

the building season opened. The supply is not equal to the demand. While reports come from the Pacific coast that red cedar shingle prices are uncertain, dealers at Buffalo and Tonawanda are finding no difficulty in obtaining \$4 for Perfections. No. 1 pine lath are scarce and selling at \$4 wholesale in the Eastern States. Although the mills are producing lath, they are moving off as fast as manufactured.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**

The British timber market has made a showing of strength during the past week. The trade is coming to the opinion that lumber will be dearer after the summer, when the limitation of the production shows itself. The demand is steadily expanding, and but for the supply of low grade stock, a sharp advance in prices would probably take place. Stocks in first hands are almost entirely cleared out. High figures have been paid for broad first quality pine deals, of which the supply is especially light. Quotations range from £31 12s to £34 7s, which is an advance upon the prices of one month ago. Broad second quality pine deals bring about £22, third quality £14, and fourth quality £11. Spruce deals continue in good request, especially 7 and 8-inch, which range from £6 10s to £7 10s per standard. While transactions in red pine have been limited, contracts have been closed at £10 10s c. i. f. Glasgow for 9 and 11 inches, and the prospect for this class of lumber is somewhat better. At recent auction sales slating battens have shown improvement, while plasterers' laths sold at the same prices as for some time past. The market for waney pine timber is strong. It is reported that sales have been made at 3s 3d per cubic foot c. i. f. London, the higher prices being due in part to the smaller wintering stock at Quebec. Sales of square timber have been made at 2s 8d c. i. f. London, with a rather light inquiry except for the larger dimensions.

**STOCKS AND PRICES.**

At Philadelphia hemlock is selling on the basis of \$16.

The steamer Skarp sailed from Montreal last week for Hull, England, with a cargo of deals.

The City Council of Victoria, B. C., has just taken tenders on the supply of 430,000 fir paving blocks.

The tug Hudson arrived at Quebec last week with a raft of timber for Dobell, Beckett & Company.

The steamer Avona sailed from Montreal last week for the United Kingdom with a cargo of deals.

George Lewis has a contract to take out 5,000,000 feet of logs for the Cowichan Lumber Company, of Cowichan, B.C.

Mershon, Schuette, Parker & Company have recently bought several million feet more lumber in the Georgian Bay district.

The Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company, of Sandwich, Ont., have sold considerable stock to the M. G. Browne Lumber Company, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Martin & McKinnon have successfully brought their drives to the mouth of La Vallee river. It consists of 22,000 ties for the Rat Portage Lumber Company.

At Buffalo coiled hoops are quoted at \$10 for 6-foot; first-class elm flour barrel staves \$7.50 and \$7.75; basswood heading 5/4 to 5/3 cents, and tierce staves \$28,

Joseph Debson held an auction sale of timber at Hull on May 29th, at which the following prices were obtained for spruce: 9-16 ft. 3x11 in. Quebec, unassorted, £8 7s 6d; 11-14 ft. 2x11 in. £8 7s 6d; 9-16 ft. 1 1/2x11 in. £8 10s; 10-13 ft. 1 1/2x11 in. £8 7s 6d.

A quick drive has just been completed on the St. Marguerite river, Province of Quebec, by Price Bros. & Company, who made 100,000 spruce logs at St. Catharines Bry. Within four days the entire quantity was safely landed in the boom at the mouth of the river. On two occasions, in the course of three hours each, 20,000 logs came to the boom.

Munro & Company's first raft of timber reached Ottawa last week. It contained 150,000 feet. Two other rafts are following containing 150,000 and 100,000 feet. The Munro Company took out over 800,000 feet of square timber last winter. They shipped 150,000 feet by the C.P.R. from points west of Sudbury and are shipping 200,000 feet by boat from Sault Ste. Marie. The saw logs that were taken out, 10,000,000 feet, were sold to the Moulthrop Lumber Company and will be manufactured at John's Island.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company, under date of May 24th, say of the Barbadoes lumber market: "There have been no arrivals of either white pine or spruce during the fortnight, but a small cargo of 40,000 feet shipping and 60,000 feet second quality white pine, offered to arrive shortly, was placed at \$25.50 and \$20.50; a cargo has also been contracted for at \$25 and \$20 for shipping and second quality respectively, delivered terms. In spruce we can only repeat our last advice and valuation of \$18 to \$19. There have been no arrivals of shingles, and we maintain our valuation of Long Gaspe. A lot of 500,000 feet of Laying Cedar, second clears, is on the way by steamer for a dealer."

A report from Chicago says: The scarcity of lumber all over the country is confined largely to No. 1 common and better. Dry piece stuff is almost phenomenally scarce, and in a few items, as in 2x12s and 3x12s, it is found that the scarcity is verging on a famine. Prices on 2x12s range from \$21 for 14, 16 and 18-foot to \$22 and \$21.50 for 12 and 20-foot respectively. In joists 3x12-12s are quoted at \$23, 14s at \$22, 16s at \$21, 18s at \$22 and 20s at \$22.50. In 12-inch boards the same preference is shown, No. 1, 10 and 12 feet long, selling at \$26; No. 2, 10 to 16 feet long, selling at \$22 to \$23 and No. 3 at \$17.50. No. 1 4-inch fencing sells at from \$18 to \$21.50 according to length and No. 1 6-inch fencing at from \$20 to \$24.50 according to length. No. 1 hemlock piece stuff is selling from the yards at \$13.50 for 2x4s and 2x10s and \$14.50 to \$15 for 2x12s.

