sold all the lumber they will manufacture at Midland this season at an advance of \$3 over last year's price. They have on the shids and hauled 10,000,000 feet of white pine logs of excellent quality.

At the Crown Lands office, Fredericton, N. B., a two-mile timber berth on Turtle Creek was sold last week to Mr. Dryden at the upset price of \$8 per mile, and a two mile berth on Teague Brook, Gloucester County, to J. H. Barry at \$364 per mile. The latter price is the highest ever paid to the New Brunswick Government.

Elm staves and hardwood heading are strong and higher in price, while celled hoops are lower. At Buffalo jobbers quote No. 1 elm flour barrel staves at \$9.25 to \$9.50; No. 2, \$8 to \$8.25; No. 1 hardwood heading, 5 1/2 to 6 cents; No. 2 3 1/2 to 4 cents; celled hoops, \$10.25 to \$10.50 for 6 feet, and \$10 to \$10.25 for 5 1/2.

As pine values have been hardening throughout the winter, hemlock has also strengthened considerably, although not in proportion. There is a fairly good supply of hemlock in the Chicago yards, and while demand has been excellent through the winter, there is still a good assortment left for spring trade. The prospects are that there will be a large cut of hemlock logs in the northern forests this winter and a correspondingly good supply of lumber at the mills next summer, but in view of the great scarcity of pine it will probably all be needed to replace that wood. Hemlock manufacturers are therefore counting upon an excellent demand the coming season. Of late prices have been rather irregular, but a meeting of manufacturers is to be held at Milwaukee on Tuesday of next week and doubtless more uniform quotations will be attained when the manufacturers get together and find out what their brethren are doing.—American Lumberman.

LUMBER EXPORTS.

The United States government has compiled a statement showing the imports of lumber from British North America for the calendar year of 1902, the greater portion of which was received from Canada. The leading items are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Item, Feet, Value. Includes Logs and round timber, Boards, planks and other sawed lumber, Shingles, pieces.

The quantity of lumber exported from Canada last year was greater than any previous years excepting 1896 and 1897, when the exports were 786,001,000 feet and 883,770,000 feet respectively. The value of exported lumber, however, was the highest in the history of the trade, this being due to the increased value of white pine lumber.

STATISTIC OF PINE STOCKS.

The Bureau of Grades of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association and the Wisconsin Valley Lumbermen's Association have compiled a stock sheet of the pine lumber held by manufacturers and wholesalers in the St. Croix, Mississippi, and Chippewa Valleys, Northern Minnesota and tributary districts on the first day of January of this year. The total stock aggregates 1,147,946,863 feet, as against 1,156,113,756 feet for the year

before, and 1,404,187,009 feet on January 1, 1901. It will be seen that the stock of lumber on hand varies but little from the previous year. This remark also applies to shingles, but there is a considerable increase in the quantity of lath. Notwithstanding the larger consumption of lath in building during the past year the production seems to have been greatly accelerated and stock on hand at the beginning of the year is nearly twice as large as it was a year ago and about a sixth larger than on January 1, 1901.

Some of the most interesting details are given below, the quantity of lumber being in feet b.m.:

MILL AND WHOLESALE STOCKS IN MISSISSIPPI VALLEY AND TRIBUTARY DISTRICTS.

Table with 3 columns: Dimension, 1903, 1902. Includes Thick finish and shop, Inch.

MILL AND WHOLESALE STOCKS IN WISCONSIN VALLEY AND CENTRAL WISCONSIN.

Table with 3 columns: Dimension, 1903, 1902. Includes Thick finish and shop, Inch.

STOCKS OF GOOD LUMBER IN THE NORTH MISSISSIPPI VALLEY.

Table with 3 columns: Dimension, 1903, 1902. Includes Thick finish and shop, Inch, C and better Norway boards and strips, Total.

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Table with 3 columns: Dimension, 1903, 1902. Includes Shingles, Lath.

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CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

From St. John, N.B.: Steamer Alcides, for Glasgow, 10,000 ft. oak lumber, by Schofield & Company; 1524 bundles box shooks, by Haley & Son; 163,262 feet deals, 4,938 feet ends, by Donald Fraser & Son. Steamer Salacia, for Glasgow, 16,745 feet pine plank, 30,417 feet spruce plank, by A. Cushing & Company; 69,924 feet deals by Donald Fraser & Sons; 169,530 feet deals, 7,995 feet ends, by W. M. Mackay; 1,464 bundles box shooks, 1,464

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bundles pine boards, by Schofield & Company. Steamer Lake Champlain, for Liverpool, 40 pieces of birch timber, 9,537 bundles of maple flooring, 1,039 pieces pine deals, 1,463 bundles shooks, by Troop & Son; 454,525 feet deals, 39,196 feet scantling, 38,913 feet ends, 2,000 feet boards, 313 tons birch timber, by W. M. Mackay; 1,530 bundles shooks, by A. Cushing & Co.; 5,907 doors by Troop & Son. Steamer Numidian, for Liverpool, 162,341 feet deals, 40 pieces ends, by W. M. Mackay. Steamer Montfort, for Cape Town, South Africa, 12,000 feet deals, 145,000 feet scantling, by Troop & Son.

LUMBER IN MANITOBA.

E. F. Stephenson, crown timber agent, Winnipeg, reports as follows on the lumber sold in Manitoba during the 12 months ending June 30, 1902. From careful compilation it is found that the following quantity of lumber was disposed of, principally in Manitoba, during the year, the sales having been effected by the following manufacturers:

Table with 2 columns: Manufacturer, Feet, B.M. Includes The Rat Portage Lumber Company, The Kenosha Lumber Company, The Sweeney Mills Lumber Company, The Pigeon River Lumber Company, Vigners & Co., Wahigoon Lumber Co., Mills in British Columbia, Mills in Manitoba operating on Crown lands under license, Mills in Manitoba operating on Crown lands under permit (approx.), Sawmills imported from the United States.

Total.....165,512,783. An effort is being made to induce the lumber dealers in Manitoba and the Territories to purchase their spring supplies of lumber at once, so that the lumber can be delivered in good time. Canadian Pacific Railway officials have taken the initiative in this matter. They say that there will be a larger spring demand for lumber than is usual, owing to the large immigration which is confidently expected. The rail-

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