

decided that in future the commission to be allowed wholesale commission dealers shall be five per cent. of the net amount of sales, instead of on the gross amount as in the past. It has also been decided to advance the price of shingles to the following figures: Extras, \$3.25; Clears, \$2.85; Second Clears, \$2.35; Clear Whites, \$2.25; Extra No. 1, \$2.85. These prices are to take effect on April 1st, and are based on Boston rate of freights.

UNITED STATES.

The lumber market of the United States has developed a slight weakness during the past week. From nearly all the markets comes the report that prices of piece stuff are being shaded a little, while at Duluth No. 3 boards are somewhat easier. It is also stated that in the Chicago market long wide joists are not bringing as high prices as one month ago. The lack of yard demand is responsible for this easing off in prices. Retail dealers, fearing that the high prices may retard building operations, are stocking up very cautiously. While yard trade is quiet, the demand from manufacturing sources is quite heavy, and promises to be a strong factor in the situation throughout the season. Orders for box lumber continue to be refused on account of a shortage in the supply. At Saginaw there is a scarcity of Norway pine, which is held at from \$14 to \$14.50, and log run pine is quoted at from \$18 upwards. Buffalo dealers report numerous enquiries for stock from the east, but these enquiries are rarely followed by orders. This seems to indicate that the eastern buyers are still expecting a drop in prices. Owing to the high price of pine there has been a considerable sale of spruce at Buffalo at from \$20 to \$22. Hardwood lumber is selling moderately. In New York ash ranges from \$42 to \$45. There is likely to be a large production of maple in Michigan this season, and some predict considerably lower prices for this class of lumber. Lath prices are holding up well for this season of the year. At Saginaw the quotation is \$4 to \$4.50 on cars. White pine shingles are moving rather slowly, but dealers anticipate a short supply, as, owing the high price of box and mill culls, it is said that some manufacturers will not operate their shingle mills this season.

FOREIGN.

A slight feeling of uneasiness exists in Great Britain in regard to the timber market. It is now admitted that the enhanced cost of building materials will restrict building operations to some extent, with a consequent falling off in the demand for lumber. The present high prices ruling for new goods are the main support of the spot market. In Canadian pine there seems to have been some improvement of late. Buyers have become convinced of the shortage of the wintering stock on this side, and also of the fact that several important mill cuts which have for some years past been marketed in Great Britain will this season go to the United States. The outlook for third and fourth quality pine is said to be better than for the higher qualities, as the prices for the latter have been affected by competition from American whitewood. Firmness characterizes the spruce market. Contracts have been made for 3x9 spruce in second and third qualities for delivery at London about midsummer at £8 15s

and £8 7s 6d, while shippers are said to have sold nearly all their 3x11 stock. The spruce deals per winter liners from St. John and Halifax have been sold at £7 15s to £7 17s 6d. In square timber the greatest activity pretains to elm and birch. First class elm timber is selling at from 2s 10d to 3s per cubic foot, and small average in second class wood at 2s 3d. Birch timber is quoted at from 1s 7d to 2s 1d per cubic foot.

NEW BRUNSWICK CEDAR SHINGLES.

The past week has witnessed a marked increase in the number of inquiries for cedar shingles made by the retail dealers, and has also seen a decided stiffening among the manufacturers. All shingles are in scant supply, and with a reasonable demand prices must be forced higher. Probably the following quotations will represent about the average figure being asked to-day: Extras, \$3.15; clears, \$2.75; 2nd clears and whites, \$2.15 to \$2.25, all delivered Boston freight rates. Manufacturers are now allowing the commission trade five per cent. on the net instead of the gross value of shipments.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The city of Quebec is taking tenders for the annual supply of deals, lumber, etc.

The city of Kingston has accepted the tender of the Rathbun Co. for the supply of lumber, at \$16.85 per thousand.

Pitts & Co., of Bay City, have purchased 8,000,000 feet of Canadian logs from Booth & Co. They were cut on Indian reserve lands and will be rafted to Bay City or Saginaw.

J.W. Munro & Son are reported to have sold to W. & J. Sharples, of Quebec, all their waney and square timber made this season in the townships of Widdifield, Nairn and McKinnon.

It is reported that Dickie & McGrath, of Tusket, N. S., have cut 12,000,000 feet of lumber during the past winter. They have fourteen vessels chartered for the summer, two of which will carry lumber to South America. They are said to have an order from Bordeaux parties for 5,000,000 feet.

At Saginaw cedar telegraph and telephone poles have advanced 20 per cent. in the last ten days: 25-foot poles, 5 inches at the top, are quoted at 85 cents on car, and six inches at top at \$1.10; 30-foot poles, six inches at the top, are worth \$1.25. Oak ties are quoted at 45 cents and cedar at 38 cents. Four X cedar shingles are quoted at \$3 and clear butts at \$2.

