

mile berth on Magaguadavic River, and a two-mile berth on the southern side of the Restigouche River, went to the Estate of J. P. Mowatt.

Howard & Craig, of Sherbrooke, Que., are reported to have purchased from the Quebec Government some 6,000 acres of virgin timber limits of the Chaudiere river. This gives them about 20,000 acres of timber on that stream.

The Liscombe timber property of 7,000 acres and an interest in 25,000 acres more in Nova Scotia, owned by the heirs of the late James Miller, of St. John, have been sold to Louis F. Hill, of Dartmouth, N.S., for \$21,000. The mill property of S. T. King & Sons, recently offered for sale, has not yet been sold.

The Wisconsin Hardwood Lumbermen's Association have adopted a new price list on hardwoods showing a considerable advance on late quotations. Both red and white oak are placed at \$35 for firsts and seconds f. o. b. Wausau. Soft elm is quoted at \$24 for inch firsts and seconds, \$17 for log run, and \$20 for common and better. Maple is listed at \$14 for log run, \$20 for 1 to 1 1/2 inch firsts and seconds, \$22 for two inch and \$24 for 2 1/2 inch and thicker. Inch basswood, 5 to 11 inches wide, is advanced to \$23, 1x12 inch \$27, 1x13 inch and wider \$30, 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch \$25, and 2 inch \$27.

OTTAWA VALLEY MARKET CONDITIONS. [Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

The lumber business in Ottawa is at present quiet, though somewhat brisker than for the corresponding month last year. Messrs. Elliott & Hurdman report a good trade in hardwoods with the United States. Prices are also considerably higher in sympathy with the lumber business throughout. Ash brings \$18 per thousand, an advance of about 30 per cent. over last year's prices. Basswood and elm show an advance of about 20 per cent. Only the smaller mills are cutting the hardwoods, as the large mill owners do not find it in their best interests to make a bid for this branch of the business, the natural disadvantages in the acquirement of a supply of hardwood logs being considerable.

The statement of exports of forest products from the consular district of Ottawa is interesting as showing the extent of the increase in shipments. During the year there were exported to the United States timber products to the value of \$2,848,134.82. For 1898 the figures were approximately \$1,500,000 and for 1897 \$2,500,000. Thus it will be seen that last year there was an increase in value of nearly \$1,300,000 over the previous year and of almost \$300,000 over 1897. It will be remembered, however, that there was a great rush of lumber shipments to the United States in the first half year of the year 1897, in order to escape the payment of the duty which went into effect in the summer of that year. The exports of last year, therefore, make a more

favorable showing than appears at first glance. Following are the figures in detail for last year, divided into two sections:

Table with columns: Articles, Half Year Ending June 30, Half Year Ending Dec. 31. Rows include Basswood, Lumber, Lumber (in bond), Lath, Match blocks, Pickets, Poles (cedar), Posts, Pulp wood, Railroad ties, Ship planking, Shingles, Sulphite pulp, Telegraph poles, White Pine deal ends, Yellow wood boards.

All the mills in the Ottawa valley will be operated, if possible, to full capacity this season. In the Gattineau valley and Black river districts the snows deep and logging operations are being rushed. The recent cold snap has aided the hauling operations in other districts, and all the men that can be put to work are hauling out logs.

A new and well equipped shingle mill has been erected at Whitney on the line of the Canada Atlantic Railway. The mill, which has been built by Backham & Carter, has a daily capacity of 80,000 shingles.

Chitty & Co., of this city, sent a gang of 44 men to Metagama last week to work on the limits of the Georgian Bay Lumber Co. Smaller gangs were sent earlier in the month to this and nearby points.

The first car load of British Columbia fir arrived in Ottawa last week. It will be used in the construction of the two new government dredges, and was planed and cut in suitable sizes before being shipped.

