

heavy. It is encouraging to learn that in some parts of New Brunswick logging conditions have been more favorable, there being sufficient snow to make fairly easy work for the teams. Although the movement of lumber at the present time is not large, prices are very firm, with signs of advancing considerably.

UNITED STATES.

The United States lumber market is rather quiet. Retail dealers have not yet entered the market with any liberality, and consequently wholesale dealers have found their stocks quite adequate to supply the demand. There has been some buying by wholesale dealers, but it has not been of large volume. From these remarks it must not be inferred that the market is weakening; on the other hand, such sales of stock as have been made favor a continuance of the present high prices. No. 3 and No. 4 boards have been sold in the Duluth market at \$13 and \$15 respectively. There have been some advances made recently in the wholesale prices of pine, which are now believed to have reached the top notch. At Albany fine common is about \$4 higher than the quotations printed in last issue, No. 1, 2 and 3 cuts \$2 higher, moulding strips \$4, shipping and barn boards \$1, dressing \$2 and shaly clear \$2 higher than last quotations. Both pine and spruce lath are quoted in the Albany market at \$3.50.

The hardwood market is a trifle easier in some respects, white oak selling at about \$2 per thousand lower. There is a good call for ash, maple, basswood and elm.

FOREIGN.

Reports from the British markets are of an encouraging character, and as prices of wood goods in all producing countries are unusually firm, there seems little reason to expect a break in the prices in Great Britain. The war thus far does not appear to have affected the timber market. About the only unfavorable feature is the possibility of the present high prices curtailing the consumption. It is said that the cost of building vessels on the Clyde at the present time is fully 50 per cent. greater than it was one year ago. The reason for this is found in the high price not only of timber, but also of iron and steel.

During the month of January Canadian lumber advanced in price in nearly all the leading markets of Great Britain. At Liverpool the advance on second and third quality Quebec pine deals was about £1 per standard, and on spruce deals about £1 5s. There is a brisk demand for birch, which advanced during January about 3s. per cubic foot. In elm the advance was still greater, being quite 7d. Waney pine is about 2d. higher, but square wood remains at 1s.3d. to 2s.4d. per cubic foot. At Glasgow an advance of about 8s. was made on first quality broad and 7 to 11 inch second quality pine deals; 11 inch fourth quality is about 5s. higher and narrows about 7s., the latter selling at £6 17s. 6d. to £7 11s 3d. per standard. Quebec spruce deals have also been marked up about 5s. The current prices are given elsewhere. Some improvement is reported in the Australian market, and higher prices are anticipated.

NEW BRUNSWICK CEDAR SHINGLES.

The shingle trade in New Brunswick and eastern markets is very quiet, and practically no orders are being placed. The weather has been particularly inclement, and no shingles are entering into consumption. As a result, dealers will not buy at any price, being fairly well stocked. Western shingles are retaining their fullest tendency and show no indications of any softening. N. B. cedars, it is believed, are the cheapest article in the market to-day, and should enjoy a brisk demand as soon as there is trade for any variety of shingles whatever. Prices seem to be holding absolutely steady. Ruling quotations at Boston are: Extras, \$3.10 to \$3.15; clears, \$2.65 to \$2.75; 2nd clears, \$2.10 to \$2.20; saws, \$2.00 to \$2.15. Straight cars of extras are quoted by some few makers at \$3.00, but these same manufacturers are asking full quotations of \$3.10 for extras in mixed cars, and are holding all lower grades most firmly.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

A. W. Pugsley & Co., of Athol, N. S., will get out 2,000,000 feet of logs this winter.

John & Wm. Kyle, of Sullivan, Ont., have sold the timber on 400 acres of land to Krug Bros. & Co., of Chesley.

The city of Ottawa invites tenders up to March 14th for the annual supply of planks required by the Board of Works.

The Southampton Lumber Co., of Southampton, Ont., expect to have about 8,000,000 feet of logs for this season's sawing operations.

Graham, Horne & Co., of Fort William, Ont., are getting out about 12,000,000 feet of pine and a quantity of cedar poles, posts, etc., at Rainy Lake City and the Manitou Rapids, on Rainy river, for the

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PINE PLANK AND SCANTLING WANTED.

Messrs. Reid & Co., wholesale and retail lumber dealers, Toronto, announce in this issue that they are in the market for pine plank and scantling for early delivery, and that they are prepared to contract for three million feet of pine plank and one million feet of 4 x 4 scantling, to be cut during the season of 1900. This firm again secured the contract for the annual supply of lumber to the city of Toronto, and we understand that other large orders for local delivery have been placed with them. Their offices are on the Esplanade, at foot of Berkeley street.

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