

the building activity in Winnipeg and a large quantity of lumber is being consumed. The situation in respect to British Columbia shingles is unchanged, the mills being closed down. On the other hand, the saw mills are working full time and are behind with orders. This is largely the result of active local building operations. A recent trial in the courts to decide the legality of loggers holding logs for wages has resulted in a victory for the loggers.

UNITED STATES.

Dealers in pine lumber were much interested in the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association held last week, for two reasons, first, that changes in the price list would be considered, and, secondly, on account of the statistics that would be presented. The Price List Committee made only unimportant changes. Dimension over 18 feet was advanced 50 cents, and piece stuff of 10-foot length was made the same price as 12, 14 and 16 foot; 6-inch No. 3 fencing, E siding and lath were reduced 50 cents, and D siding \$1. The list, it may be said, remains unchanged, as the advances in some lines were offset by reductions in others. The report of the secretary showed the pine market to be in a strong position statistically, with a pronounced scarcity of box grades. Lumbermen are inclined to the opinion that all the lumber manufactured will find a market at prices now ruling.

In the East conditions continue to brighten. Box lumber and mill culls are as scarce as ever. A Buffalo dealer says that the price of 12-inch box pine is now established at \$20. There is not a large call for the higher grades and occasionally a slight cut in price is reported. There is no oversupply of hemlock, which continues in active demand. Piece stuff is taken as fast as it is ready for the market. Among the hardwoods birch and basswood are in short supply; dealers are meeting with some success in selling other kinds of lumber as a substitute for basswood. A slight advance has been made in the price of maple. In New York City the hardwood market is active and firm, with the better grades of both plain and quartered oak finding ready sale at high prices.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The British lumber market does not yet show any decided tendency. It is feared that unless the consumption shall improve lower prices will rule for Baltic lumber, of which the quantity on hand in the leading centres is somewhat large. A few cargoes of pitch pine lumber have lately been received at London on consignment, which is not regarded as a favorable sign. These circumstances have affected Canadian stocks to some extent, but on the whole they are relatively firm. Good pine stocks are in a strong position, and with an increase in consumption higher prices could easily be obtained, especially for first and

second qualities. There is a further slight improvement in spruce deals. Shipments from the St. Lawrence have been below the average this year and promise to be small for the balance of the season. A cargo is said to have been recently placed at London at £9 15s for 3x9 seconds and £9 for thirds. Prices of square and waney pine timber are very high, causing a curtailment in the consumption for certain purposes. At London the stock of elm timber is low, but prices realized at recent auction sales do not indicate that the market is particularly firm. There has been an improvement in flooring boards, the supply of which is light.

London dealers are making considerable shipments to South Africa. There is a fair demand there for building lumber, the price of deals ranging from 6d to 8d per foot run.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Cedar 18-inch shingles are held in Chicago at \$2.60 and \$3.60, and 16-inch at \$2 and \$2.45.

Cleveland dealers report a great scarcity of Norway lumber and the winter will find yard assortments badly broken.

The steamer Forest Holme took on deals at Montreal for London, completing her cargo at Riviere de Loup, whence she will sail this week.

The steamer Bray Head sailed from Quebec on Saturday last with a full cargo of deals for Plymouth and Devonport, for the Imperial Government.

Lath in the cargo and carload trade at Chicago is moving moderately at \$3.45 to \$3.50 for white pine and Norway and \$2.50 for hemlock and No. 2 pine mixed.

The Pigeon River Lumber Company, of Port Arthur, Ont., have three logging camps and one road camp in operation on their limits, and more will be started as soon as men can be secured.

Raworth Bros. have cut 1,200,000 feet of lumber at Hampton, N. B., for Flewelling Manufacturing Company. The mill has been removed to Bonny River to saw 2,000,000 feet for John E. Moore.

The receipts of lumber at the Tonawandas for the week ending August 22 were about 10,000,000 feet, bringing the total for the month to that date up to 50,000,000 ft. There is considerable lumber on its way down the lake.

The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission are asking for tenders up to September 25th for the delivery of 135,000 ties along the right of way between the 72nd and the 112th mile of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. Tenders are to be addressed to P. E. Ryan, Manning Arcade, Toronto.

A sale of No. 4 boards was recently made at Duluth, Minn., at \$12, which is the top of the market so far. No. 1 and

No. 2 strips are claimed to have been sold at about \$2 better than the ordinary price. The demand is far better for lower grades of pine than for higher qualities.

