

tion of wood goods and a gradual strengthening of the market. Lately some sensational values have been obtained for choice specifications. A parcel of Archangel planks sold at \$20 per standard, while Quebec white pine of first quality is selling at \$26 in London. This is a much better price than has ruled for some time. The market is cleared of 11 inch spruce, and common whitewood of this width is not easily picked up. Reports from nearly all the importing centres tell of an improvement in spruce. Importers expect to realize still better prices, and are therefore not forcing the market. The heavy receipts of pine and spruce at Hull last year has resulted in an expansion of the market for Canadian goods. A boat has been fixed from Montreal to Hull at 47s 6d for August loading, against 46s 3d for July. At Glasgow a fair demand exists for pine deals, with the exception of third quality, which are rather dull of sale.

The Barbados market remains steady and the stock is none too heavy. In South America there is a fair demand, but prices are low. A cargo of spruce was sold recently at \$25 c.i.f. Rio de Janeiro. Pitch pine sells at \$25.50 to \$25.75 c.i.f.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The bark Veronica sailed last week from Portland, Me., for Buenos Ayres, with a cargo of 1,022,862 feet of spruce lumber.

The Hawkesbury Lumber Co., of Hawkesbury, Ont., last week sent a gang of 80 men to their limits in the Temiscamingue district.

The total shipments of lumber out of Lake Superior this year to August 15 were 511,000,000 feet. This is 160,000,000 feet more than to the same date last year.

Alger, Smith & Co., of Detroit, Mich., are filling a government contract for square timber to be used at Buffalo. Between four and five million feet will be required.

The Department of Interior at Ottawa is inviting tenders up to September 18th for a permit to cut timber on a 40-acre limit in British Columbia, being berth No. 212.

According to the Board of Trade returns, the import of wood goods into the United Kingdom for the seven months ending July 31st last totalled 4,176,846 loads, valued at £9,508,036. In 1898 the import was 3,547,279 loads, valued at £8,267,031.

The Mersey Docks and Harbor Board at Liverpool, Eng., through their agents, Messrs. Duncan, Ewing & Co., invite tenders for the supply of 4,000 feet waney board pine, 4,000 feet rock elm and 2,000 feet red pine timber, 30 standards of spruce deals, flooring boards, etc.

Canadian lumber imported into Boston, Mass., amounts annually to about 60,000,000 feet of spruce, 50,000,000 feet of white pine, 160,000,000 cedar shingles, and 10,000,000 feet of hemlock. The bulk of the pine is imported by the Skillings, Whitneys & Barnes Lumber Co., and much of the spruce by Stetson, Cutler & Co.

There is a strong inquiry for lumber in Michigan. C. C. Barker, of Saginaw, is cutting 3,000,000 feet for a Canadian firm, which is about the only lot of unsold stock in the market. The sale is reported of 1,000,000 feet of thick plank, to go to Batavia, Ill., at an advance of \$4 per M. feet over last year's prices. Box lumber is much inquired for at \$12 and \$13.

Following are the average quotations for timber at Irish ports: Miramichi deals, £12 10s per Irish standard of 3-240 feet; St. John (N. B.) deals, £12 10s; ditto; Quebec ends, £13 10s, ditto; Quebec red pine deals, £11 per std. Waney

pine logs, 15 10d to 2s per foot; Norwegian and Swedish floorings, 10s 6d per square; pitch pine, 1s 3d per cubic foot; birch, 2s, ditto; prime quality American oak logs, 2s 9d to 3s per foot; ditto, ash logs, 2s to 2s 2d; ditto, elm logs, 2s 3d; ditto, whitewood logs, 2s 4d.

Following is a comparative statement of timber, &c., measured and culled at Quebec to August 22nd, 1899:

	1897.	1898.	1899.
Waney white pine, cu. feet.	3,138,001	1,478,264	1,561,489
Square white pine, cu. feet.	629,768	1,018,957	523,582
Red pine, cu. feet.	137,971	174,501	159,341
Oak, cu. feet.	1,231,717	751,904	464,452
Elm, cu. feet.	649,959	449,393	446,408
Ash, cu. feet.	122,498	31,801	56,514
Lasswood, cu. feet.	5		
Butternut, cu. feet.	673	955	60
Tamatac, cu. feet.	317		415
Birch and Maple, cu. feet.	225,946	106,592	231,946

WHITE PINE VALUES.

