

quotations are firmer, and elm has maintained its position. The railroads are requiring large quantities of heavy oak.

## FOREIGN.

Despite the interference to trade caused by the engineers' strike, a fairly satisfactory volume of business continues to be done at the chief British ports. Naturally the timber trade would feel the effect of the labor troubles, but in the face of the restricted demand for wood goods for shipbuilding purposes, it is gratifying to observe the steady consumption. This is largely the result of the activity in house-building. But unless the engineering dispute reaches a settlement in the near future, it is likely to be a strong factor in framing the course of the early spring trade of 1898. As yet very little buying for next season's business has been done, as importers are not anxious to contract too early, the heavy stocks of Canadian goods to be carried over this winter making it unnecessary to rush the market and thus force f.o.w. prices up again. Imports for this year will be concluded in a couple of weeks, and then attention will be turned to the coming spring's trade. White pine deals of good quality are strengthening and seconds are also in good demand. There is a very small stock of thirds on hand at London, but fourths are dull of sale. The lowering of spruce prices has caused a heavy consumption of that wood, and this will assist materially in its early recovery. At Liverpool a fair amount of business has been done in square timber and deals. A scheme is on foot to improve the central docks there, at a cost of £3,316,000. Several transactions in pine and spruce deals have taken place at Glasgow.

## STOCKS AND PRICES.

## CANADA.

F. Gagnon & Fils, of Baie St. Paul, Que., are taking out a large quantity of logs this winter.

Logs will again be cut the coming winter, on the Murray river, for Messrs. Leclerc & Letellier, of Quebec.

E. L. Kelsey, of Detroit, is again taking out a quantity of pine, elm and oak timber in Ohio and Michigan for the Quebec market.

The Perry Lumber Co. are reported to be preparing to cut about 150,000 cubic feet of waney pine in Michigan for Quebec delivery in 1898.

Mr. John Bradley, of Hamilton, Ont., wants poplar, white and red oak, plain and quarter cut, 1 to 3 inches thick, all firsts and seconds.

A. Barnet, Renfrew, Ont., has recently sold his raft of square and waney pine timber at Cap Rouge Cove to Dobell, Beckett & Co., of Quebec.

McCormack & McLeod are taking out about 200,000 feet of waney and square pine timber in the Georgian Bay district for the Quebec market.

The McArthur Company have sent a number of men from Ottawa to their limits on the Georgian Bay. A gang has also been sent to Fort William.

B. B. Barnhill has purchased Robert Pugsley's interests in the company recently formed at Amherst, N. S., to operate the Exploits Lumber Co. property at Newfoundland.

It is believed that a vessel laden with hardwood lumber was lost in the storm near Port Stanley, Ont., on the 11th inst. A large quantity of hardwood has been picked up along the shore at Port Bruce.

Messrs. H. R. Goodday & Co. have bought the 1897 cut of spruce deals manufactured by Mr. Alexander Baptist, Three Rivers, Que. The quantity is estimated

at from 275,000 to 300,000 Quebec standards.

The Sutherland, Innes Company, of Chatham, Ont., report a great scarcity of No. 2 staves. They have sold all their stock of this grade for export.

The Chicoutimi Pulp Company, of Chicoutimi, Que., has decided to award contracts for 300,000 logs for pulp manufacture, including black and white spruce. The contracts will be awarded by divisions.

Bark Prince Patrick, which arrived at Herring Cove, N.S., on the 15th inst. to load deals, makes the third large vessel that loaded there this summer. Five steamships also took deals from Herring Cove.

Harry McLellan, of St. John, N.B., has recently acquired what is said to be a magnificent timber limit on the north shore of the St. Lawrence, below Rimouski. He will immediately erect a saw mill on the property capable of cutting four million feet annually.

The Niagara Falls Paper Co., at Batchewanna Bay, is taking up about one hundred and fifty men to their camps, where they will have upwards of three hundred men at work. They purpose taking out 100,000 cords of pulp wood, besides a large amount of pine timber, this winter.

John Millard has purchased one thousand acres of timber land at Pesquis, N.B., from James McGuire. Messrs. Innes, Hemeon & Co., Liverpool, have purchased from N. F. Douglas and Alton Freeman between ten and eleven thousand acres of timber land, located at Tobinac, N. E. bay and N. branch of West river.

The Kolnische Zeitung urges Germany to open negotiations between the Canadian railway and canal companies and the German chambers of commerce and timber firms, with a view of importing lumber from Canada instead of the United States. The paper suggests that German capital might be introduced into the Canadian timber trade and the foundation laid that would lead up to the actual treaty.

It is reported that a syndicate have purchased large timber limits in Haliburton county, and intend operating on an extensive scale. There will probably be a number of saw mills started through the township, which will cut birch, beech, maple and black ash into furniture wood for exportation to France and England. There will, it is said, be a large saw mill in this village employed in cutting veneers, and here will be the center of the operations. Pulp wood and cedar will be exported from this point.

The stock of timber and deals that will winter in Quebec and vicinity during the coming winter is expected to be rather larger than usual. The scarcity of tonnage and high freights ruling, together with the engineers' strike in England, have all contributed to keeping large quantities of timber and deals on this side which otherwise would have gone forward. The engineers' strike has had a very serious effect on the consumption in the English markets, but when a settlement is arranged a fairly good demand is anticipated.

## FOREIGN.

E. E. Price & Bro., Baltimore, Md., want dimension ash.

G. Elias & Bro., Buffalo, N.Y., are in the market for white ash, basswood, rock elm, hickory and hard maple.

A Maine paper notes the receipt at Winter Harbor in that state of 150,000 red cedar shingles from the Pacific coast.

