

UNITED STATES.

Enquires have been made by the American Lumberman to ascertain the prospective input of logs this winter. The replies received seem to indicate that, in comparison with last winter, there will be a decrease of from 10 to 15 per cent. in the production of pine logs, and an increase of about 10 per cent. in the cut of hardwoods. If this estimate should prove nearly correct, it is not probable that the season of 1900 will witness any material depreciation in lumber prices. The market is now very strong. Sales are reported at Wisconsin mills of mill culls at \$12, No. 3 boards at \$13, No. 2 at \$15 and No. 1 at \$17, and it is predicted that mill culls will reach \$13 before many weeks. It is stated that the cut of mill culls in some districts for the first half of the season has already been sold. At Bay City and Saginaw some changes in prices of pine have been made within the past fortnight. One to two inch uppers and selects have been advanced by about \$2 per thousand. No. 1 and No. 2 barn boards are about \$1 higher, as is also shipping culls of narrow widths. Shaky clear stock has advanced \$2, selling from \$28 to \$30. Shingles are unchanged, but No. 1 white pine lath is slightly easier, selling in the Bay City market at \$3.50, against \$3.75 a few weeks ago. Attention is also directed to the changes in the Buffalo and Tonawanda price list of white pine stock.

Firmness still characterizes the hardwood market. Basswood has been sold at \$22.50 for firsts and seconds delivered in Chicago. Brown ash is held at high figures, Wisconsin manufacturers asking \$21 for log run at the mills.

Shingle prices remain stationary. Dealers in the Eastern States are holding stock firmly, believing that the production this season will not be large.

FOREIGN.

Stock in the hands of brokers in Great Britain is gradually becoming diminished. Buyers now seem to realize that the high prices asked for spot goods are warranted by the enhanced values at which contracts for new stock are being placed. At London, Liverpool and Glasgow the volume of trade is considerable, spruce and pine selling freely. Prices realized at recent public sales have been exceptionally good. Second quality spruce sold in London at £10, third quality 3x9 at £9 15s, and 3x7 and 3x8 at £9 5s. In that market there is a great scarcity of fourth quality spruce. Several sales of pine are reported, and considering the quality of the stock, the prices must be regarded as satisfactory.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

J. J. Withrow is sawing 200,000 feet of deals at South Uniacke, N. S., with a portable mill.

Jackson & Co. are this winter cutting 34,000,000 feet of logs in the vicinity of Tidnish, N. S.

The barque Adderley is now loading 1,000,000 feet of lumber at Moodyville, B. C., for Sydney, Australia.

It is estimated that between fifteen and twenty million feet of deals will be manufactured this season in the districts of St. Simonds and St. Martins, in New Brunswick.

Campbell & McNab, of Douglas, Ont., are getting out large quantities of telegraph and telephone poles, railway ties and pulp wood.

The McArthur Bros. Co., of Cheboygan, Mich., have the greater portion of their 300,000 logs cut and skidded on the banks at Little Current, Ont.

The city of Kingston, Ont., invites lumber dealers to submit tenders, by noon of the 22nd inst., for the supply of 200,000 feet of inch plank and 40,000 lineal feet of cedar sleepers.

At a recent auction sale held at Hull, England, by Holdsworth & Midgley, the following prices were realized for Quebec spruce. 3x5 Quebec spruce, 13/16 ft., £6 15s per standard; 1 1/2x5, 6/16 ft., £6 15s; 1 1/2x6, £6/15 ft., £7; 1x7, 6/13

ft., £8; 7/8x8, 10/14 ft., £7 10s; 7/8x10, £8 15s; 3/4x5, 6/16 ft., £6 15s to £7; 3/4x4, £6 to £6 5s; 5/8x5, £6 5s to £6 10s; 2x6, 9x19 ft., £7 7s 6d to £7 12s 6d.

At Ashland, Wis., white pine lath are held at \$3 per thousand, mixed at \$2.80, and Norway at \$2.70. Extra \*A\* shingles are selling at \$2.25, and 6 inch clear butts at about \$1.60.

Jos. Turner, of Bay City, Mich., has cut and banked 25,000,000 feet of logs in the Georgian Bay district, and has purchased 10,000,000 feet more. They will be manufactured at Midland, Ont., and the lumber shipped to the United States.

