

crease over the previous year. The stock of inch lumber in the Wisconsin valley, including everything down to mill run, shows a decrease from the corresponding period of last year with the single exception of C and better norway boards and strips and a slight increase in inch shop. The total of all lumber on hand in the Wisconsin valley on the first of January was about 33,000,000 feet less than for the corresponding period of the year 1903 and about 46,000,000 feet less than for the same date of 1902. The stock of shingles and lath in the Wisconsin valley was considerably larger than on the first of either of the preceding years. The summary of the two districts shows an increase of 41,000,000 feet over January 1, 1903, or a little less than 3 per cent. The stock of lath shows a net decrease of 94,000,000, while the stock of shingles was 82,000,000 greater than for the same period of the previous year.

LIVERPOOL TIMBER SUPPLY

The stock of timber, deals, etc., in Liverpool, Birkenhead, Garston, Saltport and Runcorn on the 31st January, 1903 and 1904, with the consumption during the month of January, is given by Messrs. A. R. Dobell & Company as follows:

	STOCK.		CONSUMPTION	
	1903	1904	1903	1904
Quebec Square Pine	51,000	115,000	43,000	10,000
Quebec Waney Pine	68,000	128,000		
New Brunswick Pine	Nil.	2,000	Nil.	Nil.
Other Ports	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Red Pine	3,000	4,000	Nil.	Nil.
Pitch Pine, Hewn	192,000	91,000	12,000	24,000
Pitch Pine, Sawn	704,000	783,000	556,000	423,000
Pitch Pine, Planks	347,000	287,000	104,000	59,000
Oregon Pine	171,000	531,000	10,000	12,000
Sequoia	52,000	203,000	13,000	15,000
Danzig, etc., Fir	57,000	55,000	28,000	3,000
Swedish and Norway Fir	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Oak, Canadian and U. S.	107,000	194,000	18,000	10,000
Oak Planks	125,000	184,000	138,000	104,000
Oak, Baltic	12,000	10,000	1,000	1,000
Eim	43,000	11,000	7,000	1,000
Birch	151,000	102,000	137,000	50,000
Ash	36,000	20,000	16,000	12,000
East India Teak	94,000	133,000	30,000	26,000
Greenheart	127,000	111,000	4,000	4,000
N. B. &c., Spruce Deals	14,800	13,910	6,030	6,350
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Quebec Deals	13,830	14,660	1,490	2,610
Baltic Red Deals				
" Boards	3,930	3,680	300	820
Norway, &c., Flooring Boards	1,840	3,780	1,050	1,060
Galatz Whitewood		530		630

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

From Halifax, N.S.: Str. Parisian, for Liverpool, 187,210 ft. spruce deals, value \$2,210; 147,944 ft. hemlock deals, value \$1,604. Str. Evangeline, for London, 4,149 ft. birch squares, value \$65. From St. John, N.B.: Str. Kastalia, for Glasgow, 238,933 ft. deals, 21,919 ft. scantling, 3,721 ft. ends, 206,602 ft. birch plank, 36,231 ft. birch ends, 6,252 ft. birch squares, 37 cherry logs, 150 pieces pine

out reducing to any extent the margin of profit to the manufacturer. The lumberman claim that they have made very little money during the past few years, notwithstanding heavy investments in mills and mills, and they now propose to stand shoulder to shoulder against unfair competition and other conditions which have injured the business. One manufacturer said: "We have decided one thing, and that is that we will get the present price,

timber. Str. Lake Michigan, for London, 1,004 pieces elm lumber, 1,000 doors, 6,831 ft. deals, 1,369 bundles birch lumber, 244 bundles flooring boards, 268,143 ft. spruce deals, 4,718 ft. ends, 33,109 ft. birch deals, 17,682 ft. birch ends, 2,700 pieces door mouldings, 539 bundles maple flooring.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN)
 VANCOUVER, February 9th, 1904.—British Columbia lumbermen are much interested in the recent meeting held in Winnipeg with the object of deciding upon some definite plans for the conduct of the lumber business of the west. The deputation from the province included Mr. M. Proctor, of the Fernie Lumber Co.; Mr. P. Lund, of the Crow's Nest Pass Lumber Co.; Wardner; Mr. M. B. King, of the King Mercantile Co., Cranbrook; Mr. J. A. Dewar, of the Porto Rico Lumber Co., Nelson; Mr. A. Leith, of the East Koctenay Lumber Co., Cranbrook; Mr. W. F. Gurd, secretary of the Mountain Association, Cranbrook; Mr. D. C. Cameron, M. P. P., and F. W. Jones, of Golden. It is hoped to make an agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway by which it will be possible to get lumber into Manitoba and the Territories at a lower cost with-

or one which may be slightly reduced, or else we will go out of business so far as that market is concerned. If we cannot manufacture and sell at a profit, we will close the mills for a time and leave the timber standing in the woods. The American millmen of the State of Washington now have practical control of the market of the Northwest and Manitoba. Next to the Dominion Government, perhaps the Canadian Pacific holds the power of giving us the greatest assistance. The company may be asked to increase the freight on American lumber coming into the country. This could be done by the railway making a charge of the full local rate from the boundary line to the different points in Manitoba at which the lumber is sold, and that would result in a freight rate practically prohibitive to the American exporters who have ruined the market."

By some persons the threat of the C.P.R. to enter the lumber business is regarded as more than a bluff. Next to the Government the C.P.R. has the largest holdings of timber in British Columbia. The limits owned by the company in the interior are very extensive, and were obtained under the land grants of the Columbia & Western Crow's Nest line and its own. These being got for practically nothing, it can be seen what a strong factor the company would be in the lumber trade were it to erect mills. These would no doubt be built in the interior where the choicest limits lie. The policy of the C.P.R. was recently announced in regard to these lands, namely, that no sale of timber would be made until 1912, and any agricultural settler could only have as much of the timber on his leased farm as was necessary for building and fence purposes. Neither could any land having on it over 5,000 feet of timber be secured by intending settlers. Lumbermen in the interior

are already confronted with the question of timber supply, and have for some time been discussing the holdings of the C.P.R. It would seem unlikely that the Government would allow such a strong corporation as the C.P.R., controlling the only means of transportation to the North-West market, to come into direct competition with such vested interests as exist in the lumber business. Certainly a big objection will be raised if any such move is made.

Several of the prominent lumber dealers of Manitoba have been in Vancouver for some days looking into the situation. They also visited the Sound. Among them were Mr. James McDiarmid, Mr. E. Cass and Mr. Creighton, all well known lumbermen of Winnipeg. Some large orders were placed with local mills, among which were the British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Company and the Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Company.

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The barque Trio has been chartered to load deals at a New Brunswick port for the United Kingdom in May or June.

The movement of shingles at Buffalo is somewhat better than might be expected under the existing adverse weather conditions and things seem to be shaping themselves for an active trade early in the season. While red cedars have advanced 12 cents lately, no weakening in the demand is noticeable, the eastern customers having concluded that the manufacturers are determined not to let their prices fall off any.

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