The Belding-Hall Manufacturing Company, Belding, Mich., are in the market for 35 to 50 car loads of inch black ash, cut up into small pieces.

Cutting-up stock, one to two inch, and wide fine common and selects are in good demand at Tonawanda. Barn boards and shingles are also good sellers.

At Manistee, Mich., piece stuff, common inch and shingles are being purchased as liberally as offered. Nearly all the avail-

able stock of hemlock has also been sold out. The price is \$5.50 and \$6.50 on dock there. Shingles sell at \$2.15 and 6 inch at \$1.20 to \$1.25.

A large amount of new work has been mapped out since October 1st at Philadelphia, and it is estimated that a good consumption of hardwoods will continue until late in the season.

The saw mill of Smalleys & Woodworth, Bay City, Mich., has been running day and night all season. The firm has purchased all the Norway and pine logs of the Holland & Emery Company.

A number of Buffalo dealers have lately visited western lake points, but few lumber purchases are announced. It is quite probable, however, that considerable lumber has been purchased for spring shipment, as is usually the case.

W. H. Gilbert, of Saginaw, and P. H. Ketchum, of Kansas City, have sold to Canadian parties their timber limits on the Maskinonge river, near Montreal. The timber is mostly cedar, and the purchasers will take it off and convert it into lumber and pulp-wood. The consideration was \$40,000.

E. V. Babcock & Co., of Pittsburg, Pa., has purchased a tract of 6,800 acres of timber lands in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. The deal is said to represent an outlay of a quarter of a million dollars. Upon the property there is estimated to be 120,000,000 feet of hemlock and 30,000,000 feet of hardwood, including maple, beech, birch and cherry. Logging operations will be commenced at once.

In 1898 production of red cedar shingles on the Pacific coast promises to be heavy. In Washington there has been so much talk of a boom in shingles that a number of new mills are being erected, and old mills are being increased in capacity. It is quite possible that the production will be overdone and the market collapse, as unhealthy competition is almost certain to follow when manufacturing is carried on too vigorously.

There is a good demand for piece stuff at Saginaw, Mich., and box is also in better demand. Common to fairly good lumber runs at \$14 to \$20 and upward. For box the market is steady and reasonably firm at \$8 to \$9; piece stuff runs from \$8 to \$8.50 for short lengths and \$9 is asked for all over 18 feet in length. One Bay City concern has sold 5,000,000 feet since the first of September, and several cargo lots were sold there last week.

Trade at Duluth is good, as freight rates have not advanced over \$1.75 to Lake Erie points. Cull boards are scarce. A Tonawanda firm bought a cargo of scoots and a cargo of No. 4 boards last week. Clark & Jackson sold last week to the Cleveland Box Company 5,000,000 feet of mill culls to be cut this fall and shipped in the spring. The stock of unsold lumber on docks at Duluth is only about 75,000,000 feet, while last year it was 140,000,000 feet and in 1895 235,000,000 feet.

## HICKORY WANTED.

A subscriber of THE LUMBERMAN wants 100 pieces second growth hickory, 3 ft. 9 in. long by 3/4 in. square, well seasoned, straight-grained from end to end, and free from knots. These strips are wanted for handles for golf clubs, and must be of first-class quality. We should be pleased to learn of any person in a position to supply this stock.

## GLASGOW TIMBER STOCKS.

The quarterly statement of stocks of wood on the Clyde has been made up to 30th September, and shows an increase in nearly all classes of deals and other sawn wood when compared with the quantity held at same time one year ago. First pine deals are at present stocked at 346,737 cubic feet, as against 215,000 cubic feet last year. Second pine deals at 102,431 cubic feet are about 60 per cent. heavier. Third pine deals at 344,230 cubic feet are fully a third heavier, and fourths at 391,529 cubic feet as compared with 272,739 cubic feet last year. Pine planks of 2 inches and under are in stock to the amount of 212,752 cubic feet, as compared with 134,000 cubic feet last September. Red pine deals are the exception, and are lower this year by 23,000 cubic feet. In spruce deals, including Quebec and Lower Ports, the stock at present held is large, and is nearly 50 per cent. more than last year, the figures being 1,218,022 cubic feet, as against 873,811 cubic feet. The above includes the quantity in consumers' hands as well as importers, and although there is a large stock, it is also to be borne in mind that the consumption of deals has gone up very considerably. Quebec waney boardwood is slightly over the stock of a year ago, but is balanced by the lower stock in square white pine and red pine. Oak, elm and ash logs and planks are considerably higher. Oak planks and boards are heavily stocked at 95,743 cubic feet, as against 30,379 cubic feet a year ago.

## SHIPPING MATTERS.

The Norwegian ship Elfi has finished loading deals at St. John, N. B., for Australia.

The s. s. Cheronea has been chartered to load at St. John, N. B., for w. c. England, deals, 475 6d.

The s. s. Greta Holme has recently been fixed for a deal cargo to London at 50s 5d per St. Petersburg 11d.

Sch. Syanara, now on her way to St. John, N. B., from Sydney, proceeds to Tusket to load lumber for Ponce, P. R., at \$4.50.

Sch. Lewanika, now on the way to Halifax from New York, is chartered to load lumber at Liverpool, N. S., for Tenerife at \$650, American gold.

Ocean deal freights from the St. Lawrence are slightly easier owing to a falling off in the supply of general produce, but rates are not expected to weaken materially for the balance of the season.

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