Following are the current prices for pine f.o.b. yards at Cleveland, Ohio: 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch uppers, \$55; 1 to 2 inch selects, \$50; 1 to 2 inch fine common, 10 and 12 inch, \$47; 1 1/4 to 2 inch shop, \$40; 1 1/4 to 2 inch No. 1 common, 10 and 12 inch, \$29; 1 1/4 to 2 inch No. 2 common, \$20; mill culls in all thicknesses, \$17.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

[Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

The tone of the spruce lumber market is firm. There are indications that at the meeting of the agreement association on the 14th prices will be advanced. This will be done on the general firmness of the situation. There is a certainty that the volume of logs that will be got out will be very much reduced by the terribly deep snow that has prevailed for some time. The season for hauling is rapidly drawing to a close. The last of March brings the last of the teams out of the woods.

It is estimated that the cut of spruce must fall a good deal short of that of a year ago, which was not a large one. At the same time, it is mentioned in the trade that to again put up prices will work harm to the building trade; for already that trade is a good deal hampered by the increased cost of all classes of building materials. It is believed that another increase in the cost of spruce will still further help to check building operations this year. Spruce boards have already been further advanced and are at least \$1.50 higher. Present agreement prices are:

Table listing lumber prices: Frames, 9 inch and under, \$17.00; 10 and 12 in. dimensions, \$19.00; 10 and 2 in. random, 1 ft. and up long, \$18.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$15.00; All other random, 9 in. and under, \$16.50; Merchantable boards planed one side, \$16.00; Out boards planed one side, \$13.00; Furring 1x2, 1x2 1/2 and 1x3 planed one side, \$13.00 to \$13.50; Spruce flooring, \$20.00 to \$22.00.

Hemlock is yet very firm with little offering:

Table listing hemlock prices: Matched hemlock boards, \$20.00 to \$22.00; Pennsylvania dimension, \$16.00 to \$17.00; Eastern, \$15.00 to \$16.00; with the usual advance for over 16 ft. Eastern boards, \$18.00 to \$19.00; No. 1, \$15.00 to \$16.50; Planed one side and matched, \$18.00 to \$20.00; Pennsylvania boards, No. 1, 8, 0 and 12 in., \$19.00 to \$20.00; No. 1, 10 feet, \$17.00; Planed and matched, \$19.00 to \$20.00.

Western pine is very steady, with coarse boards and box boards particularly firm. The supply of eastern box boards is reported short, with a small cut of logs this winter. Western pine is quoted firm:

Table listing western pine prices: Uppers, 1 in., \$58.00 to \$60.00; 1 1/2 to 2 in., \$60.00 to \$62.00; 2 and 4 in., \$70.00 to \$72.00; Selects, 1 to 4 in., \$52.00 to \$68.00; Fine common, 1 to 3 in., \$48.00 to \$62.00; Sheathings, \$40.00 to \$50.00; Barn boards, \$30.00 to \$32.00; Coffin boards, \$26.00 to \$28.00.

Hardwoods are mainly steady in prices, with a fair demand:

Table listing hardwood prices: Quartered oak, \$70.00 to \$80.00; Plain Oak, \$38.00 to \$45.00; Ash, 1 1/2 inch, \$45.00 to \$47.00; 1 1/2 and 2 inch, \$50.00 to \$52.00; 2 1/2 and 3 inch, \$60.00 to \$62.00; Maple, 1 inch, \$29.00 to \$31.00.

Clapboards are moving rather better, with a steady market:

Table listing clapboard prices: Spruce, extra, \$29.00 to \$30.00; Spruce, clear, \$27.00 to \$28.00; Spruce, and clear, \$23.00 to \$25.00; Pine, extra, \$40.00 to \$45.00; Pine, clear, \$35.00 to \$40.00; Pine, and clear, \$30.00 to \$32.00; California redwood, clear, \$42.50 to \$45.00; Second grade, \$40.00 to \$42.00.

Shingles are showing a little firmer tone; Extra cedar, best brands, \$3.15; Clear cedar, 2.65 to 2.70; 2nd clear cedar, 2.10 to 2.25; Clear white, 2.00; Extra No. 1, 1.50.

Laths are rather easy and selling for less than agreement prices. Five eighth inch, \$2.95 to \$3.00; 1/2-inch, \$2.75 to \$2.90.

BOSTON, March 12th, 1900.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LUMBER PRICES.

Following is the price list which the timber manufacturers of British Columbia have put into effect on fir and red cedar lumber for delivery to dealers throughout Manitoba and the Territories, at all 50 cent freight rate points on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

FIR.

