

UNITED STATES.

Box manufacturers have lately been heavy buyers of No. 4 and No. 5 boards, and consequently the stock of these grades has become greatly reduced. As the one weak spot in the market was the lower grades, this reduction has given increased strength to white pine. Some manufacturers are buying stock to even up their grades, and some anxiety is expressed that the quantity of white pine lumber will not be sufficient to supply the demand until the cut of next year is ready for shipment. Predictions are made that prices will be advanced during the winter months. Great difficulty is being found in the Lake Superior district in obtaining men for the woods. It is said that not more than 25 per cent. of the men required by the Minnesota operators have been secured. Wages range from \$30 to \$35.

Values of lumber generally appear to be hardening. At Toledo 2 x 10 bill stuff, 12 to 16 feet, has been advanced to \$17; 2 x 12, \$20; and 18 feet and over, \$1 higher for every two feet over 16 ft. engths. At Buffalo and Tonawanda the better grades of pine are scarce, and some dealers are asking a fancy price for uppers and selects. The spruce market continues strong, with prices practically unchanged. Mills are unable to keep up with the demand. More encouraging reports are heard concerning the hardwood trade. Maple, oak and basswood are among the best sellers, there being a very satisfactory demand for maple. Prices are still low, and there is a good deal of competition among dealers. The shingle market is exhibiting strength. In Buffalo the call is chiefly for red cedars, which sell on the basis of \$4 for Perfections and \$3.25 for extra Clears. A stronger tone prevails in the lath market, and some manufacturers are asking slightly advanced prices. It is anticipated that a still firmer tone will rule.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Pine deals are going into consumption quite freely in London and Liverpool. There is an actual scarcity of broad first quality pine deals. Prices, however, although continuing firm, show no material

advance. In spruce there has been a marked improvement. From all the leading centres comes the report that spruce deals are in good demand and prices tending upwards. Contracts have recently been closed in London for 3 x 11 third quality at £9 and £9 5s., whilst 3 x 9 second quality has brought £9 15s. Several transactions in cargo lots are also reported. A cargo from Nouvelle, Que., has been sold for delivery to Garston, on the Mersey, at £7 c.i.f., and a St. John cargo for the Bristol channel at same figure. Only one or two unsold cargoes are now in the hands of agents, and for these there are many enquiries. A Glasgow report says: "Spruce continues in good demand, and several lines have changed hands during the week at fair prices." From a Liverpool correspondent it is learned that values of spruce deals have advanced there, consequently higher prices have been talked of freely abroad. The position is undoubtedly favorable for holders of this class of timber. Belfast also reports that spruce deals have advanced in price. One of the chief reasons why an improvement in spruce deals has taken place is that there is a return of confidence to the timber trade, and it is almost certain that other classes of timber will share in the improvement. Birch timber and planks are in better demand, with a slight improvement in prices.

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The following shipments of lumber, etc., from Canadian ports are reported since last issue:

From Halifax, N.S.: Barque Nimrod, for Irvine, Scotland, 401,000 feet, value \$4,100. Barque Jupiter, for Conway, England, 502,000 feet, value \$5,000.

From Montreal: Str. Fremonia, for London, sailed Oct. 24, 537 pieces deals, etc., by the Charlemagne Lumber Co. Str. Marina, for Glasgow, sailed Oct. 24, 2,172 pieces deals, etc., by Dobell, Beckett & Co.; 5,987 pieces deals, by McLaurin Bros.; 2,517 pieces deals, by Watson & Todd. Str. Lake Champlain, for Liverpool, sailed Oct. 22, 13,576 pieces lumber, by J. Burstall & Co.; 3,490 pieces doors, 1,147 pieces oak lumber, 1,113 bundles wood pulp, by C.P.R. Str. Westphalia, for Hamburg, sailed Oct. 25, 3,249 pieces boards, by Watson & Todd. Str. Etolia, for London, sailed Oct. 23; 11,853

pieces lumber, by R. Cox & Co.; 11,541 pieces lumber, by Cox, Long & Co.; 10,284 pieces lumber, by Watson & Todd; 8,432 pieces lumber, by J. Burstall & Co.; 1,617 pieces of lumber, by Montreal Lumber Co.; 12,806 pieces lumber, by Charlemagne Lumber Co.; 22 basswood boards, by M & L. Samuel Benjamin; 4,429 pieces lumber, by C.P.R. Str. Eschlona, for Aberdeen, sailed Oct. 25, 10,611 pieces deals, etc., by Watson & Todd; 913 pieces oak, by C.P.R. Str. Australasian, for Liverpool, sailed Oct. 25, 2,181 pieces elm lumber, by G.T.R.; 2,103 bundles pulp, by Laurentide Pulp Co.; 8,895 pieces deals, by J. Burstall & Co.

From Vancouver, B.C.: Ship Battle Abbey, for Melbourne, Aus., 1,193,144 feet rough fir, 20,000 pickets, 120,000 laths, by British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Co. Tug Albion, for United States, 307,000 feet fir logs, value \$1,305, by W. R.

Jones. Schr. Kailna, for Melbourne, Aus., 764,825 feet rough fir, 30,000 pickets, 180,000 laths, value \$6,630, by British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Co. Tug (Continued on page 4.)

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