

depressing influence in the timber trade. The carpenters of Boston and Philadelphia threaten to go on strike on that date unless their demands are conceded, and it is feared that it may involve all lines of building. Buyers of lumber for building purposes have urged that immediate shipment be made, while there has been a disposition to curtail orders for delivery after that date. The demand from factories and similar sources is steadily enlarging, and promises to consume a very large quantity of lumber this year. Box factories at Buffalo and Tonawanda which were closed on account of exhaustion of material have resumed operations, one or two cargoes having been received. There is a decided scarcity of box lumber and thick No. 1 cuts. Mill culls are by no means in heavy stock, while the price is \$2 higher than last spring. Eastern spruce is equally as strong as pine. Opening spring sales have been at higher figures than ever before. Ordinary frames are held at \$19 in Boston, but sales are reported at higher prices for prompt delivery. Hemlock is being bought very largely for the cheaper class of buildings, the difference between its cost and that of white pine being considerable.

Floods in the Southern States, are reported to have curtailed the hardwood output at least 40 per cent. This circumstance has further strengthened the hardwood market, which has for some time been buoyant. Buffalo dealers are asking \$85 for inch quartered white oak. Thick maple is wanted in excess of the supply, while buyers are at all times in search of basswood. Inquiries for maple flooring are numerous.

GREAT BRITAIN

Exports from the British market are a repetition of what has been said for weeks past. Prices still remain firm but the outlook is uncertain. Importers refuse to entertain shippers' quotations, and there are at present no signs that either side will yield. A lessened import this year will probably be the result. In some quarters it is predicted that later on shippers will be compelled to resort to free consignments and a drop in prices may result.

In the Liverpool district there is a large consumption of spruce deals of the ordinary sizes required for building purposes. Prices for ordinary specifications, say 60 per cent. of 7 and 8 inch, are nominally £7 10s c.i.f., but for better specifications higher prices have to be paid. In square and waney timber there is a fair trade at prices named last week.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The steamer Micmac is loading a cargo of deals at St. John, N. B., for the United Kingdom.

The steamer Seguin cleared from Parry Sound, Ont., last week for Ogdensburg, with a cargo of lumber.

The cut of lumber in Yale and Kootenay, British Columbia, during the present year is expected to reach 100,000,000 feet.

The steamer Monarch is loading 400 standards of deals at Three Rivers, Que.,

after which she will proceed to Montreal to complete cargo for England.

The William Richards Company, of Boiestown, N. B., have secured the contract for the rear of the corporation drive on the Miramichi river. T. Lynch, of Fredericton, will have the running portion of the drive.

The cooerage market in Chicago is quiet, with little stock offering and apparently still less wanted. In lard tierces the packers are offering \$1.10 for small contracts, while the cooerage men are holding for \$1.15.

The Town Council of Toronto Junction, Ont., has awarded the contract for supply of 900,000 feet of pine lumber to A. H. Clemmer at \$18.33 per thousand feet, and that for 300,000 feet of cedar to the Toronto Junction Lumber Company at \$15.50.

In Chicago there is a good inquiry for piece stuff, which is quoted at \$16.50 to \$16.75, with the latter price paid for good stock in shipping condition. Hemlock is in steady request, the range being from \$12 to \$13 for short dry piece stuff.

The W. H. Sawyer Lumber Company, of North Tonawanda, has purchased 20,000,000 feet of lumber from the Edward Hines Lumber Company, of Chicago, which constitutes nearly the entire output of the H. Whitbeck Company's mill at Marinette, Wis.

The schooner Brooklyn is loading lumber at Bear River, N. S., for the West Indies, shipped by Clarke Bros. The schooner Alexandria is loading at Kingsport, N. S., for the West Indies, while the schooner Severn is loading at Weymouth.

A despatch from Chipman, N. B., dated April 20th, stated that several million feet of logs had arrived at the boom at Brigg's Corner, on the Salmon river. A large quantity of logs are stranded along the bank of the river, while the balance of the drives on the Salmon river and Coal Creek are on their way down.

Under date of April 11th Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company says of the Barbadoes market: "The arrivals have been the 'Hilda C.' from Lunenburg, N. S., on April 6th, with 120,000 feet of spruce, which we placed at \$21, and the 'Arctic,' from Halifax, N. S., with 25,000 feet of white pine, 68,000 feet shipping and 21,000 feet second quality spruce, which we sold at \$26.11, \$20.30 and 17.30 respectively. A little previous to these arrivals we had placed about 140,000 feet spruce for prompt shipment at \$21.50. The stock of white pine is moderate and first receipts should bring fair rates, but dealers expect a marked decline in both pine and spruce in the near future. We have no receipts of shingles to advise. The season is approaching, however, when arrivals from Gaspé may be looked for."

BIRCH SQUARES AND SEATS.

A large buyer of Birch chair seats and of Birch squares is open to contract with a mill for their output. Also open for Broom Handles and Dowels in large quantities. Write in first instance to "Finance," care of CANADA LUMBERMAN.

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

From Chemainus, B.C.: Steamer Windur, for South Africa, 1,551,000 feet lumber, value \$19,885, by Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company. Barque Shurbek, for Liverpool, 2,111,000 feet lumber, value \$32,952, by Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company. Barque Adam Tegetthoff, for Antofagasta, 714,000 feet lumber, value \$9,755, by Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company.

