

one-quarter of the cut of logs on the Kennebec river, in Maine, has been left in the woods, which accounts for the buoyancy of the spruce market. There seems to be a desire on the part of dealers to prevent the price of spruce from going much higher, on the ground that it might be disastrous to building operations.

Hemlock continues to improve. Sales of cargo hemlock this spring are from \$1.50 to \$2.00 higher than at the close of navigation last fall. The demand is large, while stocks are only moderate. An advance of 50 cents was put into effect at Philadelphia last week, bringing dimension hemlock to \$15.50 and boards to \$17.00. At New York the base price is \$16.00 and at Buffalo \$14.50. Basswood and birch are leading among the hardwoods, although all kinds are selling satisfactorily. The east is buying oak at good prices. Maple is moving liberally, but it seems difficult to advance prices. A Saginaw firm last week bought 1,250,000 feet of basswood at \$20.00 for log run at shipping point.

Saginaw valley dealers report a famine in lath and are offering \$3.50 and \$4.00. White pine shingles are quoted at Saginaw at \$4.05 for 4x18 inch stocks, and \$3.00 for clear butts; 16-inch pine are worth \$3.45 for "A", and \$2.45 for clear butts; 18-inch cedars \$3.90 for XXXX, and \$2.90 for clear butts; 16-inch cedar \$2.85 for "A" and \$2.25 for clear butts. Best grade 18-inch pine shingles brings \$4.50 at Buffalo, and 16-inch \$3.60.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Importers in Great Britain have not yet become convinced of the necessity of purchasing at present prices, and are holding off in the hope that shippers will weaken. In the meantime there is a steady consumption of Canadian pine and spruce, and stocks are becoming greatly diminished. It seems probable that the delay in placing orders will in itself result in bringing about higher prices as soon as stocks reach the point where they must be replenished. In regard to spruce, it is said that while shippers have made a number of contracts for Ireland and some parts of the British coasts, very little contracting has been done by the merchants of Liverpool and other Lancashire ports. The stock now on hand is largely of inferior quality. Broad deals in all grades are in demand. Flooring boards and unassorted battens are weaker than they were one month ago.

First quality pine deals are quoted at 27 10s to £30 5s per standard for broads and £24 to £25 for 11 inch. Second quality range from £14 for undersized to £20 for broads. Quebec spruce deals are selling at £8 10s to £9 5s for regulars. Red pine is still heavy, although prices have risen materially from the lowest point. Quotations are £8 to £10 5s per standard.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Tenders are invited up to Wednesday, 16th inst., for supply of deals, etc., required by the city of Quebec.

George Lewis, of Duncan's, B.C., has taken a logging contract for the Boyd Lumber Company at Cowichan Lake.

The mill of the Conger Lumber Company at Parry Sound, Ont., is about to commence operations, having a supply of logs in the pond.

The Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company last week sold 1,250,000 feet of low grade lumber, cut at their Crow Island mill, to Saginaw dealers.

John Fenderson & Company, of Sable, Quebec, have secured a large stock of logs and will operate their mills to full capacity this season.

The Pigeon River Lumber Company expect to have their new saw mill at Port Arthur, Ont., ready for operation May 1st. The Company have secured a full stock of logs.

H. G. March, of Tonawanda, has recently purchased 1,000,000 feet of white pine and other lumber in Ontario, to be manufactured into cooperage stock at Young Y

The town council of Toronto Junction have accepted the tender of A. H. Cumber for sidewalk lumber, at the following prices: Pine, \$14.69 per thousand; cedar \$13.98; tamarack, \$15.53.

The Moulthrop Lumber Company, of John's Island, Ont., have bought 10,000,000 feet of logs in the Georgian Bay district from J. W. Munro & Sons. They will be cut at the John's Island mill.

The Montgomery Door and Box Company have recently purchased the Clark, Swan and Jackson stock at Tonawanda, comprising about 8,000,000 feet of white pine. The price is not made public.

Hicks Company, lumber merchants, of Peterborough, Ont., have secured the contract for supplying 100,000 feet of maple flooring for the American Cereal Company's new building in that town.