Finish S. 1 S. or S. 2. S.—No. 1 Clear Steeping, 1 1/4 or 2 in. x 10 or 12 in. Edge Grain, \$40; No. 1 Flat Grain, \$35; No. 2 Clear Steeping, 1 1/4 or 2 in. x 10 or 12 in. Edge Grain, \$35; Flat Grain, \$30; No. 1 Clear Steeping, 1, 1 1/4 or 2 in. up to 12 in. wide, \$31; from 14 in. to 20 in. wide, \$36; No. 2 Clear Steeping, 1, 1 1/4 or 2 in. up to 12 in. wide, \$28.50; from 14 to 20 in. wide, \$33.50. No. 1 and 2 Clear Dimension, 2 x 3, 2 x 4, 2 x 6 and 2 x 8 in., \$28.50; 4 x 5 in., \$31; 5 x 5 in. and 6 x 6 in., \$33.50; No. 1 and 2 Rabitted Door and Window Jambs, \$31. Above in lengths of 12, 14 and 16 ft. Finish ordered all one of above lengths, \$1.50 per M. extra. Odd lengths, 8 to 24 ft., \$1.50 per M. less. Add \$1 per M. for each additional 2 in. over 20 in. in width. Edge Grain Finish same price as Edge Grain Steeping, but only in widths up to 12 inches.

Casing and Base—No. 1 Clear, 4, 5 or 6 in. Casing, moulded any pattern, \$33.50; No. 1 and 2 Clear, 4, 5 or 6 in. Casing, 1 round or O. G., \$31; No. 1 Clear, 8, 10 or 12 in. Base, moulded any pattern, \$32; No. 1 and 2 Clear, 8, 10 or 12 in. Base, 1 round or O. G., \$30. In lengths of 12, 14, or 16 ft. Casings and Base ordered all of one of above lengths, \$1.50 per M. extra. All Casing and Base, 1 in. in thickness. Odd thickness, \$5 per M. more.

Ship Lap—8, 10 and 12 in. Common, \$19, 3/8 x 8, 10 and 12 in. Common Fir Boards, S. 1 S. (Finished 1/2 in.) \$15.

Flooring—No. 1, 1 x 4 or 6 in. Edge Grain, \$32; Flat Grain, \$27.50; No. 2, 1 x 4 in. Edge Grain, \$29; 1 x 6 in. Edge Grain, \$27; 2 or 6 in. Flat Grain, \$25; No. 3, 4 or 6 in. Edge and Flat Grain mixed, \$23. Flooring 18 feet long, \$2.50 per M. extra. 1 1/4 and 2 in. Flooring, \$1 more than 1 in. per M. Above in lengths of 12, 14 and 16 ft. Flooring ordered all one of above lengths, \$1 per M. extra.

Ceiling—No. 1, 1 x 4 or 6 in. Beaded or "V" Joint, \$27; No. 2, \$25; No. 3, \$22.50; No. 1, 1/2 x 4 or 6 in. finished 1/2 in. thickness, \$22.50; No. 2, \$21; No. 3, \$17. Above in lengths 12, 14 and 16 ft.

Siding—No. 1, 1 x 6, Drop Siding, \$27; No. 2, \$25; No. 3, \$22.50. No. 1, 1/2 x 6 in. Bevel, \$21; No. 2, \$18.50.

Dimension, S. 1 S. and E.—2 x 4, 2 x 6 in. up to 32 ft. long, \$22; 2 x 8, 2 x 10, 3 x 4, 3 x 6 in., up to 32 ft., \$22.50; 2 x 12, 4 x 4, 4 x 6, 6 x 6 in. up to 12 x 12 in., up to 32 ft., \$23.50; 2 x 14 in. to 3 x 14 in. up to 14 x 14 in., up to 32 ft., \$24; 2 x 16 in. to 3 x 16 in. up to 16 x 16 in., up to 32 ft., \$24.50; 2 x 18 in. to 3 x 18 in., up to 18 x 18 in., up to 32 ft., \$25; 2 x 20 in. to 3 x 20 in. up to 20 x 20 in., up to 32 ft., \$25. Above in lengths 33 to 40 ft. add \$2 per M., 41 to 45 ft., \$2.50; 46 to 50 ft., \$3.25; 51 to 55 ft., \$4.25; 56 to 60 ft., \$5.50; 61 to 65 ft., \$7; 66 to 70 ft., \$9.

