

PREDICTION AS TO WHITE PINE.

A correspondent of the American Lumberman makes the following prediction concerning the lumber market in general and white pine in particular: "Never in the history of the lumber trade has there been an extremely low market when any particular grade met with an active demand and at almost abnormal prices that the condition of the market for the other grades was not eventually benefited. The grade which is at present meeting with this great demand is box lumber, which is pretty well out of the market. Upper grades of lumber have dropped in price very much, but all good lumbermen, especially those manufacturing sash, doors and blinds, realize that shop and better has been too high for the last year or more. There is no doubt that the feeling of uneasiness and present dullness in the lumber market can be laid at the door of the unsettled condition of labor. In large cities, especially in the Pittsburg district, building has fallen off materially, as the people are virtually afraid to go into a large building proposition on account of the uncertainty of the time the jobs will be completed.

"As long as white pine can be had it will be used and there is no immediate danger of any great decline. All lumbermen know that there is always a pulling in and conservative action during the year just preceeding a presidential election."

CANADIAN LUMBER IN ENGLAND.

Pine and spruce deals brought the following prices at a recent auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, England:

Pine -Ex. Vera, from Quebec-12-22 ft. 3 x 9 in. first quality red, £11 15s per std. of 1980 ft. Ex. Belgian, from Quebec-6-22 ft. 3x11 in. red, £8 10s; 15-22 ft. 1x11 in., £8 5s. Ex. Prime, from Montreal-8-22 ft. 1 x 11 in., second quality red, £9 5s; 14-16 ft. 1 x 9 in., "A" quality, £8 5s. Ex. Everingham, from Montreal-15-16 ft. 3x11 in., £12 5s. Ex. Obi, from Quebec-13 ft. 3 x 11 in., third quality, £12 10s and £12 15s. Ex. Flinsburg, from Quebec-6-8 ft. 3x7-18 in. second quality, £11 10s; 6-8 ft. 3x7-19 in. third quality, £10. Ex. Montreal, from Quebec-10-18 ft. 1x9 in. unassorted red, £8 10s. Ex. Montezuma, from Quebec-12-22 ft. 1x9 in. second quality red, £8 10s. Ex. Mount Royal, from Quebec-13-17 ft. 3x11 in. fifth quality, £8; 11-14 ft. 3x9-14 in., £8. Ex. Brantingham, from Quebec-9-11 ft. 3x11 in. first quality, £27 10s;

9-11 ft. 3x7-9 in., £23; 5-8 ft. 3x5-18 in., £21. Ex. Nordboen, from Quebec-9 ft. 2x5-10 first quality, £21 15s; 6-8 ft. 2x4-11 in., £18 15s; 9 ft. 3x8-11 in., second quality, £15 5s; 9 ft. 3x5-7 in., £13 5s; 6-8 ft. 3x11 in., £16; 6-8 ft. 3x9-10 in., £14 5s; 6-8 ft. 3x7-8 in., £13 10s; 6-8 ft. 3x5-6 in., £11 5s.

Spruce-Ex. Aquila, from Quebec-13 ft. 3 x 9 in. third quality, £9 5s. per std. Ex. Theodore Wille, from Quebec-12-16 ft. 3 x 9 in. fourth quality, £8 10s.; 12 ft. 3 x 9 in. £7 10s. Ex. European, from Quebec-9-16 ft. 3 x 11 in. unassorted, £8 10s.; 9-17 ft. 3 x 10 in. £8 15s. Ex. Henley, from Quebec-13 ft. 3 x 9 in. third quality, £9 10s.; 12 ft. 3 x 9 in. £7 10s. and £9 15s. Ex. Hedwig, from Miramichi, N. B., 17-18 ft. 3 x 7 in. unassorted, £7 5s. Ex. Minnewaska, from Quebec, 13 ft. 3 x 10 in. first quality, £10 10s.; 14 ft. 3 x 8 in. £8 10s.; 14-17 ft. 3 x 8 in. £9. Ex. Elizabeth, from Matane and Rimouski, Que.-9-14 ft. 3 x 9 in. unassorted, £9; 9-16 ft. 3 x 9 in. £9 and £8 15s.; 9-16 ft. 3 x 10 in. £8 15s.; 11-16 ft. 3 x 8 in. 28 10s.; 9-16 ft. 3 x 8 in. £8 15s.; 9-16 ft. 3 x 7 in. £7 10s. and £7 5s.; 9-16 ft. 3 x 6 in. £7 5s.; 11-14 ft. 3 x 8 in. £8; 9-16 ft. 3 x 7 in. £7 10s.; 12-14 ft. 3 x 6 in. £7 10s.; 12-14 ft. 3 x 6 in. £7 5s. Ex. Mount Royal, from Montreal-12-14 ft. 3 x 9 in. third quality, £8 10s.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

Spruce lumber is in light supply at Boston and some sizes are firmer and higher. The demand is not large, but many mills are short of logs. The quotations are: Ten and 12 in. dimensions, \$21; 9 in. and under, \$19; 9 and 12 in. random lengths, 10 ft. and up, \$20.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7, and 3x4, 10 ft. and up, \$17.50; all other randoms, 9 in. and under, 10 ft. and up, \$18.50; 5 in. and up, merchantable boards, \$17; matched

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There is no change to note in hemlock lumber, either in tone or prices: boards, 12, 14 and 16 ft. stock, \$14.50 for good eastern; Pennsylvania No. 1, \$18.50 to \$19.50; No. 2, \$15 'o \$16.50.

Western pine lumber is quiet but firm: Uppers, 1 to 2 in., \$84 to \$87; 2 1/2 to 3 in., \$82 to \$87; 4-in. \$96 to \$100; selects, 1-in., \$76; 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in., \$76 to \$78; 2-in., \$76; 2 1/2 to 3 in., \$84; 4-in., \$86; fine common, 1-in., \$67; 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in., \$69; 2-in., \$72; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$80; 4-in., \$82; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$28 to \$32.

Hardwood lumber is unchanged, the

demand for fine, fresh quartered oak and whitewood being good: Quartered oak, \$85 to \$92; plain oak, \$42 to \$45; common and rejects, \$20 to \$25; red oak, plain, \$43; whitewood, \$54 to \$56, sap, \$43 to \$48; common, \$39 to \$45, brown ash, \$41 to \$44; white ash, \$43 to \$46; maple, \$33 to \$37; end dried white maple, \$46; birch, \$27 to \$30; birch, 75 per cent. red, \$45 to \$50, northern elm, \$29 to \$31; Michigan elm, \$34 to \$37.

Extra cedar shingles are firm at \$3.35 to \$3.50, with other grades steady.

Clapboards are steady and unchanged: Extra, \$45, clear, \$43; second clear, \$40; extra No. 1, \$30.

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