

ONTARIO LUMBERMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Lumbermen's Association of Ontario, held a few days ago in Toronto, when the statistics prepared by the secretary were read, it was unanimously resolved that there was no present necessity to reduce prices; that the retail stocks on both sides of the line were lower than ever reached for a number of years, and that while the demand may be delayed through political agitation, it will come later. The conclusion arrived at at a previous meeting, that there was a shortage of 240 million feet, was confirmed, and it was shown that there is fully 300 million feet of a shortage in the Georgian Bay and including Eastern Michigan points, and taking the output of the mills of Eastern Michigan.

Further, it was pointed out that the demand from the English market was active and likely to increase; that the conditions were never more favorable for an advance in price than at present. This applies to the Minnesota and Wisconsin district, as well as to Michigan and Ontario.

Mr. Robert Watt, of Warton, brought up the question of hardwood prices. From statistics presented, the opinion was arrived at that manufacturers' present prices should be maintained.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Robt. Ervin is sawing logs for Logan & Sutherland at Musquodoboit Harbor, N.S.

The steamship Boliviana has taken on 300 standards of deals at Quebec and is about to proceed to Montreal to complete cargo.

The Bell Telephone Company, Quebec, are in the market for a quantity of telephone poles, 30 feet in length and not less than six inches at the top.

The Fredericton Boom Company, which controls rafting operations on the St. John river, in New Brunswick, has rafted this season 43,714 joints, containing 26 tons and 13 feet of timber, 54,460 feet of hemlock, 2,943,780 feet of pine, 10,992,460 feet of cedar, and 9,112,259 feet of spruce, making a total of 105,015,559 superficial feet of lumber.

A correspondent sends the following as the current wholesale quotations for lumber at Warton, Ont.: Maple (common and better), 1 inch, \$13; 1 1/2 in., \$13; 2 in., \$15; 3 in., \$16; 4 in., \$17; 1st and 2nds, 2, 3 and 4 in., \$17; basswood, mill run, \$14.50; soft elm, mill run, \$15.50; birch, mill run, \$14; common and better, 1 and 2 in., \$18; beech, common and better, \$11.

Following are the current wholesale prices at mills at Huntsville, Ont., for pine lumber. 1 x 10 in. common, \$15 per M.; 1 x 12 in. common, \$16; 1 x 10 and 12 in. box, \$13; 1 x 10 and 12 in. mill culls, \$12; mill cull siding, \$11; 2 x 10 and 12 in. plank, \$14; 2 x 4, 6 and 8 in. plank, \$13; No. 1 shingles, \$2.15 per M; No. 2 shingles, \$1.25; No. 1 lath, 3/8 x 1 1/2 x 4 ft., \$2.50.

A quantity of spruce lumber from Wolfe river, Quebec, was sold at auction in London on September 5th at the following prices: 12-20 ft. 3x15 in., first, second and third quality, \$8 1/2 per standard of 1,980 ft.; 12-21 ft. 2x13 in., \$8 1/2; 15-24 ft. 3x7 in., \$8; 15-20 ft. 3x7 in., \$8; 9-11 ft. 3x7 in., \$8; 9-20 ft. 2x9 in., \$9 5/8; 10-22 ft. 2x8 in., \$9; 9-22 ft. 2x7 in., \$8 1/2; 9-21 ft. 2x7 in., \$8 1/2; 9-24 ft. 2x6 in., \$8; 9-21 ft. 1x8-11 in., \$7 5/8; 10x21 ft. 1x7 in., \$7 5/8; 10-22 ft. 1x5 in., \$7.

At a recent sale held by Foy, Morgan & Company, London, England, birch timber from Montreal sold at the following prices: Seven logs, 8 1/2 x 18 ft. x 21-26 3/4 in., 77s per load of 50 cubic feet; 7 logs 9-15 ft. x 20-27 in., 80s; 8 logs 7-13 ft. x 20-25 in., 80s; 8 logs 9-12 ft. x 20-33 in., 85s; 8 logs 9-13 ft. x 24-27 in., 87s 6d; 7 logs 10-13 ft. x 19-27 in., 90s; 7 logs 9-14 ft. x 21-25 in., 92s 6d; 10 logs 10-19 ft.

x 15-18 in., 77s 6d; 10 logs 11-17 ft. x 15-19 in., 77s 6d; 10 logs 10-17 ft. x 15-21 in., 80s; 10 logs 10-15 ft. x 15-18 in., 77s 6d; 10 logs 10-16 ft. x 15-19 in., 77s 6d; 18 logs 8 1/4 ft. x 14-18 1/2 in., 77s 6d.

