

more liberal buying of the other kinds, which are firm in price. Lath are still strong, with some dealers holding for a further advance.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The British lumber market continues to show improvement of a moderate character and there has been a slight increase in consumption. Consumers are more inclined now to do a little speculative buying than has been the case for some months past. The mahogany market at London has taken a decided turn for the better, and at Liverpool there is an improved demand for all kinds of lumber. Considerable business is being done in pine and spruce, with an upward tendency in prices. Shippers are asking £6 10s per standard for St. John spruce cargoes for delivery on the east coast and are refusing offers five shillings below that figure. A West Bay cargo is reported to have been sold on the Mersey at £6 10s c.i.f. There are some enquiries for square and waney timber, but the consumption is not active and stocks are ample to meet requirements. There is a good demand for rock elm, and as stocks are low prices could be easily advanced.

The feature of the month of September was the small importation of lumber from the wood-producing countries. It is now quite certain that the imports this year will be on a moderate scale compared with last season, and when this is taken into consideration, stocks cannot be considered heavy.

A statement of the London dock stocks on September 30th shows that the supply of pine and spruce is considerably lighter than one year ago. Of pine deals there were 422,488 pieces, as compared with 532,834 pieces one year ago. The stock of red pine deals was 45,832 pieces, as against 81,545 pieces, and the stock of spruce deals 359,260 pieces and 490,029 pieces respectively for the two years. It will be seen that a considerable decrease is shown in each instance.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The last of the St. John river corporation log drive reached the boom limits at Fredericton, N. B., last week.

The Scott Lumber Company, of Fred-

ericton, N. B., expect to hold over until next season between 8,000,000 and 10,000,000 feet of logs.

Keenan Bros., of Owen Sound, Ont., are offering one and a half million cedar shingles, 10 inch clear butts and better, at \$2.35 per M, also one million second class shingles at \$1.50.

A two mile timber berth, situated at the head of Caran river, was sold at the Crown Land office, Fredericton, N. B., last week to George McSweeney and John Crandall for \$51 per mile. James Gastro was the applicant.

During the past season about 50,000,000 feet of logs came through the south-west branch of the Miramichi river, in New Brunswick, and about 22,000,000 ft. from the north-west branch. Of this amount at least 15,000,000 feet will be wintered, divided as follows: Richards, 4,500,000 feet; Lynch, 3,500,000 feet; Birchall, 2,000,000 feet; Hutchison, 1,500,000 feet; Welch, 2,000,000 feet; Hickson, 1,500,000 feet. Snowball & Company will also winter some logs. Very little preparation has as yet been made for the coming winter's operations, and the cut on the Miramichi is not likely to be much more than half that of last season.

THE GLASGOW MARKET.

Edmiston & Mitchell's Monthly Timber Circular of September 30th, 1904, contains the following particulars concerning Canadian lumber:

WHITE PINE.—The import of the month amounts to 3,000 loads of waney and 150 loads of square pine. Business is quiet, and there have been no transactions of any importance. Stocks are heavy.

OAK.—The import consists of about 350 loads. The stock of both Quebec and Southern States wood is still heavy and enquiries are few.

ELM.—There is a good demand for rock elm, and a fair business is being done at firm prices. The stock is moderate, and while there is still too much soft wood on hand, it is being gradually worked off.

QUEBEC BIRCH.—The import for September has been trifling and was disposed of from the ships' side. There are a few

enquiries in the market from time to time but no special activity in the demand, and moderate though the import has been this year, it has been ample for all requirements. In birch planks, the stock is now considerably less than it has been for some time past, and we shall soon see some improvement in values.

ASH.—Although the stock on hand is small, there is no anxiety on buyers' part to pick it up, and only occasional trifling retail sales are being made at prices which are by no means encouraging, from a shipper's point of view. For American ash logs there is not much demand, and there are several lots in the market unsold.

PINE DEALS.—Business has been rather better during the month, and sales "ex quay" have been more numerous. The import continues light and stocks are moderate. Current values are as under:—Broad First Pine Deals—£32 to £34; 11-inch, £29 to £31; Ends and Non-Dimensions, £22 to £24. Second Pine Deals—11-inch and up, £17 to £19; Ends and Non-Dimensions, £13 to £14 10s. Third Pine Deals—11-inch and up, £11 to £14; Ends and Non-Dimensions, £9 10s to £10 10s. Red Pine Deals—9 and 11 inch, £10 to £11; Narrows, £7 to £8 10s. First Pine Sidiings and Strips—9 to 10 inch, £23 to £24; 11 to 12 inch, £25 to £26; 13 to 14 inch, £27 to £28.

SPRUCE DEALS.—9-inch and up, £8 to £8 10s.; 7 and 8 inch, £6 15s. to £7 10s. Lower Port Spruce.—9-inch and up, £7 10s. to £8; 7 and 8 inch, £6 5s to £7.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN) VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 10th, 1904.—It looks as if there will be low prices for lumber all this winter. Since the price war they have not regained, and to-day lumber is selling in some instances as much as \$5 lower than the former figure. The result of this is seen in the greater amount of building which is now about to be done. Towards the winter months building generally falls off considerably, as the rainy weather is not favorable. This summer and fall, however, have been unusually fine, and last week the office of the building inspector was besieged with applicants

for permits. Most were for residences, but there is a large number of business blocks being erected in the city.

One of the features at the annual provincial exhibition held at New Westminster last week was the display of three "block down" houses by the B. C. Mills, Timber and Trading Company. They attracted considerable attention, and were the subject of much favorable comment. They can be erected for at least \$200 cheaper than the ordinarily made house, and in appearance and style equal the best. They are made in several styles and sizes, from the two or four roomed house up to eight, and from \$150 to \$600. The prices are delivered at the mills. A comprehensive catalogue is being issued by the company. The houses are the patent of Mr. E. C. Mahoney, manager of the Royal City Mills, Vancouver, a branch of the company. Mr. Mahoney was formerly of Hamilton.

W. W. Wardrop, of Fernie, whose mill was destroyed by fire a short time ago, having been set by a spark from a C. P. R. locomotive, will probably rebuild at Crow's Nest, where the railway has promised him a siding. Winnipeg men will also be interested.

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