

cents at Albany, making the quotations \$4.50 to \$4.75 for extra XXXX, and \$3.50 to \$3.75 for clear butts. In New York there has been a recovery in lath prices, which were weak during February and March as a result of large receipts. Few shipments are now being received, and a price from \$3.50 to \$4.00 is predicted.

GREAT BRITAIN.

It is difficult, from the varying reports which come to hand, to arrive at an understanding regarding the actual condition of the British timber market. One correspondent states that there is no evidence of a break in prices, while from other sources it is learned that little forward buying is being done by importers, and that the difficulty in closing contracts, except for the most favored stocks, is causing considerable anxiety to agents as to the disposal of goods for later shipment. Deal sizes seem to have maintained their position fairly well, but the narrow widths are difficult of sale. Scantlings have declined to £7 10s, a sharp reduction from quotations of a few months ago. Such buying as has taken place has been largely at the public sales, the prices of which merchants are unable to compete with. At a recent sale two lots of 3 x 11 inch second quality white pine sold at £20 5s and £20 10s per standard. At Liverpool and Glasgow spruce deals are very quiet, and are being sold at prices considerably under those that have prevailed for some time past. Sales of waney boardwood have been made at satisfactory prices.

The financial aspect is occasioning some uneasiness in Great Britain, and is exerting a depressing influence for the time being on the timber trade. It is not thought, however, that any serious money stringency will be experienced.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

At Bangor, Me., \$2.75 is being asked for spruce lath in cargo lots.

The city of Winnipeg is inviting tenders up to the 18th inst. for annual supply of lumber.

No. 1 white pine lath are being sold at \$3.40 to \$3.50, Chicago delivery. No. 2 which are in very active demand, are quoted at \$1.85 to \$2.25.

Angus Robertson, superintendent of Mather's tie camps at Vermillion Bay, Ont., reports that 290,000 ties were taken out during the past winter.

The St. John Sulphite Fibre Company, of St. John, N. B., have purchased about 2,000,000 feet of spruce logs for pulp purposes in the vicinity of Loch Lomond.

Dobell & Company, of Quebec, have

been awarded the contract for supplying the Imperial Government with the Canadian timber required during the year.

The city council of St. John, N.B., have accepted the tenders of J. R. Warner, Murray & Gregory and J. A. Gregory for supplying spruce paving blocks, at 50 cents per yard.

In the Wanted and For Sale Department of this issue Messrs. George & McGregor, of Killaloe Station, Ont., offer for sale 5,000 cedar telephone poles, from 25 to 45 feet in length.

The ship Admiral Tegetthoff sailed last week from Moodyville, B.C., for Antofagasta, Chili. She was loaded by Robert Ward & Company with 800,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$6,857.09.

The Algoma Central Railway Company, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., are prepared to let contracts for taking out and manufacturing into lumber the pine and hardwood timber along the railway.

Word has been received at New Westminster, B.C., that the barque Elizabeth Nicholson, which loaded lumber at the Royal City Mills and sailed for Shanghai on November 16th, has arrived, being long overdue.

Concerning the Barbadoes lumber market Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company say: The only arrival is the Emma E. Potter, with 33 M white pine and 84 M spruce. The former was sold at \$18. Two small cargoes are reported on the way.

The barque Frederica loaded lumber last week at Annapolis, N. S., for Cuba. The schr. J. D. Melancon sailed from Digby with lumber for Porto Rico. The schr. Ida M. Shaffner is loading lumber at Bear River, N.S., for Cuba, on account of Clark Bros.

First-class elm flour barrel staves and coiled hoops are quoted in Buffalo at \$8 to \$8.25, and basswood heading at 6 to 6 1/2 cents. In Philadelphia 12 inch No. 2 and 3 pine and 6 inch No. 2 pine have been marked up 50 cents. There is a scarcity of 12 inch boards.

At the annual meeting of the St. John Log Driving Company held at Fredericton, N.B., on April 3rd, it was stated that the season's lumber cut on the St. John River and tributaries was estimated at 140,000,000 feet. Of this quantity 90,000,000 feet was cut above Grand Falls, 10,000,000 feet on the Aroostock, and the remainder on the Tobique and other points below the Falls.

The Department of Interior at Ottawa invites tenders up to May 6th for licenses to cut timber on a 32 square mile berth commencing at the junction of the Carrot river with the North Saskatchewan river, a twenty-five mile berth in the vicinity of Muskeg Lake, and a fifty mile berth bounded on the west by Crooked river and on the south by Red Deer river, in the North-West Territories.

