

showing rather unaccountable signs of weakness, probably due to an increased production.

A falling off in consumptive demand is the only change in the hardwood situation, scarcity of dry stock being about as pronounced as ever. Ash and basswood are leaders in demand, but maple and elm are more plentiful. At Buffalo thick maple sells at from \$28 to \$30.

#### FORRIGN.

Taken altogether, the tone of the British timber market is decidedly firm. Cargoes of wood goods are still being received, but the greatest interest centres in contracts for next year's supplies. We have not learned of any contracts of importance being placed with shippers of Canadian lumber, but as a considerable business has been done in Baltic goods, it is quite probable that some contracts have been entered into for Canadian pine and spruce. The contracts placed for White Sea goods represent an advance of from 20 to 30 shillings per standard in comparison with last year's prices. It is not expected, however, that Canadian lumber generally will command a similar advance, but it is quite probable that prices will be higher all round and that spruce in particular will realize comparatively high prices. Spruce and pine deals are now very firm. At a recent sale held in London first quality spruce sold at £8 5s. for 6 ft. 2x7, and at £8 for 6 ft. 2x6. Two lots of 3x9 second spruce sold at £8 15s., and a parcel of first quality Quebec oak, ex Highfield, at £5 to £5 5s. per load. In some Irish ports there is a scarcity of Norway flooring, and it is thought that Quebec flooring will be purchased more freely in the future.

#### STOCKS AND PRICES.

The barque Luarca has completed loading lumber at Weymouth, N.S., for Buenos Ayres.

The C. Beck Manufacturing Co., of Penetanguishene, Ont., have over 200 men in the woods getting out logs.

The shingle mill of the Parry Sound Lumber Co. closed down last week, after having cut 11,000,000 shingles during the season.

Chas. Burrill & Co., of Weymouth, N.S., have shipped this season 750,000 feet of lumber that had been on their wharves for three years.

The Newville Lumber Co., of Parrsboro, N.S., are shipping from that port to New York large quantities of pine and spruce lumber and laths.

Log run lumber is quoted at Saginaw, Mich., at from \$16 to \$25. Box stock is worth \$14 to \$16, mill culls \$12 to \$14, and Norway \$12 to \$18.

It is stated that between seven and ten million feet of logs will be cut along the line of the St. Martin's railway in New Brunswick this winter.

The schooner Etta A Simpson cleared from St. John, N.B., last week for Barbados, West Indies, with a cargo of lumber, shipped by A. Cushing & Co.

Wm. Peter, of Parry Sound, is this winter taking out 18,000,000 feet of logs, which will be sawn at the Parry Sound mill. The McKinley-Wood Lumber Co., who have a small mill near Parry Sound, expect to saw 2,500,000 feet next season.

The well-known firm of E. D. Davison & Sons, Limited, of Bridgewater, N.S., have finished sawing 15,000,000 feet of pine and spruce. They have shipped about the same quantity, leaving 5,000,000 feet in pile, mostly sold waiting for shipment.

G. Niebergall & Son have purchased from Curry & McGregor, of Windsor,

Ont., the timber on the lands of the Walker Estate. There are about 600 acres, and the timber will keep the mills at Camp Palmer busy for the next two years.

The estimate of the proposed cut of logs on the St. Croix river, in Maine, this winter is 40,000,000 feet, as against 25,000,000 feet last winter. The cut on the Penobscot river is estimated at 170,000,000 feet, or 30,000,000 feet more than last year.

The Yale & Columbia Lumber Co., Limited, has been organized, it being a consolidation of all the saw mills of Yale and Kootenay, in British Columbia. R. P. Genelle, of Rossland, is to be manufacturing manager, and Mr. Poupoie financial manager.

Thompson Smith's Sons, of Cheboygan, Mich., have started operation on their limits on Birch Island, Algoma, and will take out a considerable quantity of timber. The logs will be cut on Indian reserve lands and will be taken to Cheboygan for manufacture.

There is likely to be a great scarcity of shingles of every variety this winter. Most of the shingle mills are shut down, and eastern wholesale dealers have unusually light stocks. Sales at Buffalo are being made on the basis of \$4 for best 18 inch pine.

A Michigan firm are, it is reported, looking over the timber limits and saw mill of Moore & Macdowall, at Prince Albert, N.W.T., with a view to purchase. This is one of the largest saw mills in the Territories, in connection with which there are valuable spruce limits.

About three weeks ago the Stevens Lumber Co., of Woodstock, N.B., attempted to take down their logs from the Big Machais, where they have been hung up since last spring. There is 5,000,000 feet in the drive. After working several days they were compelled to give up the task. The drive was gotten down as far as Ashland, but is still 60 miles from the mill.

