

factory, and with the other branches of the business no fault can be found. The yield of corn this year promises to exceed anything in the history of the country, while the wheat crop will be an average one. This means much to the lumber business. Duluth reports a sharp inquiry for low grade pine. Sales of several million feet have been made at \$10 to \$10.25 for No. 4 boards and \$4.50 to \$5 for No. 5 boards. There is a scarcity of such stock in the Duluth district, which has created considerable discussion as to the advisability of putting an advance in prices into effect. The better grades are likely to be advanced at the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association this week, and many manufacturers will doubtless urge that the conditions warrant higher prices for the lower grades also. In Chicago there is an enormous demand for No. 2 common and better in all grades. Short pine piece stuff is selling in that market at \$15.50. There is a lessened inquiry for lath in Chicago, No. 1 mixed being quoted at \$3 to \$3.25, and No. 2 at \$2.50 to \$2.75. Hemlock prices are steadily advancing, and are now selling within \$3 of pine. Hardwood lumber is moderately active and firm. Birch is almost as scarce as basswood, with prices firming up. Maple is also showing strength, in fact there is an all-round improvement in hardwoods. Shingles are rather quiet, with slight weakness in 16-inch at Buffalo and strength in 18-inch.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

The receipts of timber at the Surrey Commercial Docks, London, this year are 50,000 tons less than for the corresponding period of last year. The light import has strengthened the market and caused some buying for fall delivery. At recent auction sales the bidding for stock has been quite brisk and prices well maintained. Some of the European markets are showing great strength. Germany and Holland have bought largely of whitewood, and Denmark bought freely early in the season. The French market has purchased little from English dealers, and is not likely to be much of a factor this year. Of the importing centres, Liverpool has improved; a number of the brokers there having sold all the spruce which they will receive up to the autumn. There are distinct signs of a strengthening in spruce values. Agents of shippers are looking for higher prices than they were willing to accept in the spring. The current asking quotations now for 3 x 9 Quebec third quality is £9 15s c.i.f. to London, and 3 x 7 and 8 inch £7 5s to £7 10s, according to specification. There has always been, as far as London is concerned, a keen competition between spruce and Riga, and now that the Riga shippers have advanced their prices it is only to be expected that the spruce shippers will try to obtain more for their goods. In square timber Quebec goods of all descriptions are firm, more especially waney board, square pine, and oak, of which there are very small stocks; but the stiffness of prices does not seem to check sales.

Lath is scarce in the Buffalo market, No. 1 selling at \$4.

Lumbermen in the Georgian Bay district are preparing for active operations in the woods during the coming winter. There is a scarcity of labor, but this will be relieved when the mills cease operations for the season.

#### STOCKS AND PRICES

The steamer Prone sailed from Montreal last week for London with a cargo of deals.

The red cedar shingle market in Washington is weak, notwithstanding the efforts of manufacturers to keep up prices.

In the Saginaw market 4 in. fine common pine lumber has advanced to \$66, 2½ and 3 in. B fine common to \$55, 4-inch to \$58, and inch shaly clear, 10 in. and up wide, to \$33.

Quotations for slack cooperage stock at Buffalo are about as follows: Dry elm flour barrel staves, \$7.75 to \$8 for first-class; \$4.25 to \$4.50 for second-class. Basswood heading, 5¼ to 5½ cents for first-class; 3¼ to 4 cents for second class; coiled hoops, \$10.50 to \$11 for 6-foot, \$10 to \$10.50 for 5½-foot; hickory hoops, \$6 to \$6.25.

We quote from the last report of S. P. Musson, Son & Company, Barbados: "Since the arrival of the 'Gold Seeker' with 217,000 feet white pine for contractor's account, mentioned in foot note of our last, the 'Canadian' has arrived from St. John, N.B., with 32,000 feet shipping and 90,000 2nd quality, which it is reported was contracted for, but it was put on market, and the shipping, which was of exceptionally nice quality, was fixed at \$26, and the 2nd quality at \$17½. We do not think this can be taken as an indication of the market. In spruce the only arrival is the 'Moravia,' from Liverpool, to our address, with 80,000 feet shipping and 35,000 feet 2nd quality, in fulfillment of contract made some time ago—season over, no enquiry. Shingles—Arrivals have been the 'Bravo,' with 357,000 laying, 23,000 long and 55,000 dimension to selves, 18,000 long and 357,000 dimension to neighbors; we placed ours at \$2.20 laying, \$5.07 long, and for the dimensions obtained \$8.57 8 in., \$8.37 7 in., \$7.37 6 in., \$6.37 5 in., and \$4.64 4 in.; other sales were \$5.10 to \$5.21 long, \$7.50 8 in., \$7.20 to \$7.37 7 in., \$7.05 to \$7.37 6 in., \$5.50 to \$6.37 5 in., and \$4.15 to \$4.74 4 in. The 'Acacia' arrived on 9th with 130,000 long, which were placed at \$5.11 and \$4.76, the quality of the former being very good. The 'Canadian' has 242,000 laying contracted for some time ago at \$2.20, and the 'Lizzie Lindsay' is in this morning with a mixed cargo of long, laying and dimension.

#### THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.) Stocks are moving steadily in the Ottawa district, and the prospects for the autumn business are receiving as much attention as actual operations. The local dealers report no change in prices as last reported in the Lumberman's market column.

While there is a movement of the present season's cut, it has not, outside the shipment of lath, reached any marked proportions. The local yards are practically clear of good pine sidings, strips and shorts. Good lath, which recently dropped back to \$2.50, has again advanced to its old figure, \$2.75.

The scarcity of white pine has created a demand for basswood, classified in this district with hardwoods. It is now selling from \$14 to \$18, the better quality showing an advance of \$2 per M. Elm shows no advance, and is in poor demand. It is selling from \$12 to \$16 per M.

It is agreed that the prospects for a good September business are bright.

Vacation season, particularly across the line, has placed a damper on present operations.

One of the largest and most important deals in local lumber circles is announced. By it the Hawkesbury Lumber Company secures the entire cut of logs taken off Mr. Robert Hardman's limit at Deep River. The logs, about 73,000 in number, aggregate about 6,000,000 feet, board measure. The financial consideration was about \$70,000. The logs, which were all cut during the past season, are now at the Quyon boom on the Upper Ottawa. They will be taken immediately to the mills at Hawkesbury, Ont., where the new owners will manufacture them into board lengths. The sale was negotiated through Messrs. Hardman & Elmitt, of this city.

Mr. W. C. Edwards, M.P., who was in the Capital to-day, stated that business was brisk at his Rockland mill. The cut this year will equal last year's output. Men are being engaged for the Edwards' limits. No new territory will be cut over during the coming season. Mr. Edwards will confine his attention as heretofore to sawn lumber. He will not touch square timber.

Contrary to statements sent abroad, the scale of wages being paid limit workers this season is, with the exception of the square timber men, not in advance of last year's scale, which was in advance of that paid in former years. While labor is comparatively scarce, fully one thousand men have already been secured in Ottawa. The ruling wages are as follows: Road cutters, \$18 to \$22 per month; general hands, \$22 to \$25; teamsters, \$26 to \$27; log cutters, \$27 to \$28; timber scorers, \$30 to \$35; timber liners, \$35 to \$40; timber hewers, \$45 to \$60, and cooks \$45. Free board is included in the above list in every instance. While the figures for the square timber hewers, \$45 to \$60 per month, may seem high, it must be remembered that this branch of the business is enjoying a boom owing to the increased demand from the English market. It requires a keen, experienced eye and a sure trained hand to hew a timber twelve inches to the side which will pass the critical eye of the inspector at Quebec. Men who can do this can command a fancy figure, as their number is not large and the demand is increasing.

It is altogether likely that the output of square timber for the season will be in excess of that of last season. Fraser & Company, for instance, will pay almost exclusive attention to the production of square timber on their Coulonge limits.

The following firms have already engaged men in Ottawa: Gillies Bros., 200 for work on the Coulonge; Hawkesbury Lumber Company, 300 men for the Dumoine and Petawawa; J. R. Booth, 200

men for the Coulonge and Madawaska limits; Fraser & Company, 200 men for the Coulonge limits; C. Beek Mfg. Co., Penatung, 100 men. Wages in my advance, but it is hardly likely.

Hardman & Elmitt, of Ottawa, this week shipped a cargo of hardwood, elm and basswood, from Cornwall to the New York market. It was forwarded by the St. Lawrence route.

OTTAWA, Aug. 6th, 1902.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

A very important enactment has been made by the Provincial Government whereby the exportation of all timber cut on licensed or leased land in the province is prohibited. The previous order restricted the export of cedar only. The effect will be that fir logs which have been scarce for the past three months will become more plentiful and prices will likely drop to some extent.

The great scarcity of cars has for the past two weeks seriously interfered with shipments of lumber to eastern points, causing considerable loss to the different mills. The shingle business is brisk and difficulty is experienced by some mills in getting a sufficient supply of bolts owing to the low water in some of the smaller rivers.

A number of small companies have been gazetted as being formed to engage in the shingle business, having been encouraged by the temporary period of prosperity. Indications at present are that this branch of the business is liable to be overdone.

VANCOUVER, July 25th, 1902.

#### TIMBER CONCESSION FOR SALE.

In this issue will be found an announcement by Mr. David Ross, of Whitemouth, Man., that he has had placed in his hands for disposal 40 square miles of timber lands under a grant from the Dominion Government, to be selected anywhere on vacant Dominion lands for a distance of eight miles on either side of the Winnipeg river from its mouth to its junction with the English river. Tenders for the right will be received up to August 20th.

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