

however, being willing to reduce their asking prices. A consignment of spruce deals, all 3 x 9 and 2 of good average length, arrived at Liverpool recently and is being stored, the shippers declining to sell at less than £8 10s. c. i. f. The stock of 3 x 9 in best deals is small. Representatives of Quebec and New Brunswick shipping houses are making their usual trips through Ireland. Business has been done in spruce and red pine deals, but the purchases of white pine have been very light. A correspondent writes that shippers expect to get £5 15s l. o. b. for an ordinary sprucification of spruce. At a recent auction sale in London 3 x 11 second quality pine sold at £16 16s, which was considered a fair price in view of the quality of the specification. Spruce was offered in mixed quantities and brought satisfactory prices.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The Rat Portage Lumber Co. expect to cut 35,000,000 feet of lumber at their Remy River mills this season.

The Lake Superior Timber Company, of Windsor, Ont., are taking out pulp wood in the vicinity of Nipigon Bay.

The Canada Wood Specialty Company, of Orillia, Ont., are making 64,000 hammock reclining chairs for shipment to South Africa.

Fred and Charles Lutes, of North River, N. B., have a portable mill in the woods north of Hucksville, sawing deals and scantling.

T. Pickard & Son, of Glamis, Ont., will start their saw mill this week with the largest stock of hemlock for local trade or shipment in their experience.

A three mile timber berth on the south branch of Benjamin River was sold at the Crown lands office, Fredericton, N. B., last week to the Prescott Lumber Company, at \$8 per mile.

A. E. Fulljames, of Winnipeg, is asking for tenders for the supply of 2,000,000 first quality pine lath, to be delivered in Winnipeg in quantities of from two to five hundred thousand per month.

The Eastern Lumber Company, of Tonawanda, is said to have purchased \$2,000,000 feet of lumber during the present winter, most of it to be manufactured this year.

Sims Bros., of Little Current, Ont., have sold their season's output of logs on the White Fish River, and a quantity of tawn lumber on Picnic Island, to the Edward Hines Lumber Company, of Chicago, the consideration being about \$100,000.

David Seath, secretary of the Montreal Harbor Commissioners, is asking for tenders up to noon of Friday, 7th inst., for furnishing 2,000 piles, 50 feet in length and 9

inches diameter at the small end, of white pine, red pine, tamarac, spruce or rock or gray elm.

The Dominion Lumber Company, of Ingram River, N. S., of which W. D. Beardmore, of Toronto, is president, have received a large shipment of machinery from the Robb Engineering Company, of Amherst, and are making preparations for a large cut of lumber this coming season.

The following are the quotations at Buffalo for slack coopeage stock: Dry elm staves, \$7.75 to \$8 for first-class; \$4.25 to \$4.50 for second-class; bass-wood heading, 5/4 to 5/4 cents for first-class, 3/4 to 3/4 for second-class, hoops \$8.50 to \$8.85 for 6-foot coils, \$8 to 8.50 for 5 1/2 foot, \$5 for hickory.

The demand for hemlock is assuming a stronger tone than for several months. Piece stuff sells in the Chicago market at about \$12.50 in carload lots. Long hemlock is in special request and is difficult to find. In New York city the base price of hemlock is \$15 and in Buffalo \$13.50, but it is thought that an advance will soon be put into effect.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

The sale of the extensive Mackay limits was the stellar attraction in local lumber circles last month. Although the property was sold by public auction, it was a foregone conclusion that Mr. J. R. Booth, the veteran lumber baron, would be the purchaser against all comers. Mr. Booth made but one bid and that one was entered, on the earnest request of Mr. Peter Ryan, auctioneer, who had threatened to withdraw the limits after the other bids were all entered. Mr. Booth secured the limits, 129 3/4 miles in extent and situated on the river Amable du Fond, for \$655,000. The limits were purchased 48 years ago from the Ontario Government for \$1,800. Mr. Mackay's purchase certainly brought him no regrets, as the square timber taken of the limits since has netted him, it is estimated, over \$3,000,000. The limits are still well timbered with white and red pine of superior quality, suitable for saw-logs. The limits are well watered and permit of a short average draw. Included in the property sold were a well equipped saw, planing and shingle mill at Eauclaire Station, on the main line of the C. P. R., and slides and dams. Virgin forest covers part of the limits, which contain considerable spruce, suitable for pulp making. An outlet for this will probably be found in the pulp mills which Mr. Booth proposes to erect at the Chaudiere opposite his present mill. The sale of the limits was a record one, according to Auctioneer Ryan, in price obtained and time considered. It was probably the largest sale ever made by public auction in Canada, and it was all over inside thirty minutes.