W. & A. McArthur & Company, of Little Current, Ont., are reported to have put in about 15,000,000 feet of logs. Owing to the early break up they are said to have about 1,400 pieces left on the skids.

The E. S. Hartwell Lumber Company, of Chicago, is reported to have purchased the 1902 cut of the mill of Pitts & Charlton at Victoria Harbor, Ont. The price is believed to be in the neighborhood of \$17.00 for log run.

James Duncan, of Montreal, and his brother, have recently returned from New York, where they disposed of a portion of this season's cut of lumber. This is the first year that they have sold direct to the New York market.

The International Lumber Company, of Sault St. Marie, Ont., recently sold 40,000 cubic feet of waney pine timber to Quebec parties at 50 cents per foot on cars at the Soo. This is equivalent to 58 or 60 cents delivered at Quebec.

The mill of the Michigan Land and Lumber Company at Blind River, Ont., has been cutting hardwood stocks since February, but will change to pine as soon as the logs reach the mill. About 25,000,000 feet of logs were taken out by the company last winter.

Mershon, Schuette, Parker & Company, of Saginaw, Mich., have about 15,000,000 feet of last year's cut in the Georgian Bay District to move to Saginaw. The firm has a stock of 120,000,000 feet in sight, and expects to handle at least 100,000,000 feet during the year. Practically all of this stock has been purchased in Ontario. Owing to the scarcity of pine shingles, they are bringing 4,000,000 red cedar shingles from the Pacific coast.

The Cook, Lumms Lumber Company, of Toronto, has been incorporated, with a capital of \$600,000. The members are W. D. Lumms and H. W. Welsh, of Toronto; G. W. Cook, of Morrisburg; Hon. J. P. B. Casgrain, of Montreal; and C. E. Smith, of Spragge.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The spruce lumber outlook at Boston is even stronger as the season begins to open. The sudden shutting off of winter has certainly left a large percentage of the cut of logs in the woods till another year. Then, there is not a particle of snow in the woods, and, though some of the streams are open, they are very low, while the lakes and other "dead water" are still encased in ice. Such conditions are retarding driving, and promise to continue to do so. Still, the lumber people are rushing all the men possible forward to the drives, and they will be armed with dynamite and every means for breaking up the ice and starting the logs forward. But, at the very best, it looks as though the driving must be slow and very difficult, hence still further shortening the crop of logs.

Quotations on spruce are very firm, and are likely to be advanced right away: Ten and 12 inch dimensions, \$20; 9 inch and under, \$18; 10 and 12 inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$19.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$16.50; all other randoms, 9 in. and under, 10 feet and up, \$17.50; 5-inch and up, merchantable boards, \$16; matched boards, \$18 to \$19; out spruce boards, \$13; bundle furring, \$16 to \$17.

Hemlock is in a position of absolute scarcity. Few of the mills have any to offer, and stronger prices are asked by the few holders. The logs promise to be short and delayed, along with spruce: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet stock, \$15 to \$15.50 for good eastern; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$16 to \$17.50; No. 2, \$15 to \$15.50.

White pine is still very firm, with the tendency upward. Western shippers talk of higher prices, under still smaller supplies: Uppers, 1-in. \$75 to \$80; 2x and 3 in. \$80 to \$85; 4-in. \$85 to \$88; selects, 1 to 1 1/2 in. \$68; 2-in. \$69 to \$70; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$74 to \$76; 4-in. \$79 to \$80; fine common, 1-in. \$56 to \$58; 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 in. \$62 to \$66; 2-in. \$68 to \$70; 2 1/2 and 3 in. \$69 to \$71; 4-in. \$80; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$27 to \$32.

Hardwoods are very steady with a fair demand: One-inch, whitewood, \$38 to \$40; thicker, \$39 to \$42; 3/4 inch, \$30 to \$35; sap, inch, \$25 to \$30; common, \$23 to \$25; quartered oak, \$56 to \$65; fancy, \$70 to \$75; plain oak, \$40 to \$47; black ash, \$40 to \$50; white ash, \$45 to \$55; cherry, \$90 to \$130; maple, \$32 to \$40.

