THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

Ottawa furnishes an indication of the increased extent of the lumbering operations this season, as compared with those of last year. The figures apply to the work carried on in northwestern Quebec, western Ontario and parts of the newer Ontario. The comparison applies directly to the number of men sent out to the various limits from Ottawa, a recognized labor bureau in the business. Mr. C. D. Chitty, of the firm of Chitty & Co., states that his firm since August last has hired 2,600 men, who have been sent over the above mentioned districts to work for the leading Canadian and American firms. For the lumbering operations a year back only 1,600 men were sent, the increase thus being 62½ per cent. Mr. Chitty also states that the area of limits being worked this year is much more extensive than it was last. This year men were sent to points as far west as Lake Superior not touched before, and six more American and Canadian firms were supplied with men. The firm started hiring men last August, but the great majority were sent out in the last three months. Wages, which at the start ranged from $16 to $32 per month, have been forced down as the great demand for men was satisfied, and the present rate is $16 to $22. Chitty & Co. also expect to send one thousand men up for the spring drives, which last about 40 days, and bring the men $2 to $2.50 per day. Gangs of men and teams are still being forwarded to North Bay, Webbwood, and a score of western points. This firm does the bulk of the business, but smaller concerns have had their hands full, and altogether from Ottawa close on 4,000 men were sent. The authorities in Hull state that about about 900 men and boys have left that city for the shanties since August last. Although the firm only shipped about 200 teams, Mr. Chitty states that close on 1,000 teams were forwarded to the limits by the Ottawa firms, J. R. Booth, Hull Lumber Co., Gilmour & Hughson, E. B. Eddy, W. C. Edwards, McLaren & Co., and Ross Bros., of Buckingham. Speaking of the situation in general, Mr. Chitty states that unfavorable weather conditions will prove a serious drawback, the lack of frost and snow hindering work on the limits. He expects a record breaking cut of pine, but states that the quantity of square timber taken out will be below the average, as only the more remote limits yield this class of timber now. Mr. Chitty also draws attention to the marked activity of the American firms, which, on account of the recent legislation, are cutting more extensively on their limits.

Mr. David McAuliffe, of the firm of W. H. *McAuliffe & Co., lumber dealers, Ottawa,* has returned from Burlington, Vt., where he passed the holidays and transacted business with the American trade.

One of the most popular members of the Ottawa company of the first Canadian contingent, now in South Africa, is Allan Gilmour, son of Mr. John Gilmour, of the firm of Gilmour & Hughson, the well known mill owners of Ottawa.

Mr. E. Harper Wade, Quebec representative of McArthur Bros., was in Ottawa this week on private business. Mr. Wade states that his firm will not cut so extensively on their limits this season as heretofore, owing to the fact that the timber if left standing promises to bring in better financial returns than if cut and sold at present high prices.

Ottawa contractors and retail and wholesale lumber dealers continue to find great difficulty in securing the necessary supplies of lumber from the mill owners, as the latter, if they have not already sold their standing cut, prefer to hold it for the outside markets.

Box lumber and culls for the American market are still quoted at high figures, while lath are in great demand. The introduction of metallic shingles and roofing, however, has curtailed the demand for the product of the shingle mill, and the price has not advanced as rapidly as in the case of lath, indispensable in building operations. The higher grades of lumber for both the English and American markets show little advance.

OTTAWA, Jan. 5th, 1900.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

The market on spruce lumber is little changed. It is possible that where a mill can start up sawing and is in want of orders prices might be shaded. But there are very few of such mills, the low water and lack of logs keeping them idle. There is now more snow in the woods and hauling has commenced in good earnest. Agreement prices are still the rule, and yet something is sold occasionally for less:

Frames, 9 inch and under	$17.00
10 and 12 in. dimensions	19.00
10 and 12 in random, 10 ft and up long	18.50
1 x 3, 2 x 4, 2 x 5, 2 x 6, 2 x 7 and 3 x 4, 10 feet and up	15.00
All other random, 9 in and under	16.50
Merchantable boards planed one side	15 00
Out boards planed one side	12.00
Furring, 1 x 2, 1 x 2½ and 1 x 3 planed one side	13.0. to $13.50

Western pine yet holds very strong, with the movement only moderate, however:

Uppers, 1 in	$58.00 to	$60.00
1¼ to 2 in	60.00 "	62.00
3 and 4 in	70.00 "	72.00
Selects, 1 to 4 in	52.00 "	68.00
Fine common, 1 to 3 in	48.00 "	62.00
Sheathings	40.00 "	56.00
Barn boards	22.00 "	30 00
Coffin boards	20.00 "	25.00

Hardwood lumber is in the midst of the winter quiet, and yet there is a fair movement. Quartered oak continues firm, with the supply limited. Plain oak and ash are in quiet request. There is a better demand for maple:

Oak	$ 70.00 to	$ 80.00
Fancy Oak	90.00	100.00
Plain Oak	35.00	45.00
Ash	$ 38.00 to	$ 46.00
Cherry	90.00	130.00
Maple	30.00	40.00
Walnut	100.00	130.00

Clapboards are firmer. Some of the principal manufacturers declare that they shall sell no more at present prices:

Spruce, extra	$28.00 to	$29.00
Spruce, clear	26.00 "	27 00
Spruce, 2nd clear	24 00 "	25.00
Pine, extra	34.00 to	$36.00
Pine, clear	30.00 "	33 00
Pine, 2nd clear		28.00

Less than carloads, $1 to $1.50 more.

Cedar shingles are in quiet request at unchanged prices:

Extra cedar, best brands	$3.10 to	$3.15
Clear cedar	2.65 "	2.70
2nd clear cedar	2.10 "	2.25
Clear white		2.00
Extra No. 1		1.50

Oregon shingles range from $2.30 to $3.15, as to grade and quality.

LATH.—Laths continue very firm: 1⅜ inch, $3 to $3.15; 1½ inch, $2.90 to $3.

BOSTON, Jan. 6th, 1900.

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1x12 dressing and better, 60% 16 ft	22 00	24 00	1 inch siding shipcull	11 50	12 00
1x10 fine dressing and better	22 00	24 00	1 inch siding mill culls	10 00	10 50
			Cull scantling	9 00	9 50
1x10 and 12 Canadian dressing and better	18 00	20 00	1 inch strips 4 in. to 8 in. mill run	15 00	15 50
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1 1-2 and thicker cutting up plank	24 00	26 00	1 1-4 inch flooring		17 00
1x10 and 12 mill run	16 00	18 00	1 1-2 inch flooring		17 00
1x10 and 12 common	13 00	15 00	XXX pine shingles, 16 inch		2 65
1x10 and 12 mill culls	11 00	11 50	XX pine shingles 16 inch		1 75
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Ash, black, 1sts and 2nds, 2 to 4 in	22 00	24 00	Maple, 1sts and 2nds 1 "	17 00	18 00
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16 " "	22	24
17 " "	26	28
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1 to 2 in.		55	4/4 Box boards, 6" and up	18	20
4 inch uppers		72	10-in. dressing and better	26	32
Selects, 2½ in. up		60	10-in. common		20
1 to 2 in.		45	12-in. dressing and better	30	34
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2½ and 3 in.		61 50	Shelving, No. 1, 13 in. and up, 1 in.		38 50
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