The thaw and heavy rains which marked the closing days of February have added to the weight of troubles the present

season has brought to the lumber operators. The roads, which were poor in some places, will be rendered impassable and a considerable quantity of the present season's cut will in all likelihood have to be left on the limits until next year. This, of course, means a shortage in the supply for the mills. Disease in the camps proved a great handicap in the log production, and combined with the climatic conditions, has brought the cut below the average. In some districts, on the other hand, the thaws have done good service by reducing the great depth of snow. Mr. Robert Hurdman, the veteran lumberman, reports operations on his limits as progressing satisfactorily.

The production of cedar ties has been seriously interfered with by the adverse climatic conditions of the past winter. The lack of frost in the earlier part and the subsequent heavy snow-falls made access to the cedar swamps very difficult, and as a result there has been a marked decrease in the output of ties. The demands of the railways will be met only

part way, and prices are bound to advance in a considerable degree. Another factor in the advance in price is the yearly increasing difficulty of getting suitable stock. Dealers now have to go farther afield. Last summer only about 10,000 ties were loaded between Ottawa and Coteau, according to a reliable authority, where 12 years ago 150,000 were handled. The lowly tie is bound to become more valuable as the years bring the extension of the railways, and the reduction of the immediate available supply of ties.

The Rideau Lumber Company has just closed the sale of a raft of square timber to W. & J. Sharples, of Quebec. The raft was taken out on the Dumoine river during the present season. Robert Hurdman got out one raft on the same stream and three on the Kippewa. A few years ago five times this amount of square timber was taken out on these streams. The Rideau Lumber Company got a price considerably in advance of last year's

(Continued on page 4.)

THE IMPERIAL LUMBER CO. LIMITED
 SAW AND PLANING MILLS, WAGNER, ONT.
LUMBER, LATH and SHINGLES
 Office: TRADERS BANK CHAMBERS, Toronto
 Yonge and Colborne Streets
 Manchester, Eng. Office: 10, Corporation St. Cable Address: "Imperial"

DOORS AND MOULDINGS.

A large buyer of Canadian white pine doors and mouldings is open to contract with a mill for their entire output of No. 3 and 4 qualities of doors and all their mouldings during 1902. Write in first instance to Empire, CANADA LUMBERMAN.

FOR SALE.

A number of very valuable pine and other timber limits on the north shore of Lake Huron and elsewhere for sale. Also limits bought and sold on commission and estimates given. For particulars, apply to P. McDERMETT, Box 177, South River, Ont.

MASON, GORDON & CO.

WHOLESALE TIMBER

Montreal, Quebec

Eastern Agents The B. C. Mills, Timber & Trading Co., Vancouver, B. C.
DOUGLAS FIR Timber in any size or length supplied
 WRITE FOR PARTICULARS AND QUOTATIONS.

For Sale

Cascapedia and Skimenac Rivers. Saw Mill, Timber Limits and Water Power. Price reasonable.

H. M. SIMPSON,

29 Canada Life Building, 189 St. James Street - MONTREAL.

CACHE BAY LUMBER INDUSTRIES.

Geo. Gordon & Co.,

Manufacturers of RED and WHITE PINE

Band - Gang LUMBER
 Circular LUMBER

CACHE BAY, Ont.
 C. P. R. 26 miles West North Bay.

AND LATH

CACHE BAY PLANING MILL CO.

... MANUFACTURERS OF ...

CROSS ARMS
CROSS ARMS
 MOULDINGS
 CEILING
 FLOORING
 WAINSCOTING
 SHEETING
 And all kinds of Dressed Pine Lumber.

PINE LUMBER Get our Prices HARDWOOD LUMBER
THE ORILLIA EXPORT LUMBER CO.
 LATH ORILLIA, ONT. SHINGLES

KILN-DRIED BIRCH FLOORING SHEETING and CEILING

Flooring from \$14.00 SAMPLES BY MAIL KNIGHT BROTHERS CO.
 Ceiling " 12.00 Burk's Falls, Ont.

GILMOUR & CO. LIMITED
 Trenton, - Canada
 MANUFACTURERS OF
LUMBER, LATH, SHINGLES, JOISTING, FLOORING
 And all kinds of Dressed Lumber.
 We also carry in stock a large line of Doors in solid and Patent Lumber
EGG FILLERS and EGG FILLER CASES. CHEESE BOXES.
 All Orders taken subject to previous sale.

F. MCGIBBON & SONS, PENETANGUISHENE ONT.
 Manufacturers of Pine, Hemlock and Hardwood Lumber, and dealers in Cordwood
 Hemlock Bills cut on short notice.
O. Dufresne, Jr. & Frere
WHOLESALE LUMBER
 Montreal - Canada
 Have present for sale at various points of shipment, by either rail or water route, on the Ottawa River, pine cuttings of different grades from seasons 1900 and 1901. Will quote upon small lots or heavy blocks.
 Correspondence Solicited.