BRITISH TIMBER SALE.

The following prices were realized for Canadian deals, etc., at an auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, England, on March 21st:

PINE.—Ex. Nenedes, from Montreal—14-16 ft. 2x12 in., second quality, £13 to £13 10s per standard; 13-16 ft. 1x12, £11; 12-15 ft. 1x12, £11 5s; 12 ft. 3x11 in., third quality, £12 15s; 13 ft. 3x11, £13; 12 ft. 3x7-10, £11; 10-11 ft. 3x10, £11; 10-11 ft. 3x9, £10 15s; 10-11 ft. 3x7, £10 15s; 15-23 ft. 4x11, first quality red, £16 15s; 14-18 ft. 3x11, £15; 12-24 ft. 3x9, £16 15s; 12-18 ft. 3x7, £11 15s; 13-24 ft. 4x11 in., second quality red, £13 5s; 12-25 ft. 4x11, £13 15s; 12-18 ft. 3x9-11, £11; 17-24 ft. 3x9, £7 5s; 16-21 ft. 3x9, £11 10s; 12-18 ft. 3x7, £9 5s. Ex Montreal, from Montreal—13 ft. 3x11 in. second quality, £19 5s; 13 ft. 3x11 in. third quality, £12 15s to £13 5s. Ex. Hiso, from Montreal—14-18 ft. 4x11 in. third quality red, £11; 12-18 ft. 4x9, £11 5s; 13-18 ft. 3x11, £9 15s; 12-18 ft. 3x9, £9 10s; 13-18 ft. 3x9, £9 15s; 12-18 ft. 3x7, £8 15s.

SPRUCE.—Ex. Thomas Perry, from West Bay, N.S.—13-22 ft. 3x11 in. unassorted, £8; 13-24 ft. 3x10, £8 5s; 15-25 ft. 3x9, £7 15s; 13-21 ft. 3x8, £7 5s; 13-23 ft. 3x7, £7. Ex Oceano, from Quebec—13-14 ft. 2x7 in. third quality, £8 5s; 12-13 ft. 2 x 6, £7 15s; 12-13 ft. 2 x 5, £6 15s; 9-11 ft. 2x8, £8; 9-11 ft. 2x7, £7 15s; 10-11 ft. 2x6, £7 5s; 10-11 ft. 2x5, £6 15s.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The request for spruce lumber is good and continues to improve. The mills that are sawing are few, and that makes a strong market for those that are able to saw. Here the demand is really good for the season, and likely to improve. Frames are yet quoted at \$17, but quick deliveries cost more. The advance on randoms is still held: Ten and 12 inch dimensions, \$18 to \$19; 9-inch and under, \$17 to \$17.50; 10 and 12 inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$17.50 to \$18; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, ten feet and up, \$15 to \$16; all other randoms, 9-inch and under, 10 feet and up, \$15.50 to \$17; 5-inch and up, merchantable boards, \$15 to \$16; matched boards, \$17 to \$18; out spruce boards, \$12.50; bundle furring, \$14.

A small amount of hemlock lumber is still coming forward, with the demand better: Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$16 to \$16.25; No. 2, \$14 to \$14.50; eastern Pennsylvania boards, \$14.50 to \$15; random, \$13.

Western pine is firm, with a fair request: Uppers, 1 inch, \$58 to \$62; 1 1/2 to 2 in., \$63 to \$64; 3 and 4 in., \$68 to \$72; selects, 1 to 4 in., \$52 to \$64; fine common, 1 to 3 in., \$45 to \$60; sheathings, \$38 to \$54; barn boards, \$25 to \$30; coffin boards, \$23 to \$25.

Clapboards are steady in prices, with a limited supply. The demand is still moderate: Extra spruce, \$30 to \$31; clear,

\$28 to \$29; second clear, \$25 to \$26; pine, extra, \$36 to \$38; clear, \$33 to \$37; second clear, \$28 to \$30.

Shingles are very firm, with prices considerably irregular, especially on second clears. The supply is limited, and high prices are obtained for just such lots as are wanted: Extra cedar, \$2.85 to \$3; clear, \$2.60 to \$2.70; second clear, \$2.05 to \$2.25; clear white, \$2; extra No. 1, \$1.90; Washington and British Columbia, 16-inch, 5 butts to 2 inches, \$3.45 to \$3.20.

Laths have made another upward turn in New York, and have sold at very full prices. Here the market is firmer: Here, 1 1/2-inch, \$2.90 to \$3; 1 1/4-inch, \$2.65 to \$2.75.

Boston, April 6th, 1901.

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