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LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

LUMBER freight rates for pine on the Grand T-unk Railway have been made a fixture, until, at least, April 308b, 895. Of any intended change after that date due notice will be given the lumbermen at a conference to be held in February. General instructions in shipping by Grand Trunk are

General instructions in shipping by Grand Tauk are embodied in these words in the tatiff schedule: On lumber in carloads, minimum weight, 30,000 lbs. per car, unless the marked capacity of the car be less, in which case the marked capacity (but not less than 24,000 lbs.) will be charged, and must not be exceeded. Should it be impracticable to load certain descriptions of light lumber' up to 30,000 lbs. to the car, then the actual weight only will be charged for, but not less than 24,000 lbs. The rates on lumber in the tariff will not be higher from an intermediate point on the straight run than from the first named point beyond, to the same detination. For instance, the rates from Tara or Hepworth to Guelph, Brampton, Weston or Toronto, would not be higher than the specific rates named from Wiarton ∞ the same points. The rates from Cargill and Southampton to points east of Listowel and south and west of Straiford will be the same as from Kincardine, but in 50 case are higher rates to be charged than as per milenge table published on page 9 of tariff.

Rates from leading lumber points on pine and other softwood lumber, shingles, etc., are as follows: From Glencairn, Creemore, Aurora, Barrie and other points in group B to Toronto, 6½c; Collingwood, Penetang, Coldwater, Waubaushene, Sturgeon Bay, Victoria Harbar, Midland, Fenelon Falls, Longford, Gravenhurst and other points in group C, to Toronto, 6½c.; Bracebridgeto Toronto, 7c.; Utterson, Huntwille, Navor, Emsdale, Katrine to Toronto, 7½c; Burk's Falls, Berreetale and Sundridge, to Toronto, 6c.; South River, Powassen and Callender to Toronto, 6½c. These rates are per 100 lbs. Rates from Toronto, 6½c. These rates are per 100 lbs.; to Deseronto, 9c.; to Brockville and Prescott, 10c; to Montreal and Ottawa, 17c. The rates on hardwords average about from ic. to sc. per too lbs. higher than on softwoods. For rates on railway ties, mahogany, rosewood, walnut, cherry, and other valuable woods, application must be made to the district freight agent.

On the Canadian Pacific the rates on pine and softwoods may be illustrated as follows: Cache Hay, North Bay, Sturgeon Falls and Warren, to Toronto, icc; Algona, Cook's Mills, Massey, Spanish River and Whitefish to Toronto, 13c.; Ottawa to Toronto, icc From Ottawa, Hull, Ayimer and Duchesne Mills to station on the Lake Erie and Detroit River, Erie and Huron, Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo, and Michigan Central Railways, the rate is 143/c. per 100 lbs., Regulations apply as to minimum size of carload of 30,000 lbs., and an advanced rate is charged for hardwoods.

Lumber freight rates on the Canadian Atlantic Railway are as follows: Ottawa to Toronto, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft., (3,000 lbs and under per M ft.); Ottawa to Montreal, \$1.25 per M ft., (3,000 lbs and under per M ft.); Armprior to Montreal, \$1.75 per M ft., (3,000 lbs and under per M ft.); Ottawa to Quebec, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Amprior to Quebec, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, track delivered 15 cents, lightered 17 cents.; Amprior to New York, track delivery 17 cents.; Iightered 19 cents.; Ottawa to Boston, Portland and common points, local 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Buffalo, 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Buffalo, 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, track delivered 15 cents.; lightered 17 cents; export 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Buffalo, 10 cents; Ottawa to Boston, Portland and common points, local 15 cents; exports 13c. per 100 lbs.; Armprior to Boston, Portland and common points, local 17 cents; export 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Buffington, 5 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Ibs.; Ottawa to Halifaz, N. S. and common points, 25 cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight for shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 30,000 lbs, and rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs.; except when quoted per M ft. the minimum carload charged is 10 M ft.

MODIFICATION OF HARDWOOD RATES. THE Grand Trunk Railway and Canadian Pacific have receded in part from their arrangement of a few works since when they combined and made the rates on hardwood from certain points to Toronto and Hamiltoi BKc, per too lbs. John Karls, W.D.F.A., of the Grand Trunk, has written the hardwood men as follows: "After careful consideration we have come to the conclusion that, on and after Jan. 18, 1805, a modification will be made in the present arrangements for hardwood lumber, to the effect that the rate will be 756, per 100 lbs, from our Northern and Northwesteris branches to Toronto and Hamilton. This rate, however, will not apply from main line points and the saraightrun be tween Toronto, Sarnia and Windsor; also that so faras rates on common lumber to points like Guejh, Gali, London, Woodtsck, Ingersoli, etc., from all lumber shipping stations the rate will be the same on hardwood as on pin." On the old principle, we suppose, that half the heaf is better than no. e, hardwood men have something, pr subly, to be th ukful for, though there is no good reason why the tates generally on hardwood should not be as low as on pine. It is understood that the C. P. R. rate will be made uniform at 7%c. from same points.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

Export lumber trade is quiet at Portland, Me., only two vessels loading foreign.

Three vessels are being built at False Creek, Vancouver, B. C. These are, the schooner Queen City, with capacity of 350 tons dead weight, or 250,000 superficial feet of lumber; and a batkentine of 600 tons, tegistered. A steamer of 130 tons is also being built.

The draft of the proposed act for the enlarging and improvements of the Erie, Oswego and Champlain Canals, provides for the bonding of the state for \$9,000,000 at 4% for 17 years for this purpose. The Erie and Oswego canals are to be deepened to a depth of not less than 9 feet of water and the Champlain to a depth of not less than 7 feet of water.

The annual report of the Harbor master of Montreal shows a large increase in shipments of lumber from that port to the United Kingdom and continental ports, 177,405,425 feet board measure, and to River Plate 10,466,000 feet, board measure, making a grand total of 49,158,629 feet over the previous year. This increase has been at the expense of Quebec, Ш.

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BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES AND CHANGES.

A new saw mill is being erceted at False Creek, Vancouver, B. C., for Myers, Robertson & Hackett. The capacity will be 35,000 feet a day.

Merrill, Ring & Co. have begun suit at Toledo, O., to recover judgment in the sum of \$946.86, which they claim is due them from the Western Assurance Co., of Toronto, on a cargo of lumber that was shipped from Duluth and was washed overboard, being insured in the company named.

The Dodge & Bliss Box Co., of Tonawanda, N. Y., has been reorganized under the name of the Dodge & Bliss Co. An increased output of Wisconsin and Canadian lumber will be put into stock as soon as navigation opens, and the operations of the year are expected to amount to about 30,000,000 feet. The capital of the new organization will be \$200,000.

new organization will be \$200,000. N. Niensteant, jr., of Duluth, Minn., is credited with having put through a deal for 125,000,000 feet of pine in the Georgian Bay District, involving a consideration of \$235,000. The pine was in berth 163 and was sold by Daniel Hardin, the Saginaw banker, to Eddy Bros, of Bay City. The pine will all be cut at the Eddy mill in Bay City, which consumes 25,000,000 feet of logs per year.

CEDAR-ORDERSPROMPTLY FILLED FOR telegraph, telephone or electric poles, ties, posts, zedar shingles and cectar light wood ; also hemlock dimension lumber - J. E. MURPHY, Hepworth Station.

BOX SHOOK MAKERS Socking trade in the States will do well to address TIFPT BROTHERS, Froduce Exchange, New York.

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