The attention of our readers, and especially dealers in shingles, is directed to the advertisement in this issue of Woods & Spicer, Limited, of Vancouver, B. C. They are anxious to hear from dealers either in the United States or Canada who handle 20 or 24 inch shingles, and no doubt they have something good to offer.

The Georgian Bay lumber firms are making preparations for work in the woods. The Victoria Harbor Lumber Company will employ about 600 men if they can be obtained. They will have three camps on the Wainapitac river, two on the Sturgeon river and one on the French river. The total cut will probably exceed 20,000,000 feet. Pitts & Charlton will operate on the Whitefish river and expect to cut between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 feet.

The New Brunswick Government will offer the following timber berths for sale at the Crown Lands Office, Fredericton, on Wednesday, September 9th: Two square miles on West Branch, No. 18 Brook, Little River, A. Cushing, applicant; two square miles on Green river, below Emerson Farm, R. A. Estey, applicant; two miles on Nevers Brook, branch of Caxnan river, Thomas Campbell, applicant; two miles on North East Branch Pickett's Cove, C. H. Moti, applicant.

Though there is a report of light buying of various hardwood lumber in the eastern markets, it is all laid to the midsummer season, and there are already indications of a return to the former demand. All hardwoods, says the Buffalo correspondent of the American Lumberman, are doing well, unless it be white ash, which has given way to substitutes. The need of oak is so great that all grades are eagerly taken. There is a larger sale of basswood than formerly, though the price is strong at \$40 for inch. Maple is running up in price and will soon be one of the expensive woods. It brings \$22.50 in Michigan and reports come in that the Michigan Maple Company is turning down all orders, having sold so far ahead. Certain dealers report the receipt of chestnut and birch, but there is no regular supply of either to be had. They go out about as soon as the consumer learns of their existence.

The new list compiled by the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association fixes the following prices for common boards f.o.b. Minneapolis, taking effect August 25, 1903: No. 1, 13 inch and wider—12, 14 and 16 ft. \$23; 18 and 20 ft. \$24. No. 1, 12 in.—10 ft. \$24.50; 12, 14 and 16 ft. \$23.50; 18 and 20 ft. \$25.50. No. 1, 10 in.—10 ft. \$21.50; 12 ft. \$20.50; 14 and 16 ft. \$19.

50; 18 and 20 ft. \$22.50. No. 1, 8 in. 10 ft. \$17.50; 12 and 14 ft. \$19.50; 16 ft. \$20; 18 and 20 ft. \$19.50. No. 2, 13 in. and wider—12, 14 and 16 ft. \$19. No. 2, 12 in.—10 ft. \$20.50; 12 and 14 ft. \$20; 16 ft. \$19; 18 and 20 ft. \$22.50. No. 2, 10 in.—10 and 12 ft. \$18; 14 and 16 ft. \$17; 18 and 20 ft. \$19.50. No. 2, 8 in.—10 ft. \$15.50; 12, 14 and 16 ft. \$17; 18 ft. \$15.50; 20 ft. \$16.50. No. 3, 12 in.—10 and 12 ft. \$17.50; 14 and 16 ft. \$16.50; 18 and 20 ft. \$18. No. 3, 10 in.—10, 12, 14 and 16 ft. \$15; 18 and 20 ft. \$18.50. No. 3, 8 in.—10 ft. \$14; 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20 ft. \$15. No. 3, 4 in. and wider—10 ft. \$13.50; 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20 ft. \$14.50. Lath prices were fixed as follows: No. 1 white pine, \$3.50; No. 2, \$2.50; mixed \$3.

BU INESS NOTES.

W. H. Higgins, of Vancouver, who has for several years conducted the largest individual logging business in British Columbia, has been compelled to make an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. The cause of the failure is officially stated to be the present stringency of the timber market, Mr. Higgins having now on hand between five and six million feet of logs which are unsaleable, but which at ordinary prices would realize more than sufficient to pay the liabilities. The liabilities are estimated at something like \$20,000. The plant for logging at Toba Inlet is said to be worth \$25,000. It is said that Mr. Higgins recently offered 3,000,000 feet of logs at \$4.50 per thousand, which is claimed to be less than cost price, whereas two months ago he could have obtained from \$7 to \$8 for the same logs.

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