**TIMBER STATEMENT.**

Following is a comparative statement for three years of the timber, etc., measured and culled at the port of Quebec up to 10th June, 1902, as reported by the Supervisor of Cullers:

	Cu. ft. 1900	Cu. ft. 1901	Cu. ft. 1902
W'n'y w'te pine	90,202	257,924	1,008,101
White pine....	89,642	57,948	140,060
Red pine....	6,926	861	11,337
Oak.....	196,408	144,481	54,662
Elm.....	204,441	169,837	297,023
Ash.....	27,601	52,331	10,450
Butternut.....	92	462	.....
Birch & Maple	247,154	251,218	751,486

**THE BOSTON MARKET.**

The demand for spruce lumber at Boston is scarcely more than normal, with prices about steady. The mills generally have logs and are ready for orders: Ten and 12 inch dimensions, \$20 to \$22; 9-inch and under, \$19 to \$20; 10 and 12-inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$20.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$17.50; all other randoms, 9-inch and under, 10 feet and up, \$18 50; 5-inch and up merchantable boards, \$17; matched boards, \$19 to \$20; out spruce boards, \$17.50 to \$14; bundle furring, \$17 to \$18.

Hemlock is in fair demand with the market firm, by reason of the small supply: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet stock, \$15 to \$15.50 for good eastern; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$16 to \$17.50; No. 2, \$15 to \$15.50.

Western pine is in small supply, with the market very firm. The demand is only fair: Uppers, 1-in. \$75 to \$80; 2 1/2 and 3 in. \$80 to \$85; 4-in. \$85 to \$88; selects, 1 to 1 1/2 in. \$68; 2-in. \$69 to \$70; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$74 to \$76; 4-in. \$79 to \$80; fine common, 1-in. \$60 to \$63; 1 1/2 to 1 1/2 in. \$64 to \$66; 2-in. \$68 to \$70; 2 1/2 and 3 in. \$69 to \$71; 4-in. \$80; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$27 to \$32.

Hardwood lumber is not much changed, with the request moderate: Quartered oak, \$64 to \$66; plain oak, \$41 to \$45; common and rejects, \$20 to \$25; red oak, no market, whitewood, \$42 to \$43; saps and common, \$30 to \$35; brown ash, \$41 to \$44; white ash, \$43 to \$46; maple, \$28 to \$30; end-dried white maple, \$38 to \$42; birch, \$27 to \$30; birch, 75 per cent. red, \$45 to \$50; elm, \$29 to \$31.

Extra cedar shingles are still in very moderate supply, and sell at a premium. Quotations are firm on all grades: Extra cedar to arrive, May and June, \$3.50; clear, \$3; second clear, \$2.50; extra No. 1, \$1.90 to \$2.00; British Columbia red cedar, 16-inch, five butts to 2 inches, \$3.75 to \$3.80; 18-inch, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Clapboards continue scarce and firm: Extra spruce, \$38 to \$40; clear, \$36 to \$38; second clear \$33 to \$35; extra No. 1, \$24 to 26.

Laths continue very firm at \$3.20 to \$3.30 for 1 1/2-inch; 1 1/2-inch \$3.

**GLASGOW PRICES.**

Messrs. Wright, Graham & Company, Glasgow, Scotland, quote the following prices on pine and spruce deals, etc:

WANAY BOARDWOOD.—The demand holds strong and stocks have been still further depleted. Prices are much the same as before, prime wood being quoted at 2s 10d to 3s 6d per cubic foot, according to the average length; second-class stock at 2s 6d to 2s 9d per cubic foot.

OAK LOGS.—There is some demand for long logs of prime quality to sell at about 3s. per cubic foot. Logs of inferior quality are quoted at about 2s 3d per cubic foot.

ELM.—The demand continues light, but the price for prime quality logs of good average length remains firm at 3s to 3s 3d

per cubic foot. Parcels of poor specification and inferior quality are difficult to sell.

ASH.—The bulk of the stock is held by consumers. Prices are quoted at about 22d per cubic foot for 14 in. average, and 2s to 2s 2d per cubic foot for 15 in. average.

BIRCH.—Since our last report the position has not undergone any change of importance. Logs continue to be quoted at about 1s 6d for 16 in. average. Planks of ordinary quality are a drug in the market; only prime quality are saleable at 15d to 16d per cubic foot.

QUEBEC WHITE PINE DEALS.—There has been no weakening in the demand for broad first quality deals, and prices have stiffened. Quotations are as follows: 1st quality, broad, £31 12s 6d to £34 7s 6d per standard; 11 inch, £24 10s to £27; 7 inch to 10 inch, £21 to £22 7s 6d. 2nd quality, broad, £20 12s 6d to £22 13s 9d; 11 inch, £19 12s 6d to £20 12s 6d; 7 inch to 10 inch, £15 2s 6d to £16 10s. 3rd quality, broad, £13 15s to £14 8s 9d; 11 inch, £12 7s 6d to £13 1s 3d; 7 inch to 10 inch, £10 to £11. 4th quality, broad, £10 6s 3d to £11; 11 inch, £9 12s 6d to £10 6s 3d; narrows, £8 to £9.

QUEBEC WHITE PINE SIDINGS.—There is still an active demand for first quality 1 1/2 and 2 in., and parcels arriving meet with ready sale.

RED PINE DEALS.—There is very little enquiry, and few sales are reported. The following prices are quoted: 9 and 11 in. by 3 and 4 in., £10 6s 3d to £12 7s 6d, per St. Pet. Std.; 7 to 10 in. by 3 in., £7 15s to £8 11s 10d.

SPRUCE DEALS.—A moderate amount of business has been done this month, and prices keep firm. Prices quoted are: 9 in. and up by 3 in. at £9 2s 6d to £9 12s 6d, per St. Pet. Std.; 7 and 8 in. by 3 in. at £6 10s to £7 10s.

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