Lath—1/2 x 1 1/2 x 4 ft., bundled in 50's, \$3.50.

RED CEDAR.

Finish, S. 1 S. or S. 2. S.—No. 1 Clear—1 x 8 to 12 in., 10, 12, 14 and 16 ft. long, \$37; 1 x 14 to 18 in., \$39.50; 1 x 20 to 24 in., \$44.50. 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 in. more than 1 in., \$1 per M.; 1 1/2 and 2 in., \$2; 3 in., \$3; 1/2 x 8 in. to 12 in. less than 1 in., \$5.00. Odd lengths 8 ft. to 24 ft., \$2 per M. less; when widths are specified, \$2.50 per M. more; when lengths are specified, \$2.50.

Clear Squares—3 x 3 in. and 4 x 5 in. 7 to 16 ft., \$38.50; 5 x 5 and 6 x 6 in., \$40.50; 7 x 7 and 8 x 10 in., \$42. When ordered all of one of above lengths, \$5 per M. extra.

Siding—No. 1 Clear—1 x 6 in., 10, 12, 14 and 16 ft., \$32.50; 1 x 6 in., 6, 7, 8 and 9 ft., \$27.50; 1/2 x 6 in., 10, 12, 14 and 16 ft. Bundled, \$20; 1/2 x 6 in., 6 to 8 ft., Bundled,

\$16. When ordered all of one of above lengths, \$2.50 per M. extra.

Ceiling—No. 1 Clear—1 x 3, 4 or 6 in., 1, 12, 14 or 16 ft., \$35; 1 x 3, 4 or 6 in., 6, 7, 8 and 9 ft., \$27.50; 1/2 x 3, 4 or 6 in., 10, 12, 14 and 16 ft., \$30 (Finished 1/2 in. thickness.) 1/2 x 3, 4 or 6 in., 10, 12, 13 and 16 ft., \$28 (Finished 1/2 in. thickness.) When ordered all one of above lengths, \$2.50 per M. extra.

Casing and Base—No. 1—4, 5, 6 in. Casing, 10 to 16 ft., \$47.50; 8, 10 and 12 in. Base, 10 to 16 ft., \$47.50; 4, 5, 6 in. Casing, under 10 ft., \$37.50; 8, 10, and 12 in. Base, under 10 ft., \$3.50. When ordered all of one of above lengths, \$2 per M. extra.

Dimension—2 x 4 in. to 8 x 8 in. up to 32 ft., \$22.50; No. 1 Common Boards, S. 1 S. to 13-16 in., \$17.

Ship Lap—8, 10 and 12 in., \$19.

Door Stock—Dressed two sides and cut to dimension, \$32.50.

Lath—1/2 x 1 1/2 in., 4 ft., \$3.50.

Shingles—No. 1, \$2.35; No. 2, \$2; Dimension, \$2.75; Dimension Band Sawn, \$3.25.

THE LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Farnworth & Jardine's wood circular of 1st March reviews the Liverpool market as follows:

The arrivals from British North America during the past month have been 2,048 tons register, against 2,599 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 33,704, 26,448, and 28,605 tons respectively. The business of the past month has been on the whole fairly satisfactory. The arrivals generally have been moderate, the deliveries have more than kept pace, and stocks, with few exceptions, are light. There is little change in values to report, and the advanced prices are being fairly maintained.

CANADIAN WOODS.—Pine Timber—Of Waney the deliveries have been small, but the stock has been reduced to a very moderate compass, and prices are firm; strong advance in prices is being quoted for next season's shipment. Square. There is only a limited enquiry, and the stock is sufficient. Red Pine. There has been rather more enquiry for large wood for future requirements; the stock is almost exhausted. Oak shows some improvement in value, and the deliveries have been fair, but the stock, although not heavy, appears to be sufficient for the present. Elm continues in good request at full prices, and the stock is very light. Ash: There is a moderate demand for large wood, values are steady; the stock is small. Pine Deals: There has been more enquiry and the deliveries have again been fairly satisfactory; values have improved. The stock is being reduced, but it is still heavy, however, largely composed of oddments. Red Pine Deals are in good demand at firm prices.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA SPRUCE AND PINE DEALS.—The arrivals show a decline on the same month last year, viz. 1,070 standards, against 2,060 standards; the deliveries have been fair and the stocks are not too large. Prices continue steady, and more

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