

BRITISH COLUMBIA SHINGLES.

The British Columbia Shingle Manufacturers' Association have issued a new price list on red cedar shingles, making an advance of 10 cents per thousand on No. 1 quality. The quotations delivered to dealers in Ontario are as follows: No. 1 shingles, six butts to two inches, \$2.65; No. 2, five inch clear, \$2.25; No. 1, six butts to 2 1/2 inches, \$2.80; No. 1, five butts to two inches, \$3.05. For plain dimension shingles add to above prices 50 cents, and for fancy butts \$1.

SCARCITY OF COOPERAGE STOCK.

As the season advances the scarcity of cooperage stock becomes more apparent. Writing of the prevailing conditions in the United States and Canada, the Sutherland-Innes Company, of Chatham, say:

"The millmen have not been able to get in a supply of logs during the summer months for to keep their mills running. The consequence is that the majority of the mills are closed down for lack of raw material, and their stocks of manufactured material have almost entirely vanished.

"In the Northwest the prices on staves and hoops have advanced considerably during this month. While the price on No. 1 elm staves is nominally \$7 per net M f.o.b. cars Minneapolis, we know of \$7.15 per net M having been refused for No. 1 2 1/2 inch staves during this week. The buyers were willing to pay \$7 15, but the sellers were not willing to sell at less

than \$7.25. We should say that \$7.25 is the market price in Minneapolis at the present time, but it is a question if there will be many sellers at this figure. While the coopers claim they can obtain elm hoops at \$6.75 to \$7, we believe that \$7.50 is about the market price for hoops at Minneapolis. These figures also apply to the head of the lakes.

"The eastern trade has brightened up very much of late, the demand for apple barrel material being very heavy. Apple barrel staves are quoted at Buffalo from \$5.75 to \$6, \$6 being about the market price for small lots, and \$5.75 for carload lots.

"Patent coiled elm hoops have gone almost out of sight on the eastern market, \$8.50 to \$9

being the price of 6 foot hoops at Buffalo, with other sizes in proportion.

"Heading has also taken an advance on the eastern market 1/2c. per set, and the only trouble is to supply the coopers with all the stock they want. It is difficult to say to what price hoops will go this season. We should not be surprised to see 6 foot hoops at \$10, on the basis of Buffalo prices. Apple barrel staves are getting scarce, as the quantity manufactured was only very small, and they are likely to go very much higher in price.

"The market at the present time is a rising one on all classes of cooperage material in the slack barrel line, and it is a question where the prices will go before the end of the season, as

manufacturers are very cautious about selling anything ahead at present, as they are doubtful about being able to get the stock to fill orders for future delivery."

FIRES.

The shingle mill of Alexander Johnson, near Cloverdale, B.C., is reported to have been destroyed by fire.

The saw and planing mill of the Digby Manufacturing Co., at Digby, N.S., was burned a few days ago. The mill contained a rotary saw and a complete equipment of planing and moulding machinery. It was owned by Mr. Sydney Wood, who will probably rebuild.

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