

**THE OTTAWA VALLEY.**

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

Everything seems to point to a brisk season's cutting in the Ottawa district mills. The owner of a mill situated in the Barry Sound district, at which custom sawing is done, said to-day that he had received orders for sawing that would keep four small mills busy. He also reported an active demand for sawn lumber. With practically all the low grade stuff in second hands, and the high grade stock well spoken for, it is pretty certain that prices will suffer no decline through an overstocking of the market this year.

The Ottawa district lumbermen have heard with pleasure that the threatened labor troubles in New York and district will likely be referred to arbitration. This makes the hopes of an early settlement bright. The lumbermen were fearing a repetition of last year's tie-up in the building trade which dealt a black eye to the lumber business.

So far there have been no changes in lumber prices in the Ottawa district. Lack of business has kept the market stationary, but early changes may be looked for. The lath market, however, is shifty. It has been sagging since the fall, but may recover with the extra demand following the opening of the building season. Ruling prices are: No. 1 white pine, \$2.40 to \$2.60; No. 2 white pine, \$2.00 to \$2.25.

The hardwood market in the Ottawa district is very active these days. Since November there has been an advance, according to the different kinds, of from ten to fifteen per cent. In the past week there has been an advance of five per cent., which is included in the greater advance referred to. There is a good demand for hardwoods for furniture and interior fittings.

The high price of low grade pine has led to the increased use of poplar in the Ottawa district for box manufacturing pur-

poses. Heretofore the poplar has been used only for pulp manufacturing.

A visitor in the city this week was Peter Dorrely, the veteran timber explorer in the employ of the Rideau Lumber Company. He has travelled the upper country through which the Grand Trunk Pacific is projected. The building of that road, he says, will develop a large timber area in which many mills will be established. Mr. Dorrely is not, however, at all enthusiastic over the supply of white pine in the district. As might be expected for geographical reasons, it does not compare in extent of territory or size of trees with that farther south. However there is an abundance of spruce suitable for pulp wood. The country is also well stocked with hardwood, birch being found up to a size of twenty inches. Tamarac, and balsam of Gilead are also in great evidence.

An important sale of limits in the district has just been noted. Mr. Andrew McCormack, the veteran lumberman of Ottawa, has purchased from the Quebec government 130 square miles of limits situated on the Height of Land through which the Grand Trunk Pacific will pass. The limits will likely be held for future sale.

Mr. J. R. Booth, the lumber king, last week celebrated his 77th birthday. Mr. Booth is still in harness, active and aggressive. His latest project is to build a paper mill in connection with his new pulp mill.

**CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.**

From Halifax, N.S.: Steamer Tunisian, for Liverpool, 176,546 ft. spruce deals, value \$2,126. Steamer Agnar, for Brow Head, 303,040 ft. birch deals, value \$3,110, 787,468 ft. spruce deals, value \$7,060, 192,432 ft. scantling, value \$1,500.

From St. John, N.B.: Steamer Lake Champlain, for Liverpool, 528 elm logs, 20

pieces timber, 335 bundles scantling, 2,238 pieces spruce timber, 3,833 bundles shooks, 56,600 ft. deals, 3,075 ft. scantling, 1,460 ft. ends, 134 tons timber, 1,820 bundles flooring, 1,676 pieces walk-off, 5,817 pieces oak. Steamer Marina, for Glasgow, 1,471,076 ft. deals, 55,694 ft. scantling, 98,624 ft. end. Steamer Ioman, for Liverpool, 70,250 ft. deals, 37,094 ft. scantling, 60,534 ft. ends, 1,096 ft. planks. Schooner Alice Maud, for City Island, 138,436 ft. deals. Schooner Lyra, for Boston, 33,921 ft. spruce boards, 19,107 ft. scantling, 75,581 ft. planks. Schooner Ida M. Barton, for Norwalk, 155,618 ft. planks. Schooner Margaret G., for City Island, 22,187 ft. pine boards, 214,039 ft. plank, 22,737 ft. scantling. Schooner I.N. Parker, for City Island, 136,772 ft. deals, 31,733 ft. planks. Schooner Keewayden, for Fall River, 124,763 ft. planks, 48,017 ft. scantling, 57,100 laths. Schooner Lena Maud, for Portsmouth, 19,897 ft. scantling, 1,038,750 cedar shingles. Schooner Onward, for New York, 130,751 ft. plank. Schooner Domain, for City Island, 116,403 ft. deals. Schooner H. M. Stanley, for Weymouth, 65,539 ft. boards, 25,005 ft. scantling, 351,250 cedar shingles. Steamer Manchester Merchant, for Manchester, 479,549

ft. deals, 32,405 ft. scantling, 3,017 ft. ends, 5,121 ft. birch plank, 247 ft. birch ends.

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