The Herrmann Lumber Company, of New York, have just closed a contract with Armour & Charlebois, of Hull, for the purchase of the cut of hardwood timber at the Wakefield mill of the latter firm. The quantity is about 1,000,000 feet, and the contract price is understood to represent an advance of about 20 per cent. on last year's prices. Bailey Bros., of Aylmer, Que., have also sold to the Herrmann Company large quantities of hardwood timber, chiefly birch, elm, maple and ash.

E. F. Stephenson, Crown Timber Agent at Winnipeg, states that the quantity of lumber cut last season was fully twenty-five per cent. greater than in any previous year. The quantity of logs cut in Northern Minnesota and floated down the Rainy River was 37,000,000 feet, while that cut on the Canadian side was 45,000,000. Of this total of 82,000,000 feet, it is said that 77,000,000 feet has already been disposed of, which leaves an unusually small quantity in the yards. There were cut during the season between Rat Portage and Fort William over 800,000 ties.

#### ENQUIRIES FOR WOOD PRODUCTS.

The following were among the enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the office of the High Commissioner for Canada in London, Eng., during the two weeks ended November 17th:

1. An Irish firm ask for the name of firms who supply wood cut to sizes for boxes.

2. A Liverpool house doing a general importing and exporting trade in produce and manufactures is ready to consider proposals for handling Canadian goods, and will act as purchasing or sales agent for one or two good firms.

3. Walnut boards of good quality, and wooden screws, are required in considerable quantities by a London firm.

4. Enquiry is made for firms in Canada who would supply cheap wool nantel pieces to be sent over in a knock down condition.

Canadian manufacturers may open up correspondence with any of the firms

making the above enquiries by addressing a letter to the publishers of the CANADA LUMBERMAN, by whom it will be forwarded. When writing refer to the number of the enquiry.

#### BUILT-UP VENEER BOARDS WANTED.

A manufacturing company in Great Britain with an extensive connection are desirous of importing from Canada built-up veneer boards. They use a large quantity of boards of this class, which at present are largely imported from Russia. Manufacturers in a position to supply such are asked to send details as to the capacity of production, price, etc., to the publishers of the "CANADA LUMBERMAN," by whom it will be forwarded to our correspondents.

#### THE EASTERN STATES MARKETS.

In the New York market pine mill culls are quoted at \$20, although it is said that few sales are being made at this figure. Perhaps \$18 would be nearer the actual market price. Comparing this with the price obtainable in recent years, which was \$8 to \$9 per thousand, an idea may be obtained of the tone of the pine market. Spruce in New York is selling freely, and there are no unsold cargoes on the market. Eastern cargoes of wide stuff sell readily at prices ranging from \$20 to \$24, with two inch cargoes held at \$17 to \$19. Cargo lath have lately arrived rather more freely, but the market has absorbed all offerings readily, and is quite steady at \$3.10 to \$3.15.

From Boston comes the report that practically all of the river mills in the east have been shut down. There is an undercurrent of activity in building circles which promises an active season during the winter months. Lath and shingles are sold ahead of the saws and are very firm in price, but clapboards continue dull. Uppers and selects in pine are a trifle slow, but almost any other grade from a fine common down to mill cull is wanted.

Haines & Co., of Buffalo, have lately received large consignments of white pine shingles from the Georgian Bay, as well as red cedars from the coast.

#### THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Of the Barbados lumber market Messrs. Clairmonte, Mann & Co., in their circular dated November 11th, say:

There have been three arrivals with white lumber during the fortnight, all of which have been sold for other markets. The local demand for both white pine and spruce has fallen off, but there will be a better enquiry for the latter about the end of the year. Last local sales were—white pine, \$22 for first quality and \$17 for second quality; spruce at \$17.50 for first quality, and \$13.50 for second quality. The cargo of spruce, ex Maiden City, referred to in our previous reports, has not been sold.

SHINGLES.—Gaspé cedar in supply; we note the importation of \$35,000 ex Neva, sales at \$8.50. Cedar laying, \$2.57; spruce laying, \$2.40; cypress, no late sales, worth \$8.50 to \$9 for 8 in. hearts. \$6.50 for 6 in. saps. Arrivals: October 30th, bark Lizzie Curry, from Hantsport, N. S., with 340 M feet white pine, sold for Trinidad. at \$20 net round for first and second quality; November 2nd, brig. Ora, from Jordan river, N. S., with 295 M feet white pine, sold for Trinidad, at \$21 round for first and second quality; Nov. 6th, schooner John F. Kranz, from Hantsport, N. S., with 411 M feet white pine, sailed for Demerara; Nov. 7th, schooner Neva, from Paspheiac, with 835 M long Gaspé cedar shingles, 400 sold at \$3.50, remainder stored; 165 M cedar laying do, sold at \$2.56

#### BUSINESS NOTES.

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R. T. & Wm. Richardson, saw mill owner, Cairngorm, Ont., have dissolved partnership, R. T. Richardson continuing.

Montpeit & Co., planing mill, Coteau Station, Que., are reported to have filed consent of assignment.

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