left for Three Rivers to complete cargo. The Isel Holme is loading a cargo of lumber at Indian Cove, Quebec, for Lon-

Three of the fleet loading lumber up the Annapolis river were towed to Digby last week. They were the baique Lovosa, week. They were the barque Lovosa, bound to Burnos Ayres, and the American schrs. Navarino and A. R. Keene, for Havanna. The Lovosa took 835,594 feet shipped by H. J. Crow, and the Navarino took 400,000 feet shipped by T. S. Whitman. The Keen's cargo of 398,000 feet was shipped by Pickles & Mills.

The steamship Daventry is loading deals and tumber at Montreal for the United Kingdom. The Riplingham is also loading a cargo of deals for the same destination. The Kinsale sailed last week from Montreal for Sharpness with a full cargo of timber and deals. The Rathlin Head sailed for Belfast, her cargo including 120 standards of boards, 265 standards of deals, 65 loads of timber, and 650 bundles of staves.

#### THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN).

The export lumber business in and about Ottawa is quiet at present. A member of a leading firm of mill owners stated to-day that one reason for this falling off was the difficulty in arranging for ocean carrying facilities. The increase in other lines of shipping, and the demands made on the ocean bottoms by the War Department, are responsible for the dearth of vessels for the lumber trade. The shortage in the local supply of lumber caused by the recent fire has also been in part responsible, but it is expected that this stringency will soon be tided over. Mr. J. R. Booth's mill is working night and day, and the Hull Lumber Company have two small mills running full time. As a result the burned district is looming high with lumber once more, and shipments are being made by rail and water to The export lumber business in and about shipments are being made by rail and water to merican points.

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lumber being cut now will be in shape for the English market before many months, although it will not class as well-seasoned stock. If the English market before many months, although it will not class as well-seasoned stock. If the ocean carrying facilities show an improvement, the lumber business with Great Britain will increase in proportion, as there should be a sufficient supply to satisfy the demand. At present but little lumber is being shipped from Ottawa by water, owing to the fact that the yards nearest the river side, swept by fire, have not been restocked. The greater part of the shipments are being made by rail.

As might be expected, building operations are unusually brisk in Ottawa since the fire. As a result the prices of culls, shin les, laths, and other lines of lumber required in the local market remain firm, and the jobbers report an improvement in business. The various sash and door factories are also working full time and consuming large quantities of lumber.

Shipments of culls and the lower grades of lumber to the American market have fallen off considerably in the past month, and prices have declined slightly in odd lines. This is due to the fact that the American market is over-stocked at present in these particular lines.

due to the fact that the American market is over-stocked at present in these particular lines. Shipments of the better grades to American points are large, however; both J. R. Booth and the Hull Lumber Company are shipping several parloads daily by rail. Much of this is being forwarded direct from the mill.

The local mill owners report that the drives in several of the smaller streams running into the Ottawa, Gatineau, and other large rivers, have been interfered with by low water, as the spring freshets have all passed, and the streams are all reduced to normal level, in some cases even lower. No less than 37,000 logs belong-

even lower. No less than 37,000 logs belonging to Gilmour & Hughson have been stuck on the Tomachne river, a tributary of the Ganthe Tomachne river, a tributary of the Gati-neau. The blockade was caused by the break-ing of a large dam which lowered the water. The logs that were got into the larger streams early in the spring, however, are being rushed down to the Ottawa mills, and the river is at times covered with them. It has been remarked that, despite the destruction of the mills, the drives on the Ottawa and Gatineau appear

as large as ever.

At present there is a well-organized strike among the laboring classes in Ottawa, which has interfered considerably with the building operations, but as the carpenters have not joined in, the effect on the lumber market is

not as great as it otherwise would be.

A stringent fire by-law calls for the erection of fire-proof buildings only in Hull. This covers the entire city, and hence the demand for lumber is not as great as it would be were frame buildings allowed to be erected. Not-

withstanding, several of the neighboring mills are working full time to supply lumber for are working full time to supply lum local consumption in Hull and Ottawa

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It is expected that Shurley & Dietrich, saw manufacturers, of Galt, will establish branch works in Ottawa to supply the market of the Ottawa Valley. About fifty hands will be employed at the outstart. The site chosen is that on which the Ottawa Paper Co.'s mill stood at the Chaudie.e.

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Work is progressing steadily about the premises of the E. B. Eddy Company, and preparations for rebuilding are well under way. The match factory and paper mills will be running before the end of the year, but the woodenware and sulphite works may not be completed till later. One of the first buildings to be completed and fitted up will be the saw mill.

Charlebois & D'Amour, whose planing mill and box factory on Brewery street was destroyed in the recent Hull fire, have decided to tebuild. The new factory will cost about \$\$,000 when fitted up. Neither Parr's planing mill nor the Ottawa Specialty Works are likely to be rebuilt. These were amongst the leading woodenware industries.

Geo. Daglish's new match factory at Hull is now being operated. The first matches turned out were given over to the Relief Committee and distributed amongst the fire sufferers. These matches were the first turned out in Hull since the fire. Up to this time Hull, the situation of the Eddy Works, was the match centre of the world.

The English war office has placed an order with the Walters' Axe Company, of Hull, for 100 axes of the type used by the Canadian lumbermen. The present is a trial order, the axes to be used in the army and navy.

