

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The Taplin, Anderson Company, Limited, Novar, Ont., have sold their past season's cut of hemlock to M. S. M. Long, of Hamilton. The stock comprises about 800,000 feet.

Receipts of lumber at Bay City, Mich., during the month of October were 17,123,714 feet, and at Saginaw 3,761,524 feet. The total receipts of lumber at Bay City from the opening of navigation to November 1st were approximately 87,000,000 feet.

The prices of slack cooperage stock are none too firm, with heading lower. Quotations at Buffalo are: First-class elm flour barrel staves, \$10.25 to \$10.75; 2nd class, \$7.50 to \$8; 1st class heading, 7 to 7½ cents; 2nd class, 5 to 5½ cents; 6-foot coiled hoops, \$9.50 to \$10.

Since the opening of navigation a total of 335,211,849 feet of lumber has arrived at the Tonawandas by vessel, as against 350,076,725 feet for the corresponding period last year. While the receipts during the current month may be large, it is a foregone conclusion that this season will not equal last year in respect to the amount of stock received by vessel. Shipments of lumber from the Tonawanda over the Erie canal last month were 24,554,051 feet, the largest for any month of the season.

Logging operations throughout Northern Minnesota are seriously menaced by a scarcity of labor. The logging this winter will be conducted over an extensive area and there will be many exceptionally large camps. The operations on the Indian reservations will be greater this season than they were a year ago. The companies who own timber along the northern boundary line are reported to be contemplating an extensive cut and they are already sending out orders to the employment agencies for men. Along with this there is a desire among the logging companies to get their operations under way at an early day and they are therefore pressing in their demands for men. At no point in northern Minnesota are there very many men desirous of going to work and the condition is working a serious interruption with logging plans. The

present scarcity of men has already raised the rate of wages, and from \$30 to \$35 per month is freely offered. Free transportation is readily granted. The employment agencies in the northern towns have been striving hard to secure men to fill their orders but thus far they have found it an impossible undertaking.

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

From Halifax, N.S.: Steamer Florence, for London, 56,121 ft. hemlock deals, value \$505; 27,964 ft. spruce deals, value \$344, by Furness, Withy & Co., agents. Schooner Leah A. Widden, for New York, 40,373 ft. spruce scantling, value \$400; 780,000 ft. spruce lath, value \$1,600.

From Montreal: Steamer Tunisian, for Liverpool, 7,784 pcs. deals, by W. & J. Sharples; 36,850 pcs. ends, by R. Cox & Co.; 5,640 pcs. deals, by Watson & Todd. Steamer Kensington, for Liverpool, 10,749 pcs. deals, boards and ends, by R. Cox & Co.; 3,263 pcs. deals and ends, by Dominion Line; 9,479 pcs. deals, 8,884 pcs. boards, 2,862 pcs. ends, by Watson & Todd. Steamer Mo. calm, for Bristol, 762 pcs. deals, by R. Cox & Co.; 2,050 pcs. deals, by Watson & Todd. Steamer Milwaukee, for Liverpool, 4,946 pcs. lumber, by J. Burstall & Co.; 521 pcs. lumber, by E. H. Lemay; 1,485 pcs. lumber, by Watson & Todd; 2,441 pcs. lumber, by Dobell, Beckett & Co.; 2,752 pcs. pine deals, by Grand Trunk Railway.

From St. John, N.B.: Steamer Orinoca, for Antigua, 25,000 shingles. Steamer Orinoca, for Barbados, 1,493 bds. banana crate shooks, by A. Cushing & Co.; 189,250 shingles, by Canadian Pacific Railway. Steamer Orinoca, for Demerara, 1,000 banana crates, by A. Cushing & Co. Schooner Otis Miller, for New York, 74,000 laths. Schooner Agnes May, for Neponset, 2,566 ft. deals, 15,862 ft. plank, 33,601 ft. scantling, 656,000 cedar shingles. Steamer Alcides, for Glasgow, 600 box shooks, 25,494 ft. deals and battens, 9,135 ft. ends, 30,281 ft. birch squares. Schooner Annie A. Booth, for City Island, 229,866 ft. deals. Steamer St. John City, for London, 32,642 ft. birch plank, 1,694 ft. ends. Schooner Pricilla, for Boston, 107,353 ft. plank,

50,707 ft. scantling. Schooner Manual R. Cuzo, for New York, 714,200 ft. laths. Schooner G. H. Perry, for Boston, 147,282 ft. spruce plank, 4,730 ft. spruce scantling. Barque Actæon, for Tralee, Ireland, 452,888 ft. spruce deals, 21,439 ft. spruce deal ends. Schooner Romeo, for Westerly, R.I., 44,685 ft. plank, 5,082 ft. scantling, 5,278 ft. pine boards, 984,000 cedar shingles. Schooner Ida May, for Weymouth, Mass., 92,532 ft. boards, 16,000 ft. clapboards, 450 ft. shingles. Steamer Cunaxa, for Cardiff and Barry, 1,801,309 deals and battens, 474,925 ft. scantling, 69,414 ft. ends.

WHITE PINE STOCKS AT THE MILLS.

Mr. F. H. Ruger, of the Rogers-Ruger Company, Superior, Wis., gives the AMERICAN LUMBERMAN his views of the white pine stocks at the head of the lakes, which we reproduce below:

"At the end of the sawing season this year lumbermen at the head of the lakes find themselves with very light stocks. No 5 boards have all been sold to within thirty days of the saw and the green lumber is too heavy to ship out on any rate of freight, as when green No. 5 boards weigh in the neighborhood of 5,000 pounds to the thousand feet. Stocks of No. 4 and No. 3 boards are practically all sold and the same is true of No. 1 boards. No. 2 stock is about the only item in which there is a surplus. As stated, this is the condition at the end of the sawing season with only a few of the mills to run during the winter. The outlook for stocks next spring is not encouraging and there cannot but be a scarcity of every grade of white pine boards. Supplies of uppers and siding grades are as low as they ever were in my experience, though there is a better supply of the lower grades of siding material than in the better qualities. Supplies of shop lumber also are light. There is a fairly good stock of the lower grades of select's, also No. 2 common.

"It has been so wet in the woods that comparatively little has been done so far, as the heavy rains of late have made it impossible to start up the camps. It is difficult to even approximate the quantity of logs that will be put in this winter, but

in view of the number of mills that finish their timber this year it will scarcely be possible to bring the total production of next year up to a point equal to that of 1904."

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