For the first time in the history of the white pine trade for many years, if perhaps ever, the white pine manufacturers and jobbers of a large portion of the state of Michigan, notably of Saginaw and Bay City, of Toledo, Cleveland and Buffalo and Tonawanda, have agreed on a current price list for white pine lumber. These prices have been gradually formulating all during the season, and were practically agreed upon by nearly the entire element of the markets mentioned during the latter part of July, to take effect on August 1. As far as the Lumberman can learn, by a reasonably close canvass of central and eastern markets, these prices are being very closely adhered to. Values have been made to absorb some slight inequalities of freight from the various distributing points, and are based on a price delivered at Pittsburg, Pa. The prices are made \$2.50 higher to cover New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington and points taking these rates. Pittsburg price current for uppers 1 to 2 inches in thickness is \$53.50; 10 and 12-4 uppers \$9 higher, and 16-4 \$14 higher. 1 to 2 inch selects are quoted at \$48.50, with a corresponding increase for 10, 12 and 16-4. 8 inch and up, fine common, 1 to 1 1/2 inches in thickness, is quoted \$41.50, 8-4 at \$42.50, 10 and 12-4 at \$52.50, and 16-4 at \$57.50. 1 inch shop is rated at \$30.50, 5 and 6-4 at \$37.50, 8-4 at \$38.50, 10 and 12-4 at \$44.50 and 16-4 at \$46.50. No. 2 shop in inch is quoted at \$20.50, 5 and 6-4 at \$28.50, and 8-4 at \$29.50. Thick No. 3 shop is listed at \$23.50. No. 1 inch molding boards are quoted at \$37.50 and thick at \$40; No. 2 inch at \$32.50 and thick at \$33.50; inch stained saps at \$26.50 and thick at \$28.50. No. 1 base and casing boards are listed at \$38.50 for 4-inch and \$39.50 for 5 to 9-inch; No. 2, 4-inch, at \$31.50, and 5 to 9-inch at \$32.50. Shaky clear is quoted, according to width and thickness, at from \$27.50 to \$32.50. No. 1 shelving, according to width, from \$32.50 to \$37.50; No. 1 dressing from \$27.50 to \$35.50, according to width and thickness, and No. 2 dressing from \$23 to \$27. Six-inch beveled siding is quoted as follows: Clear, \$24.50; No. 1, \$22.50; No. 2, \$19.50; No. 3, \$16.50; stained sap siding \$13.50. Prices of No. 1 barn range from \$23.50 for 4-inch to \$27.50 for 12-inch and thick; No. 2 barn from \$19.50 for 4-inch to \$22.50 for 12-inch; No. 3 barn at from \$17.50 for 4-inch to \$18.50 for 12-inch; No. 4 common from \$15.50 for 4-inch to \$17.50 for 12-inch. The price of 4-inch and up and of thick in the foregoing grades ranges about \$1 higher than 12-inch.—American Lumberman.

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Reports to hand dated August 5th give the following particulars of the Barbados lumber market:

The demand for white pine and spruce continues good. The Roseneath, from Jordan River, N.S., arrived on July 26th with 100 M feet shipping white pine, which was sold at \$24.12. The Rhoda, from Liverpool, N.S., arrived on July 28th with 80 M feet shipping and 127 M feet second quality white pine, sold at \$23.53 and \$17.30 respectively. The last arrival was the Trader, from Shelburne, N.S., with 124 M white pine boards, sold at \$23 for shipping and \$17.60 for second quality. Unless receipts are heavy in the near future, fair prices should be maintained. The stock of spruce is small, but the demand at this season of the year is not heavy. If the price of second quality white pine keeps up it will assist the sale of spruce.

