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GREAT BRITAIN.

A somewhat pessimistic article appears in one of the British timber trade journals pointing out the fallacy of expecting that the proposed curtailment of the log crop in Norway and Sweden this winter will benefit lumber prices during the early part of next year. It is shown that the logs cut this winter will not reach the mills until the middle of next year, and many of them not until the following season. The first open-water shipments will be the product of logs now at the mills. While these statements are doubtless correct, the fact remains that if a limited quantity of logs is cut this winter, there must be a corresponding decrease eventually in the quantity of lumber to supply the demand. This is the view taken by the trade generally, and it has inspired a degree of confidence. Speculators have entered the market, believing that purchases made at present prices will show a good profit next year. It is not expected that active buying will commence until towards the close of the year. White pine of best quality is in excellent demand, very little of this class being offered at auction sales. Spruce is also firm. A Liverpool importer is offering £7 per standard c.i.f. for a cargo from Nouvelle, Que. Buying is advised wherever suitable specifications can be obtained. A few lots of 12 feet x 3 x 9 inch first quality spruce, from Quebec, was recently sold in London at £12 per standard. In timber the market is quiet excepting in the case of oak, which is advancing in price owing to the light import.

UNITED STATES.

The log crop of the coming winter is one of the factors tending to strengthen the white pine market. It is estimated that the cost of taking out logs in the Minneapolis district will be 50 per cent. above normal, and that the supply for the Minneapolis mills will be lessened at least 100,000,000 feet by this cause. The scarcity and high cost of labor is the great difficulty. Reopens of satisfactory trade come from the Lake Superior district and from the eastern distributing points

Buffalo and Tonawanda dealers have recently made large sales throughout the Eastern States and are likely to go into the winter with less stock than last fall. In Cleveland trade is quite brisk. Several sizes of Norway pine have been advanced there one dollar per thousand, and 1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 2 inch No. 1 shelving has also been marked up. In the Chicago market common inch is in excellent request at \$17 for a fair grade. Piece stuff is also wanted, Norway bringing \$13.50 to \$14 and white pine a little more. There is a good demand in Chicago for white cedar shingles at \$2.65 for 8-inch and better and \$2.70 to \$2.75 for 10-inch. Lath are selling freely at \$3.25 for No. 1 white pine, \$2.75 for No. 1 mixed pine, and \$2.25 for No. 2 mixed pine and hemlock. Spruce prices throughout the Eastern States are firm. At Bangor it is reported that the demand for spruce lumber was never better. The spruce mills are operating to their full capacity, but are unable to meet the demand. A liberal amount of hardwood lumber is going into consumption, but there has been no improvement in prices. Manufacturers do not expect much activity in demand this year, but are looking for a good trade during the early part of 1902. Birch has shown some strength of late, being asked for more than the other woods.

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The following shipments of lumber, etc., from Canadian ports are reported since last issue:

From Vancouver, B.C.: Str. Athenian, for Japan, 111,042 feet rough fir, 10,924 feet tongued and grooved flooring, value \$1,518, by British-Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Co.

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From Montreal: Str. Parisian, for Liverpool, 7,184 pcs. deals, by W. & J. Sharples; 1,570 pcs. boards, by R. Cox & Co. Str. Aggi, for Leith, 647 pcs. deals and ends, by R. Cox & Co.; 1,295 pcs. deals and ends, by W. & J. Sharples; 7,703 pcs. deals and ends, by McArthur Export Co. Str. Samatian, for Glasgow, 960 bundles shooks, by Gilmour & Co. Str. Lake Ontario, for Liverpool, 714 pcs. lumber, by Dobell, Beckett & Co.; 4,535 pcs. lumber, by J. Burstall & Co.; 3,125 pcs. lumber, by Charlemange Lumber Co.; 4,067 pcs. lumber, by Watson & Todd; 2,608 doors, by C.P.R. Str. Lord

Charlemont, for Cardiff, 285 pcs. deals, by Dobell, Beckett & Co.; 4,922 pcs. deals, by J. Burstall & Co.; 4,297 pcs. deals, etc., by Watson & Todd. Str. Montegle, for Bristol, 1,331 pcs. boards, by W. & J. Sharples; 2,062 pcs. deals, by McArthur Export Co.; 373 pcs. spruce boards, by Dobell, Beckett & Co.; 10,097 pcs. deals by J. Burstall & Co. Str. Cebriann, for Antwerp, 300 pcs. deals, by Furness, Withy & Co. Str. Glen Head, for Dublin, 6,776 pcs. deals, by Watson & Todd; 1,317 pcs. deals, by McArthur Export Co.; 12 box boards, 706 pcs. lumber, 3,040 bundles staves, 1,196 bundles heading, by G.T.R.; 1,488 pcs. scantlings, by C.P.R.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

[Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

Although the local mills will shut down shortly, shipping, especially by water, continues fairly active. Speaking of the export trade, Mr. J. R. Booth said: "Things look better in the English market. They were rather dull all summer, but there is now a better feeling amongst shippers." Mr. Booth stated that too much talk was made out of the change in the culling regulations, which were held partially responsible for the dull feeling in the English market. "It would take a

shrewd, sharp man to detect any marked difference between the old and new order of things," stated Mr. Booth. The readjustment was in the interests of both buyers and sellers.

Speaking about prices, Mr. Booth stated that the market, while showing no advance, is stiff, and not likely to show any decline. The available stock is not a large one.

Mr. Booth still adheres to his decision to remove his mill plant from Ottawa to

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