THE LIVERPOOL MARKET.

The arrivals from British North America during the past month, says Farnworth & Laidine's wood circular, have been 62,505 tons register, against 67,025 tons register during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to this date from all places during the years 1898, 1899 and 1900 has been 325,432, 350,741 and 363,675 tons respectively. The business of the past month has been on an extensive scale, but owing to the restricted quay accommodation it has been conducted with great difficulty. The arrivals have been heavy and the deliveries large, but stocks of some of the leading articles are accumulating, and recent sales show weakness. Freight rule high, and may tend to check imports, which is very desirable.

CANADIAN WOODS. — PINE TIMBER. — Waney has been imported moderately, and for the most part has gone direct into consumption. Prime wood is in good demand; prices are very firm, and stocks are light; 2nd class has received more attention, but the demand is limited. Square has also been imported moderately, but there is little improvement in the demand to report, and stocks are sufficient. Red pine has arrived more freely, the demand is quiet, but stocks are not too large. **OAK.** — The arrivals consist chiefly of first class wood on contract; there has been rather more enquiry, prices are firm, and the stock is fairly moderate. **ELM.** continues in request, and the import of about 350 loads goes largely direct into consumption; values are very high, and the stocks are moderate. **ASH.** — There has been more enquiry, stocks are light, values steady. **PINE DEALS.** — The arrivals have again been on a moderate scale, and the deliveries have fairly kept pace; stocks are reduced to about 7,800 standards, as compared with 15,600 standards for the corresponding month last year; prices are firm. **RED PINE DEALS** continue in fair demand at firm rates.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA SPRUCE AND PINE DEALS. — The arrivals during the past month have again been very large, viz., 27,700 standards, against 24,265 standards for the corresponding month last year; there has been a good consumption, but the stock is now too heavy, and, notwithstanding high rates of freight, and difficulty in securing tonnage, sales are more difficult to effect, and the latest transactions have been at lower values. **PINE DEALS.** — The demand has improved, prices are firmer and stocks are light.

BIRCH. — Of logs, chiefly from the lower ports, the arrivals have been too heavy, deliveries have been fair, but stocks are sufficient and values lower. Planks have been imported much too freely, and, although there has been a fair demand, prices have declined and stocks are now ample.

OREGON AND BRITISH COLUMBIAN PINE. — The market is still bare, though a cargo is shortly due which should meet ready sale. The sales during the past month have been as follows: **QUEBEC PINE.** — Waney, 2nd class, 18 in. x 23 feet lin. at 2s 3d per cubic foot.

BIRCH TIMBER. — Quebec — 17 in., at 19d per cubic foot. St. John — By auction, 15 1/2 in. average, at 17 1/2d per cubic foot. Planks, from £7 1/2 to £8 per standard.

QUEBEC PINE DEALS. — Chiefly on merchants' account. **SPRUCE DEALS.** — St. John, at about £7 7/8 6d to £7 11s 3d per standard c.i.f., according to specification. Lower Port, by auction, at an average of about £7 10s per standard, ex quay.

The current quotations are about as follows:

White pine, Quebec square wood ... 25 3d to 25 9d
 " " Waney board ... 25 2d to 25 10d
 " " St. John, 18-in. average ... 15 6d to 25 2d
 Lower Ports pine ... 15 3d to 3 8d
 Red pine ... 25 3d to 25 10d
 Oak, 1st quality ... 15 6d to 25 0d
 " and quality ... 15 6d to 25 0d
 Elm ... 15 9d to 25 0d
 Ash ... 15 6d to 25 0d
 Hickory ... 15 4d to 25 10d
 Birch, St. John ... 15 4d to 25 0d
 " Quebec ... 15 4d to 25 0d
 " planks ... 21d to 25 0d
 Masses, Red ... 15 9d to 25 0d
 " White ... 15 9d to 25 0d
 Spruce Spars ... 15 1d to 25 0d

Per Foot.
 Deals, Quebec, white, 1st quality ... 23 0d to 26 00
 " " " 2nd quality ... 18 00 to 20 00
 " " " 3rd quality ... 11 00 to 12 10
 Spruce deals, St. John, Miramichi ... 7 10 to 7 15
 " " Nova Scotia, etc. ... 7 7 1/2 to 7 12 1/2
 " boards, etc. ... 6 15 to 7 00
 Oaks, Ash, per running foot ... 0 3 to 0 4

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