

alterations have been made in the direction of making the list more uniform and bringing manufacturers and dealers together. From Buffalo comes the report of a shortage in the cutting-up grades of pine, while at Boston there is a scarcity of upper grades in 2-inch. Eastern spruce manufacturers are said to have advanced their quotations one dollar per thousand. The larger sizes of spruce are particularly scarce. The hardwoods have shared in the improvement. The consumption is increasing, and the stock on hand is not likely to be found more than sufficient for the winter and early spring trade. Maple, black ash, and basswood lead in point of strength.

The lath market is just now engaging considerable attention. It is reported that eastern dealers have purchased all the stocks of lath at the mills in Duluth, in some instances paying an advance of 25 cents a thousand. Prices at Duluth are now \$2.50, and at Chicago \$2.85. Shingles are likewise firmer and in better demand.

GREAT BRITAIN.

We have before us the Board of Trade returns showing the imports of wood goods into the United Kingdom for the ten months ending October 31st, 1899 and 1900. The total import of hewn and sawn timber and lumber in 1899 was 8,025,285 loads, and in 1900 8,396,180 loads. From Canada, however, the imports of sawn lumber have been slightly less this year than in 1899. Owing to the high prices having limited consumption, stocks are generally heavier than at same period last year. There are predictions of lower prices, but the importers who purchased early in the season at high prices are making a strong effort to prevent a break. No buying of any account for next season is reported. The shippers claim that in view of the increased cost of production and transportation, they cannot afford to lower their asking prices, which the importers are not disposed to pay in the face of present conditions. Some third quality Quebec spruce was recently sold at auction in London at £9 10s per standard. Batters have recently declined about ten shillings per standard. From Liverpool comes the report that the Mersey Docks and Harbor Boards through their agents, Messrs. Duncan, Ewing & Company, are in the market for 7,000 cubic feet of rock elm, 1,000 cubic feet of Quebec birch timber, and 26 standards of spruce deals and flooring boards.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Dickie and McGrath, of Tusket, N. S., have purchased large tracts of timber lands, in Digby county.

During the month of October there was shipped from Chemainus, B. C., to Australia lumber totalling 5,480 tons measurement.

Francis Murtagh, of Campbell's Bay, Que., has purchased a 200 acre timber limit at Farrelton, together with saw mill attached, from John Rice.

J. A. Ellis, of Lindsay, Ont., has purchased from the English Land Company the timber on 400 acres in Guilford township, Haliburton county.

S. H. White & Company have placed a portable mill at Bonny River, Charlotte county, N. B., where they will cut about 1,500,000 feet of lumber during the coming winter.

Up to October 9th of this year the trans-Atlantic shipments from the port of Miramichi, N.B., were 110,000,000 feet, as against 122,000,000 feet in same period last year.

F. M. Gibbon & Sons, of Penetanguishene, Ont., are shipping a large quantity of four inch deals to Cardiff, Wales. The C. Beck Manufacturing Company have also supplied considerable lumber this season for the British market.

The Gilbert Blasting & Dredging Company, of Iroquois, Ont., is in the market for 50,000 cubic feet of crib timber, 12 x 12

inches, 16 to 30 feet lengths, also 50 feet run, fluted, 10 inches thick, 15 to 35 feet lengths, to be delivered at the Morrisburg canal.

Mr. D. M. Rennie, commercial agent for Canada in the Argentine Republic and Uruguay, writes under date of July 14th that during the six months 106 cargoes of lumber were imported, of which 15 were spruce, 18 white pine and 73 pitch pine. The market then was depressed.

At the Crown Lands office, Fredericton, N.B., a two-mile timber berth on Cain's river, above Ten Mille Brook, was sold to Wm. Russell, at \$50.50 per mile, and a ten mile berth on Gounamity river, near the head of Little Forks, to W. T. Whitehead, at \$8 per mile.

An estimate of the Ottawa Valley lumber cut for the present season places it at 500,000,000 feet, of which about 100,000,000 was the product of the mills of J. R. Booth. This is a decrease of about 50,000,000 feet as compared with last year, due to the fact that several saw mills were destroyed by fire last spring.

The Fredericton Boom Company has finished rafting operations for the season, having rafted the following quantities of lumber: 120,044,270 feet of spruce, 13,816,107 feet of cedar, 4,181,830 feet of pine, 106,490 feet of hemlock, and 57,406 joints, a total of 138,192,900 feet. This is an increase of nearly 67,000,000 feet over the season of 1899.

The Harbor Commissioners of Montreal last week opened tenders for the annual supply of timber for next year. There were three tenderers, all local firms, as follows: Shearer & Brown Company, \$59,235.81; J. & B. Grier, \$57,875.46; W. H. Kelly Lumber Company, \$42,066.74. For the supply of hemlock alone there was one tenderer, Mr. Owens, whose figure was \$11,971.62. The contract for the entire supply was given to the W. H. Kelly Lumber Company.

During the coming winter Williamson & Crombie, of Kingsbury, Que., will take out on Brompton Lake 50,000 pine, spruce and hemlock logs. The Pierre-ville Mills Company will take out between 20,000 and 30,000 logs on Salmon Creek, which is less than half their usual quantity. The Eastman Lumber Co. will get out their usual supply for the Eastman mills.

Following are the trans-Atlantic lumber shipments from the port of Montreal for week ending November 17th: Per "Cambroman,"—Grand Trunk Railway, 238 pieces maple planks and 528 pieces oak timber; R. Cox & Company, 221 standards deals, boards and ends. Per "Manchester"—Charlemagne Lumber Company, 30 1/2 standards deals. Per "Tremona"—Watson & Todd, 130 standards deals; Charlemagne Lumber Company, 110 standards deals. Per "Bellona"—J. Burstall & Company, 15 standards deals; McArthur Bros. & Company, 17 standards deals and 676 pieces oak timber; Watson & Todd, 337 standards deals, etc., and 47 standards lumber. Per "Sarmatian"—D. Cream & Company, 25 standards deals; W. & J. Sharples, 110 standards deals; Dobell,

Beckett & Company, 22 standards deals. Per "Lord Charlemont"—Dobell, Beckett & Company, 184 standards deals, W. & J. Sharples, 60 standards deals; McArthur Bros. & Company, 162 standards deals; Charlemagne Lumber Company, 69 standards deals.

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