SHINGLES.—In shingles the only receipts have been 530 M long Gaspe cedar, per Duart Castle. Of this stock only 33 M dimension, 4, 5 and 6 inch, have been disposed of, the prices realized being \$4.50, \$5.50 and \$6 respectively. The balance of the stock has been stored in the hope of being able to obtain better prices later on.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SHIPMENTS.

The following cargo shipments of lumber, etc., were made from British Columbia up to July 31st last, all of which went to foreign ports:

Month.	Lumber, Ft.	Lath.
January	1,097,676	188,000
February	9,374,055
March	3,118,713
April	5,811,014
May	5,273,346
June	3,650,522	56,970
July	3,590,162	172,610

The following were the cargo shipments of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. for the month of July, 1899:

	Lumber, Ft.
S.S. Dalny Vostok, to Port Arthur	1,452,876
Bark Guy C. Goss, Taku	1,134,648
Total	2,587,524

The shipments of the Moodyville Land & Saw Mill Company for the month of July consisted of the bark Adderley, to Sydney, N.S. W., with 1,002,738 feet of lumber and 172,620 lath.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

From Montreal deal rates rule about as follows: To Liverpool, 40s. to 45s.; Glasgow, 45s.; Bristol, 40s. to 45s.; Cardiff, 47s. 6d.; Manchester, 45s.; London, 47s. 6d.; Newcastle, 50s.; Leith, 47s. 6d.; Aberdeen, 50s.; Belfast or Dublin, 45s.

Recent charters include the following: Str. Salopia, Grindstone Island, Que., to w.c. England, deals, 52s. 6d.; str. Charles, St. John, N.B., to w.c. England, 51s. 3d.; str. Marion, Cape Tormentine, N.B., to w.c. England, private terms; str. Dettford, 1,673 tons, Miramichi to Dublin, deals, 55s.; bark Wayfarer, 610 tons, Miramichi to Glasson Loch, deals, 57s. 6d.

The Timber Trades Journal reports the following charters from Canadian ports: Montreal to London, option of Hull, deals, 48s 9d; Montreal and Quebec to London, 2166 tons, deals, 49s 6d; St. John or West Bay to w.c. England, 1200 stds., 50s; Hopewell Cape, N. B., to Liverpool, Barrow, Dublin or Manchester, 1000 stds., 52s 0d, September loading; Miramichi to London, two boats of 600 tons, 51s 6d and 53s; Shediac, N.B., to Mersey, 500 tons, 50s.

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LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

CANADA ATLANTIC RAILWAY.

Lumber freight rates on the Canada Atlantic Railway, according to the summer schedule effective April 1st, are as follows: Ottawa, Rockland, Hawkesbury and intermediate points to Toronto, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Toronto, pine 10 cents, hardwood, 21 cents; Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft. and under per M ft.; Ottawa to Montreal, \$1.00 per M feet, lath 20 cents per M pieces; Quebec, \$2.00 per M feet, lath 40 cents per M pieces; Arnprior to Montreal, \$1.50 per M feet, lath 30 cents per M pieces; Quebec, 12 cts.; Pembroke to Montreal, \$1.75 per M ft., lath 35 cents per M pieces; Quebec, \$2.75 per M ft., lath 55 cents per M pieces; Ottawa to New York, \$3.00 per M ft., lath 55 cents per M pieces; Arnprior to New York, \$3.50 per M ft., lath 65 cents per M pieces; Pembroke to New York, \$3.75 per M ft., lath 70 cents per M pieces; Parry Sound to New York, \$4.00 per M ft., lath 80 cts. per M pieces; Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Boston and common points, local 15c; exports 12c. 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, 12c.; 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 Scranton and Wilkesbarre, Pa., also Binghamton, N.Y., 13 cents per 100 lbs. from Arnprior 15 cents, from Parry Sound 20 cents 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., and 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.; lath 50,000 pieces, not exceeding 600 lbs. per M pcs. Ottawa rates apply on shipments from Rockland and Hawkesbury.

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