

the lumber business. On July 20th the wholesale dealers at Minneapolis made an all-round advance of 50 cents per thousand on pine. This, in the midst of the summer season, was a surprise, but ten days later a further advance of \$1 on lumber and 25 cents on lath, effective August 1st, was announced. This advance places lumber on an actual selling basis of \$13.50 for short piece stuff, a gain of \$3 since the first of the year. The decision of the wholesalers was arrived at in order to have some lumber for the winter and spring trade, or, in other words, to keep off buyers. Eastern dealers are still in search of stock of all kinds, but particularly box lumber and mill culls. At Ashland, Wis., \$8.75 per thousand and is being offered for pine mill culls, but even this price fails to secure any quantity of stock. In Michigan nearly all the lumber manufactured is being consumed by local industries. In New York work on buildings is being abandoned on account of the great cost of building material, including lumber. Considerable stock is being received at Buffalo, but dealers report their inability to get anything ahead, so great is the demand. The box makers there expect a good season's trade; they are now turning down orders, sometimes owing to scarcity of box material. There is still a pronounced shortage in hardwoods, and prices are as firm as ever. Prices of maple, which last week showed signs of weakening, are now firmer and expected to remain at about the present basis. The great scarcity pertains to oak and ash.

FOREIGN.

Reports from the British market state that the imports of wood goods during July were unusually light, and the wholesale market is at a standstill on account of lack of supplies. The stock arriving is largely contracted for, a feature of the trade which is responsible in no small degree for the present strength of the market. The greatest activity pertains to spruce, which is steadily gaining ground and advancing in price. At London 3 x 9 third quality spruce has lately become much firmer, while pine of first quality commands high figures. At Tyne ports prices remain firm for all classes of timber and deals, 11 in. being in great demand and by no means plentiful.

The South American trade has so far this season been unusually active, large shipments having been made from the eastern provinces. West India orders also represent a considerable volume of business.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

A recent sale of No. 4 boards was made f.o.b. mill in northern Wisconsin at \$10.50.

The Amherst Lumber Co. will saw 2,000,000 feet of lumber this season at their mill at Tangier, N. S.

An exchange says that J. & T. Charlton shipped their first raft of logs to the United States last week. They have still a lot of logs which must be cut in Canada.

J. T. Home has purchased from the Bank of Montreal the mills situated on the Kaminstiquia river, at Fort William, and formerly owned by Graham, Home & Co.

The firm of Clarke Bros., of Bear River, N. S., will this season ship between 8,000,000 and 9,000,000 feet of lumber, which is nearly double that shipped in any previous year. They have already loaded a number of vessels for South America.

Mr. A. D. Cameron, of Ridgeway, Ont., has purchased a timber limit of 2,

200 acres in Algoma, together with saw mill. It is estimated that there is on the limit 15,000,000 feet of timber.

The Fredericton Boom Company have rafted 21,066 joints at Douglas boom during the season, containing 6,637,200 feet cedar, 1,858,740 feet pine, and 48,669,646 feet spruce, a total of 57,165,586 feet.

The Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company are having some logs manufactured at the mill of the Spanish River Lumber Co. at Spanish River, Ont. The lumber has been sold at good figures, the buyer paying the duty.

The spruce manufacturers throughout the Eastern States are holding firmly to prices. It is expected that, owing to the decreased production, another advance will be made next month. Many of the small mills are closed down on account of the low water.

The Trout Creek Lumber Co., under the name of Buckel, Bechtler & Burk, have completed their season's cut at Trout Creek, only reserving a few extra long logs for special orders. Trusser, Bros., at same place, have about finished sawing for the season.

Nearly 12,000,000 feet of lumber was exported from St. John, N.B., in the two weeks ending July 22nd. Of this, 8,500,000 feet was for British ports, 2,845,000 for the United States ports, and 450,000 feet for Santa Cruz. To United States ports went also 8,500,000 lath, 2,869 pieces of piling and 530 cords of wood.

The bark Douglas sailed from Yarmouth, N.S., last week for Buenos Ayres, with 555,000 sup. feet of lumber; the Esperia, from Tusket Wedge for Oran, with 380 standards of deals; and the Mississippi, from Yarmouth, with deals, to west coast of England.

The following rafts have been entered at the Supervisor of Culler's office, Quebec, since last report: Hon. J. K. Ward, at Cape Rouge, pine; Wm. Mackey, at Cape Rouge, pine; Fraser & Co., at Bridgewater Cove, pine; Thos. Mackie, at Cape Rouge, pine; Perley & Klock, at New Liverpool Cove, pine; A. Sharples, at Sillery Cove, pine, oak, elm, etc.