From Halifax, N.S.: Steamer Manchester Importer, for Manchester, 9,488 feet spruce deals, value \$931. Steamer Tunisian, for Liverpool, 146,372 feet birch plank, value \$1,245. Steamer Evangeline, for London, 130,330 feet hemlock deals, value \$1,164. Schooner Saint Marie, for New York, 91,500 feet lumber, value \$1,098, 451,000 laths, value \$902.

From St. John, N.B.: Steamer Lake Megantic, for Avonmouth, 370,613 feet deals, 51,079 feet scantling, 14,072 feet ends, 466,448 feet birch plank, 12,128 feet birch boards, by W. M. Mackay; 43 elm logs, 50,000 feet spruce deals, 12,778 bundles box shooks, by Troop & Son, Steamer Manchester City, for Manchester, 250,069 feet deals, 16,627 feet scantling, 2,706 feet ends, by George McKean. Steamer Lake Ontario, for Liverpool, 5,385 bundles shooks, by Troop & Son; 350,791 feet deals, 8,228 feet scantling, 1,885 feet ends, 58,759 feet birch plank, 9,010 feet birch ends, by W. M. Mackay. Steamer Lakonia, for Glasgow, 75 maple blocks, 14,000 feet scantling, by Schofield & Company; 2,575 maple blocks, by J. S. Findlay; 254,571 feet deals, 1,885 feet scantling, 6,972 feet ends, by George McKean; 241,347 feet spruce deals, 12,199 feet scantling, 10,787 feet ends, by W. M. Mackay; 312,960 feet deals, 12,212 feet ends, 88,930 feet pine deals, 664 feet pine ends, 7,545 feet pine plank, by Donald Fraser & Sons; 80 pieces birch timber, 6,930 feet birch boards, 78,000 spruce deals, 2,976 feet ends, 128,867 feet deals and scantling, by Schofield & Company.

Steamer Evangeline, for London, 54,565 feet deals, by George McKean; 228,690 feet box shooks, by A. Gravel Lumber Company. Steamer Tunisian for Liverpool, 166,032 feet deals, 3,319 feet scantling, 1,082 feet ends, by George McKean; 4,751 maple blocks, 5 basswood blocks, 942 bundles maple flooring, by Wm. Thomson & Company; 544,902 feet spruce deals, 60,167 feet scantling, 11,064 feet ends, 19,446 feet boards, 168,427 feet birch plank, 40,700 feet birch ends, 507 tons birch timber, by W. M. Mackay. Schooner Rewa, for City Island, 167,980 feet plank, 10,414 feet boards, 27,597 feet scantling, by A. Cushing & Company. Schooner Francis Shubert, for City Island, 153,239 feet deals, by Stetson, Culler & Company. Schooner H. A. Holder, for Plymouth, 20,138 feet hemlock boards, 67,704 feet plank, 16,889 feet scantling, 427,000 shingles, by A. Cushing & Company. Schooner Agnes May, for Boston, 89,837 feet plank, 33,881 feet scantling, by A. Cushing & Company. Schooner Tay, for New Haven, 104,000 feet plank, 57,716 feet scantling, 5,721 feet boards, by A. Cushing & Company. Schooner Lotus, for Warren, 65,116 feet plank, 72,748 feet scant-

ling, 40,600 laths by A. Cushing & Company. Schooner Beaver, for City Island, 126,748 feet plank, 22,813 feet scantling, 44,508 feet boards, by A. Cushing & Company.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

Freight rates on lumber from British Columbia points are as follows: To Sydney, 32s. 6d. to 36s. 6d.; Melbourne Adelaide, 40s.; Port Pirie, 37s. 6d.; Fremantle, 17s. 6d. to 50s.; Shanghai, 37s. 6d. to 40s.; Kiao-Chau, 40s.; Taku, 45s.; Vladivostok, 40s.; West Coast S.A., 32s. 6d. to 35s.; South Africa, 52s. 6d. to 56s. 3d.; U.K. or Continent, 50s.

The following charters are reported: Barks Beatrice and Corona, Bay of Fundy port to W. C. England, deals, 30s. 3d.; ship Vanduara, New Mills, N. B., to W. C. England, deals, 35s. 3d.; Barque Elise, St. Margaret's Bay, N. S., to W. C. England, deals, 37s.; Barque Nova Scotia, Miramichi, N. B., to the Mersey, deals, boards, etc., 45s.; Barque Lakeside, Yarmouth, N. S., to Buenos Ayres, lumber \$7.75, option Rosario \$8.75.

It is understood that nearly all of the large owners of vessel tonnage enrolled in the Lake Lumber Carriers' Association are bringing their influence to bear on the subject of an advance in the Lake Superior carrying charges. It is expected that a meeting will be held shortly. Just what the increase will be nobody seems willing to venture, although it is said that an advance of 25 cents, making the charge both to Chicago and lower ports \$2.75 per 1000 feet, will be recommended.

BUSINESS NOTES.

J. & T. Charlton have closed their woodworking plant at North Tonawanda, N.Y. They are disposing of a quantity of hemlock, white pine, spruce and other lumber preparatory to devoting their entire attention to their manufacturing interests in the Georgian Bay district. It is understood that the firm will continue an office in Tonawanda, but will dispose of the mill.

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