

WHITE PINE STATISTICS.

The report of the white pine production in the territory covered by the Mississippi and Wisconsin Valley Lumbermen's Association states that estimates of the probable production indicate that on the whole there will be a slight increase in this year's cut. The mills have so far this season sawed about 20 per cent. less piece stuff than last year. There has been a steady decrease in the percentage of piece stuff on hand during the past four years. There is less shop lumber being produced this year than last, as less No. 3 shop is being put in pile. No. 4 boards which were in plentiful stock at the beginning of the season are reported well cleaned up. This is particularly true in the Wisconsin valley.

An increase in the amount of lath on hand August 1st is reported, being in the neighborhood of 7 per cent. over that of August 1st of last year.

Statistics showed that the lumber manufacturers of the Mississippi and Wisconsin Valleys held on August 1, 1900, 11 per cent. less lumber than they had on August 1, 1899.

On August 1, 1901, they had 7 per cent. less stock on hand than on August 1, 1902, making a total shortage of last year over 1899, of 25 per cent.

We find, after as careful an investigation as we can make, that the stock on hand August 1 this year, is slightly in excess of that on hand last year, or about 3.7 per cent. This shows that stocks are still far from normal.

On January 1st the combined inventories showed a decrease of 1.3 per cent. over the stocks on hand January 1, 1902, or a total of 1,484,127,575 feet.

Shipments for the first seven months of the year by the members of both associations amounted to 1,235,133,863 ft., which is 1.4 per cent. greater than the total reported by the same firms for 1902. The consumption in the Northwest and shipments to Chicago and the East count for the increase.

The steam saw mill owned by William McNitt at Tay Creek, York County, N. B., was burned on August 24th, also 30,000 feet of lumber and 45,000 shingles.

LUMBER PRICES IN LONDON.

Prices realized at the last auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, England, were as follows:

PINE—Ex. Hampstead, from Montreal—9-13 ft. 3x12-22 in. first quality, £26 per std; 12-13 ft. 3x11, £28 10s; 9-16 ft. 3x11, £28 5s; 9-14 ft. 3x7-10, £20 10s; 6-8 ft. 3x6-21, £19 15s; 9-16 ft. 3x12-22, £23 10s; 9-15 ft. 3x12-22, £23 10s; 6-8 ft. 3x12-19, £16; 12-16 ft. 3x11, £24 15s; 9-11 ft. 3x11, £19 10s; 6-8 ft. 3x11, £18 10s; 9-16 ft. 3x6-10, £15; 9-16 ft. 3x6-10, £14; 6-8 ft. 3x6-10, £15 10s; 9-16 ft. 3x10 in. third quality, £12; 9-16 ft. 3x9, £11 10s; 9-16 ft. 3x8, £11 10s; 9-16 ft. 3x7, £10.

SPRUCE—Ex. Henley, from Quebec and Batiscan—6-8 ft. 3 x 9 in. unassorted, £8 per std.; 6-8 ft. 3 x 7-8, £8; 4-8 ft. 3 x 6, £8; 4-8 ft. 3 x 8, £6 15s; 4-8 ft. 3 x 7, £6 10s; 6 ft. 3 x 10, £7; 6-7 ft. 3 x 9, £7 5s.

ELM TIMBER—Ex. Brantingham, from Quebec—45-51 ft. 13-18 in., 95s per load of 50 cub. ft.; 40-44 ft. 12-20 in., 82s 6d; 36-40 ft. 12-19 in., 80s; 33-37 ft. 12-17 in., 80s; 30-32 ft. 10-17 in., 82s 6d; 26-29 ft. 11-21, 85s; 22-29 ft. 13-19 in., 87s 6d; 20-26 ft. 12-17 in., 92s 6d.

FIRES.

The shingle mill of Phillips Bros. at Flesherton, Ont., with a quantity of shingle stock, was burned a few days ago.

On August 28th fire broke out in the lumber yard of the Sheppard & Morse Lumber Company at Ottawa, but it was extinguished before much damage was done. About 100,000 laths were destroyed.

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TIMBER LIMIT TRANSACTIONS.

It is reported that the Rat Portage Lumber Company, of Port Arthur, Ont., have recently purchased a large area of standing timber in Minnesota.

The saw-mill and timber limits of S. C. Smith, of Enderby, B. C., have been purchased by J. A. Taylor, of Arrowhead. The limits are located on Sugar Lake.

Prouty & Miller, of Newport, Vt., last week purchased from the Eastman Lumber Company, of Eastman, Que., 34,000 acres of timber lands on the eastern side of Mount Orford and in Bolton township, Quebec. The price paid was in the vicinity of \$25,000.

The large demand for birch is a feature of the hardwood trade. This lumber is now used very largely for the manufacture of furniture.

NOTES.

Haines & Company, of Buffalo, have received 3,600,000 laths within the past ten days.

It is reported that Pacific coast red cedar shingles have been advanced 5 cents per thousand.

Hemlock is selling in Chicago at \$12.50 to \$14. Norway pine piece stuff is held at \$16.50 for short and \$18 for long.

His Honor Judge Bole, in County Court at Vancouver, B. C., decided that the men who claimed liens for wages against the booms taken out of the woods for G. H. Finlay & Company had valid claims. Finlay & Company were logging on the Squamish, and had a boom of 1,000,000 feet at the mouth of the river, another about twenty-five miles up from the river mouth, and also had timber in the woods near the camp. The firm assigned, and the loggers filed liens for their wages under the Woodman's Lien for Wages Act.

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