

1 1/2 inch bringing \$3.20 to \$3.25, and 1 3/4 inch \$3 to \$3.10 for Boston delivery.

UNITED STATES.

The lumber market of the United States is not particularly firm. The consumption has been about up to expectations, but dealers and consumers are buying as little lumber as possible in the hope of being able to depress prices and purchase to better advantage later in the season. Eastern stocks are low and must be replenished from time to time. Good common inch and the box grades in white pine lead in point of demand and in firmness, selects and shop being in more abundant supply and less firm. Dealers do not anticipate much improvement until buying commences for the fall trade, and this is likely to be later than usual on account of the Presidential election. Spruce is in light supply and all offerings at New York are readily taken. There is an active demand for birch at good prices. Ash also sells readily. Certain jobbers at Buffalo are said to have cut the price of quartered oak, offerings of which from the south have been quite liberal of late.

GREAT BRITAIN

The British lumber market is showing a slightly better tone. The lower qualities of pine deals are difficult to dispose of, but there is a moderate movement of the higher qualities and of spruce. Several cargoes of the latter have recently been placed without any decline in prices, which is regarded as a favorable indication. Dealers have deferred placing in anticipation of a rush to sell, but so far this has not occurred. The quantity of stock offering at London and Liverpool is considerably less than usual at this season of the year. The recognized standard of prices for spruce deals is about £9 10s. per standard c.i.f. for 3 x 9 inch second quality, and £8 15s. for thirds. Hardwood planks have been in more active demand, but the supply is ample and no advance in price has taken place.

The woodworking factory of L. P. Morin & Son, at St. Hyacinthe, Que., was burned recently. The loss is about \$45,000, with insurance of only \$15,000.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company, of Victoria, B.C., are shipping a considerable quantity of lumber into the Northwest.

R. S. Gallop, of Canterbury, B.C., intends taking out about 4,000,000 feet of logs on his timber limits on the Jumbo Fork of Toby Creek.

Sims & Co., of Little Current, Ont., are reported to have sold their cut of white pine lumber to Tonawanda parties, the transaction representing about \$50,000.

The Nipissing Lumber Company, Limited, have sold the cut of their Cache Bay mills to Morris S. M. Long, of Hamilton. The consideration was in the neighborhood of \$17 per thousand.

Tanner Bros., of Sturgeon Bay, Ont., recently received a raft of timber from French River which contained over 6,000,000 feet and which is one of the largest rafts ever brought down from that river.

The Scott Lumber Company, Fredericton, N.B., this week shipped a cargo of 2,500,000 feet of spruce deals to Liverpool, England. The deals were all manufactured at their Victoria mill since the first of June.

The Crows Nest Pass Lumber Company, Wardner, B.C., have completed arrangements to secure 5,000,000 feet of logs cut at the St. Mary's river camp. The logs will be boomed at Wardner. The company have also purchased 500,000 feet of logs cut by the St. Eugene Mission Indians.

D.V. Mott, of Fernie, B.C., has received the leases for the timber limits purchased by the Elk Lumber & Manufacturing Company. The limits secured include 16,000 acres and contain about 400,000,000 feet of timber. About half of this is tributary to the mill plant at Fernie, while the balance will be converted into lumber at Hosmer, where the company will build a mill.

The plant and stock of the Boston Wood Rim Company, Limited, Toronto, is to be sold by tender.

R. P. Drury is announced to have been appointed receiver of the Vancouver Island Lumber Company, Sidney, B. C.

NEW BRUNSWICK LETTER.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

St. JOHN, N.B., July 4th, 1914.—American deals will be scarce on the St. John this season. This is owing to the fact that two or three of the largest American mills will saw all Provincial logs and most of the others will saw American only part of the time. These logs were contracted for last year when prospects were very bright in the United Kingdom and when in a few cases the situation warranted the manufacturing of American logs for the English market.

While the American market, to the country at large, is but a secondary consideration, to St. John it is just as important as the English market, owing to the fact that the much larger number of the mill owners here are Americans. For this reason it has often happened that St. John has enjoyed prosperous seasons when the English market was off and the lumber industry decidedly depressed in other sections.

During the early part of this year the prospects for marketing deals in the United States were not at all bright, but during the last month or two, the demand has increased and the market has shown a decided firmness. The outlook is hopeful just now, although it is freely acknowledged that lower prices than those of last year will prevail all through the season.

Compared with other years, shipments from the provinces are remarkably small and from the Eastern States they are much below the average. The feeling seems to be that until the elections are over no great stimulus can be looked for but that the present prices will be at least maintained. After the elections a greater demand and higher prices are confidently expected.

A specification containing the usual percentage of 6's, 8's, 9's, 10's and 12's would be worth from \$13.75 to \$14.25 per thousand feet l.o.b. St. John.

As the American logs are cut mostly on the Aroostook river, they are late in arriving; hence there is very little American lumber for sale in this section as yet. American spruce boards are worth from \$11.50 to \$11.75 per M. ft. l.o.b. St. John. They are scarce and promise to be even more so. Provincial boards are plentiful and are worth for shipment to the United States \$10 per M. Hemlock boards are still hard to obtain and there will probably be very few for sale this

season in this vicinity. Prices mentioned last month will still apply.

Freight rates to Boston per schooner are \$2.25 per M. to New York, \$3.25. Owing to the small quantities going forward, charters are scarce.

Logs are coming along slowly and the mill-men are having a hard time to keep their mills going. While there is an abundance of logs between here and Grand Falls, they are not coming through the booms at Fredericton rapidly enough to keep the mills in cut, and as they have heavy stocks on the way the manufacturers do not care to buy any large quantities. Cedar is particularly scarce, one or two whiggle mills being compelled to run at half their capacity for a few days. Advice from up river, however, say that the logs are being rafted rapidly and the mill-men hope to be well supplied before another fortnight has passed.

Prospect for stream driving continue bright and the logs are being rushed into safe water with all possible speed. Recent rains in the up-river districts have raised the river from two to four feet and the conditions for stream-driving are now all that could be desired.

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