Although the Ottawa Wholesale and Retail Lumbermen's Association has been formed but a short while, its beneficial effects are already being felt, there now being little or no cutting of prices as in former seasons. Nevertheless, the dealers are wary and prices continue unsettled. There is little business being done in laths. Prices range from \$3 to \$3.25 per thousand wholesale. Pine s.c. strips have also advanced, the present prices being \$11 to \$13.50 per thousand. Though the building prospects are good, the retail dealers and jobbers are not buying in large quantities, the mill owners preferring to hold their stocks.

Speaking about the prospects for the sale of the coming summer's cut, a prominent mill owner stated recently that an all round ad-

vance of about 20 per cent. was noticeable in the offers being made for the cut of the various mills. Prices did not advance last season till many of the mill owners had closed their contracts. It is expected that the advance will be a still more favorable one and the mill owners are holding off.

OTTAWA, Jan. 29th, 1900.

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

CANADA ATLANTIC RAILWAY.

Lumber freight rates on the Canada Atlantic Railway, are as follows: Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft.; Ottawa to Syracuse, 10 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Montreal, 5 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Montreal, 7 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec, 12 cts.; Pembroke to Montreal, 8 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec, 13 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to New York, 17 cents per 100 lbs.; Pembroke to New York, 18 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Boston and common points, local 15c., exports 13c. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Boston and common points, local 17 cents, export 15 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Boston and Portland and common points, local 21 1/2 cents, export 20 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Portland, &c., 15 cts.; Arnprior to Portland, 17 cts.; Ottawa to Burlington, 6c. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 10 cts. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Albany, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Albany, 17 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to St. John, N.B., and common points, 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Halifax, N.S., and common points, 21 cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight for shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 30,000 lbs. rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs., except when quoted per M ft.; minimum carloads 10 M ft., lumber not exceeding 3,000 lbs. per M ft. Ottawa rates apply on shipments from Rockland and Hawkesbury.

The cheese box factory of Samuel Bickell, at Peterboro', Ont., was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The loss was \$3,000.

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Table with columns: Square white pine, measured off, 40 to 45 feet average, good fair, first class, First class Ottawa waney, Michigan, Measured off, according to average and quality, In shipping order, By the dram, according to average and quality, 14 inches and up, according to average and quality, To average 16 inch, 14 inch average, 16 inch, 17 inch, 18 inch, Bright spruce, according to mill specification.

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Table with columns: Uppers, 3 in. up, 2 1/2 inch, 1 to 2 in., 4 inch uppers, Selects, 2 1/2 in. up, to 2 in., Fine common, 2 1/2 in. and up, 1 to 2 in., No. 1 cuts, 1 to 2 inch, No. 2, No. 3, No. 1 molding, 1 to 2 in., No. 2 molding, 1 to 2 in., Stained saps, Bracket plank, Shelving boards, 12-in. up, Dressing boards, narrow, 1x10 inch shippers, Pine, Sawed Pine, ex. xxx, Clear butts, Smooth, 6 x 18.

OTTAWA, ONT.

Table with columns: Pine, good sidings, per M feet, b.m., Pine, good strips, Pine, good shorts, Pine, No. 1 dressing sidings, per M feet, b.m., Pine, No. 1 dressing strips, Pine, No. 1 dressing shorts, Pine, 10 s.c. and better stock.

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Table with columns: Uppers, 1 1/2, 2 1/2 and 2 in., 2 1/2 and 3 in., 4 in., Selects, 1 to 2 in., 2 1/2 and 3 in., 4 in., Fine common, 1 in., up to 12 in. wide, 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 in., 2 in., 3 in., 4 in., Cut'g up, No. 1, 1 in., 1 1/2 to 2 in., No. 2, 1 in., No. 2, 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 in., No. 3, 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 in., No. 3, 2 in., The following quotations on hardwoods represent the jobber's buying price at Buffalo and Tonawanda: WHITE ASH, 1st & 2nd, 1 inch, 1 1/2 to 2 in., BLACK AND BROWN ASH, 1st & 2nd, 6 inch up, 1st & 2nd, white, 6" & up, 1st & 2d, soft, 8 in. & up, 1st & 2d, hard, 6 in. & up.

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