Many rivermen and lumbermen have returned to Ottawa from the drives and camps. They report the past season a busy and profitable one on account of the high wages and plentitude of work.

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During the past week over 75 men have left Hull and Ottawa to work in lumber mills at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. A similar number have left for Sturgeon Falls to work in the mills, and others have left for Michigan points, to resume work in the lumber industry. Many of the proportion provided in the employ of to resume work in the lumber industry. Many of the men were previously in the employ of the E. B. Eddy Company and Hull Lumber Company. Company.

Ottawa, June 12th, 1900.

#### MARKET CONDITIONS AL LIVERPOOL

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According to Farnworth & Jardine's wood circular of June 1st, the arrivals from British North America during the past month have been 9,872 tons register, against 29,300 tons register during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to this date from all places during the years 1893, 1899, and 1900 has been 105,694, 121,525 and 119,404 tons respectively. The business, has been fairly satisfactory, but quiet. The imports, with few exceptions, have not been too large, the deliveries show some improvement, and there is little change in values to report; stocks generally are light.

PINE TIMBER.—Of waney and square there is little change in the market to report; the first of the season's shipments of waney pine has just arrived and will probably go largely direct into consumption; the deliveries have been fair; the stock is light and values are very firm. Square is only in limited demand. Red pine has arrived more freely, but the demand is quiet. Oak: There has been a moderate import and the deliveries have been fairly satisfactory; the demand has slightly improved and prices are firm; stocks, however, are fairly large. Elm: One small parcel has arrived which should meet with ready sale, as

are fairly large. Elm: One small parcel has arrived which should meet with ready sale, as the stock was almost exhausted; prices are

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PINE DEALS.—There has been a moderate

the deliveries have more than import, and as the deliveries have more than kept pace, stocks are now reduced to a moderate compass, viz., 6,600 standards, against 12,700 standards for corresponding month last year, values have improved but owing to the uncertainty as to what extent the recent fire at Ottawa will affect this branch of the trade, there have have little liveries; provided to there has been little business negotiated re-cently. Red pine deals continue in fair de-

mand, and prices are firm.

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SPRUCE AND PINE DEALS.—The arrivals dur-SPRUCE AND PINE DEALS.—The arrivals during the past month have been small, viz., about 1,500 standards, against 11,500 standards for corresponding month last year. The deliveries have been fairly satisfactory and the stock is now reduced to 7,200 standards; there has been more enquiry and prices continue fairly steady. Pine deals have improved in value; and stocks are light. steady. Pine deals and stocks are light.

BIRCH.—Of logs, Quebec has been imported moderately. The arrivals, however, have been chiefly from the lower ports. The deliveries have been unsatisfactory and values are weaker; stocks are not too heavy. Of are weaker; stocks are not too heavy. Of planks there has been a very large import, but the deliveries have been satisfactory and there is little change in value to report; the stock is not too heavy, but caution should be exercised

consigning to a more moderate extent.
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#### COOPERAGE STOCK.

Concerning the cooperage stock market Messrs. Sutherland, Innes & Co., of Chatham, Ont., sav:

Ont., say:

The stave jointing season is now in full swing, and mill men are beginning to catch up with their orders, coopers being in better shape for dry stock than they have been for months. The demand continues equal to the supply; in fact, of No. 2 staves, the supply is still very short. Prices continue to be fully maintained; for choice No. 1 staves most of the manufacturers are looking for high prices. The visible supply of logs is very much less than was estimated on April 1st.

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Some of the hoop manufacturers got severely rattled during April and early May, thinking there were more than enough hoops to go around, taking it upon themselves to cut prices \$2, and even \$3, per 1,000 below March prices. These men are now rushing to the other extreme, quoting figures higher than the market warrants. From \$10 for 6 foot hoops, they dropped to \$7, now are back to \$9, while \$8 is about the market price. The splendid show for funt has been the cause for these mercurial changes.

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The hoop market is really in better condition than for the past six months, as, while prices are lower than for some time, the market is steady, and there is not that uncertain feeling predominating which is so disastrous to produce and consumer cities. ducers and consumers alike.

The situation on heading is a little easier, and, as the mills are mostly running, the coopers will be able to get a regular supply. Prices remain practically unchanged over 1900 con-

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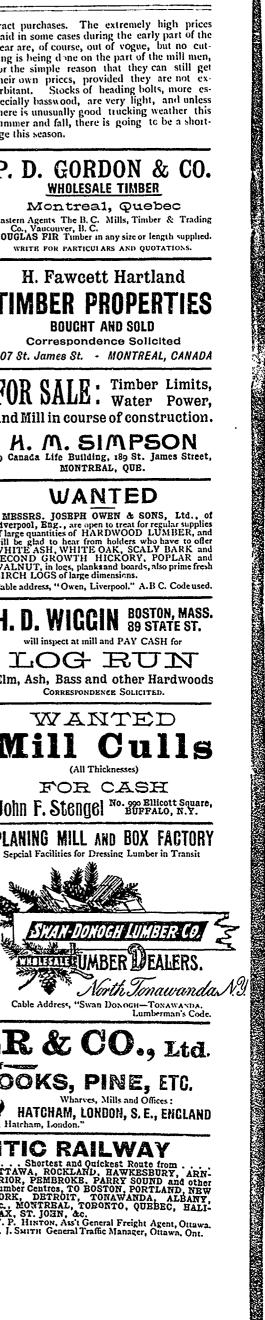
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