Following is a comparative statement of timber, &c., measured and culled at Quebec to August 8th, 1899:

	1897.	1898.	1899.
Waney white pine, cu. feet.	2,672,441	1,291,103	1,381,753
Square white pine, cu. feet.	571,530	951,004	520,232
Red pine, cu. feet.	127,153	155,571	141,810
Oak, cu. feet.	1,038,416	638,810	405,770
Elm, cu. feet.	557,177	410,785	415,497
Ash, cu. feet.	57,473	9,238	25,374
Basswood, cu. feet.	5	5	60
Butternut, cu. feet.	673	887	60
Tamarac, cu. feet.			415
Birch and Maple, cu. feet.	184,348	106,792	231,916

A gentleman who visited the Rainy River district reports that he found the log cut on the Rainy river last winter amounted to 64,000,000 feet, of which 40,000,000 was cut on the American side of the river and 24,000,000 on the Canadian side; that in addition 250,000 ties were cut. Of these, 150,000 were cut on the American side and 100,000 on the Canadian. The logs were all shipped to Rat Portage, excepting about 5,000,000 feet, which are being sawn at local mills on the Canadian side of the Rainy river. Of the ties, 116,000 were cut for the Ontario and Rainy River Railway.

There is a steady demand for all classes of cooperage stock at Buffalo, dealers still finding slack barrel hoops so scarce that no quotation is proper, as the price paid is largely a matter of dicker. The call for apple barrel stock is strong, as at least a fair crop is looked for. The supply of basswood is larger than formerly, though it cannot be called plentiful by any means. It now looks as though there would be material enough to carry the trade through the season, which is better than was predicted early. Hoops are coming into market more freely, and ought to be in usual stock soon. There is less than the average movement of flour, but other commodities demanding barrels, especially cement and sugar, are strong. Jobbers quote No. 1 flour barrel staves at \$6.75 per thousand; log run, \$5.25 to \$5.50, and No. 1, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Basswood heading, 4 1/2 cents per set.

THE AUSTRALIAN MARKET.

Of the Australian lumber market Messrs. Fraser & Co., Melbourne, say:

Business during the past month has been chiefly confined to stocks in the yards, in which period fairly good sales have been carried through, principally to meet the requirements of contracts arranged for building operations fixed within the town and suburban districts, where distinct improvement has been shown of late. Enquiries from the country outlets are still of no great importance, and not until the demand increases from that quarter can we accurately gauge the probable position of the market for the near future. The continuous rains which have fallen within the past two months have, doubtless, militated against large supplies being sought for from the internal parts of the colony, but we are hopeful that in the coming spring season a better consumption will be experienced in the country districts owing to the great benefit that must ensue from the late and present rainfall.

At the moment stocks on hand, in conjunction with shipments shortly to arrive, appear equal to meet all demands likely to be made upon them for the next few months, while as a fair number of fixtures have been concluded from the customary sources of export, we therefore judge that supplies in the future will not be below the wants of the market, even though an increased business be manifested in the colony generally.

With the exception of Oregon, which has meantime slightly advanced in value, prices otherwise are practically unaltered, and are not likely to advance to any serious extent for the present, as business does not usually brighten in the winter months, and for the reason that most of the distributing mill firms hold fair supplies of such timber which is in most consumption here, purchased at rates under existing laid down cost of the same. Until these stocks are about exhausted, we can scarcely look for any material improvement to be shown, so far as market values are concerned.

SPRUCE AND BALTIC WHITE DEALS.—Imports, nil. Several thousand pieces of Canadian deals have been placed for local wants. Values are from 2 1/2 d. to 2 3/4 d. per foot of 9 x 3.

OREGON PINE.—Imports, 1,356,000 feet super. Arrival: Hawaiian Isles, from Chemainus. About 1,200,000 feet have been placed during the past two months "to arrive," from the above cargo.

AN OSWEGO BRANCH.

The H. Herrman Lumber Co., of New York City, advise us that they have recently established a plant at Oswego, N. Y., with excellent facilities for receiving lake shipments, and that they are handling large quantities of black ash, soft elm and birch, either on grades or log run. They are willing to pay spot cash for all lumber, and will send an inspector to look over the stock, taking the entire run of the log except mill culls. Their announcement will be found on another page of this issue.

LUMBER AND COAL YARDS FOR SALE.

In the "Wanted and For Sale" department of this issue will be found an advertisement offering for sale two valuable lumber and coal yards recently owned by John W. Young & Sons Co., but now in the hands of a receiver. One of these yards is situated at White Plains, N. Y., the county seat of Westchester county. It comprises a two-storey frame office building, iron clad elevator, large brick and frame

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