Shingles are in small supply and firm, while reports from the Aroostock mills at least say that the crop of cedar logs will be reduced by the same causes as will reduce the supply of spruce. Firmer prices are being quoted: Extra cedar, \$3.30 to \$3.40; clear, \$2.90 to \$3; second clear, \$2.25 to \$2.40; extra No. 1, \$1.75 to \$1.90; Washington and British Columbia red cedar, 16-inch, five butts to 2 inches, \$3.75 to \$3.80; 18-inch, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Clapboards are in remarkably small supply, with the demand also small. But for those that must be had fancy prices are paid: Extra spruce, \$38 to \$40; clear, \$36 to \$38; second clear, \$33 to \$35; extra No. 1, \$24 to \$26.

Laths are firmer and higher at \$3.15 to \$3.20 for 1 1/4 inch; 1 1/2 inch, \$3.

The National Lumber Company, of Toronto, has been incorporated, with a capital of \$100,000.

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

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

From Vancouver, B.C.: Sir. Renee, for Sydney, Aus., 1,251,013 feet rough fir, value \$12,510, by British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Company.

From Halifax, N. S.: Sir. Ionian, for Liverpool, 271,592 feet lumber, value \$2,693. Sir Ulunda, for Liverpool, 177,817 feet, value \$1,778. Sir. Aquila for Penarth Roads, for orders, 1,775,443 feet lumber, value \$18,717. Sir Indrani, for Glasgow, 217,242 feet, value \$2,872.

From St. John, N.B.: Sir Indrani, for Glasgow, 1,615 maple blocks, 486,683 feet deals, by Schofield and Co.; 320 bundles flooring by J. S. Findlay, Owen Sound; 50,250 feet deals, 2,400 bundles shooks, by A. Cushing & Co. Sir Dinmoor Head, for Belfast, 332 pieces elm lumber, by John Harrison & Son, Owen Sound; 115,110 feet deals, by George McKean; 746,720 feet deals, 4,243 feet ends, by W. M. Mackay. Sir Parthenia, for Cape Town, South Africa, 124 bundles doors, by Gilmour & Co., Trenton; 204 pcs chair stock, by North American Bent Chair Co., Owen Sound. Sir Manchester Commerce, for Manchester, 291,677 feet deals, 51,131 feet scantling, 7,149 feet ends, by George McKean; 755,766 feet deals, 56,486 feet scantling, 22,956 feet ends, by W. M. Mackay. Sir Parisian, for Liverpool, 1,532,280 feet deals, 1,335 feet scantling, 5,517 feet ends, by George McKean. Sir Ina, for Boston, 70,051 feet boards, 59,723 feet plank, by A. Cushing and Co. Sir Myra B., for Boston, 32,164 feet boards, 60,809 feet plank, 202,000 cedar shingles, by A. Cushing and Co. Sir Luta Price, for Milton, 135,019 ft. boards, by N. H. Murchie. Sir W. H. Waters, for City Island, 151,128 feet plank, 1,347 feet deals, by Stetson, Cutler and Co. Sir Ida May, for City Island, 11,000 laths, by A. Cushing and Co. Sir Hattie Muriel, for Boston, 29,300 feet spruce boards, 35,619 feet pine boards, 29,267 ft. scantling, by A. Cushing and Co.

We are advised by Mr. Gain Robinson, wholesale lumber dealer, of Springfield, Mass., that he has secured the services of Mr. C. H. Bracken, of Boston, so long and favorably known to the trade in the territory covered by eastern Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and the eastern provinces of Canada. The acquisition of Mr. Brecken's experience and services, added to those of Mr. Carlos Ruggles, who will continue as representative in the territory he has covered for the past ten years in the interest of Mr. Robinson, represents one of the most substantial and intelligent lumber distributing organizations in the east.

TO THE LUMBER TRADE

We will be represented in South Western Ontario by Mr. Frederick Shaw, of Forest, Ont., who comes with us as travelling salesman on May 1st, and who will call on the trade regularly. We are running our mills day and night and offer to the trade a well manufactured stock of band sawed lumber put up in grades under Michigan inspection rules. We solicit your inquiries, and all correspondence given prompt attention.

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