It is learned that in the Eastern Crown Timber Agency of Algoma the sawlog output will be about 90,000,000 feet. In addition, there will be taken out about 170,000 cubic feet of square timber and from six to eight thousand cords of spruce pulp wood. Of the above amounts 38,000,000 feet of logs and the square timber will be rafted from the north shore of the Georgian Bay, between Beaverstone on the east and Lacloche village on the west, and 52,000,000 feet, together with the pulp wood, will be assorted and rafted from the Spanish boom at the mouth of the Spanish River. There will be assorted at this latter point probably between one hundred and one hundred and twenty-five million feet.

CANADIAN SPRUCE AND PINE.

The following remarks, bearing upon the market for spruce and pine deals, are reprinted from the Timber Trades Journal, of London, Eng.:

STOCKS.—The spruce market is particularly firm; we learn that shippers have sold all their 3x11 for the season at £2 per standard advance, and we believe under surrounding conditions and the great demand for 11 in., that shippers could have got even more. All other sizes have likewise been going well, and from the latest reports the sales have been effected right up to the end of the season; in fact, from what we understand, nobody could contract for spruce to-day unless it was for the whole of the season's shipment, which, to our mind, is a strong insurance of a solid market

for the whole of the year. The government demand is one reason for this, and even should the South African war terminate earlier than expected, it will make no difference to the demand, which will continue on the same extensive scale, as stores, ammunition, etc., must be shipped to the Cape and Natal for months to come.

PINE.—Pine is gradually moving up; it has taken time to convince the buyers here of the shortage of the wintering stock on the other sides, and now as it is an assured fact that the whole of Gilmour's new cut has been sold to the United States, it makes the market stronger than ever. As to first pine regulars, we think the prices that the shippers are asking are really dangerous, considering that American whitewood is now a strong competitor with Canadian pine, and can be bought at very much less prices. Second quality pine regulars are undoubtedly very scarce, but at the prices we hear that they have been sold to arrive there will be a great difficulty experienced in getting a profit for the same reason, viz., the competition with American whitewood. Coming to third and fourth quality pine of the orthodox dimensions, the question is a different one altogether; the prices obtained for wintering stock, which are from £2 to £2 10s per standard more than last year, the market can afford to pay, as although American whitewood may be in competition with first and second pine, it cannot compete with the lower qualities, which even at the advance stated are much the cheaper, these commoner qualities being largely in use for cabinet purposes, where anything of a sound nature will do, knots not being taken into account. We consider, therefore, that the prices of third and fourth quality pine regulars will keep up, at any rate throughout the present year.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

The spruce lumber market is fairly steady, though it is in the midst of the quiet season. Something is doing in the way of house frame orders, but not much yet. The mills are generally pretty firm. One of the principal manufacturers of spruce lumber on the Kennebec writes his agents here that he has all the business he can attend to and at full prices, and will not book any business ahead except at full prices. Still the general belief here is that there will be lumber enough as soon as the mills get started. Spruce is steady at agreement prices:

Frames, 9 inch and under.....	\$17.00
10 and 12 in. dimensions.....	19.00
10 and 2 in. random, 10 ft. and up long.....	18.50
2 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.....	17.00
Out boards planed one side.....	14.00
Furring, 1 x 2, 1 x 2½ and 1 x 3 planed one side.....	13.50 to \$15.00
Spruce flooring.....	20.00 to 23.00

Western pine is in steady request for the season, with prices firm:

Uppers, 1 in.....	\$58.00 to \$60.00
1½ to 2 in.....	60.00 " 62.00
3 and 4 in.....	70.00 " 72.00
Selects, 1 to 4 in.....	53.00 " 68.00
Fine common, 1 to 3 in.....	48.00 " 62.00
Sheathings.....	40.00 " 56.00
Barn boards.....	28.00 " 32.00
Coffin boards.....	26.00 " 28.00

Clapboards continue very quiet. Reports from manufacturers state that clapboards have not advanced along with other lumber, and

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Spruce, clear.....	27.00 " 28.00
Spruce, 2nd clear.....	23.00 " 25.00
Pine, extra.....	40.00 to \$45.00
Pine, clear.....	35.00 " 40.00
Pine, 2nd clear.....	30.00 " 32.00
California redwood, clear....	42.50 " 45.00
Second grade.....	42.00 " 42.00

Shingles are in fair request, but it is suggested that the market may be shaded a little:

Extra cedar, best brands.....	\$ 3.15
Clear cedar.....	2.65 to 2.70
2nd clear cedar.....	2.10 " 2.25
Clear white.....	2.00
Extra No. 1.....	1.50
Oregon.....	2.50 " 3.50

Hemlock lumber continues scarce, with the market high and firm. Still trade is dull:

Matched hemlock boards.....	\$20.00 to \$22.00
Pennsylvania dimension.....	16.00 " 17.00
Eastern.....	15.00 " 16.00
with the usual advance for over 16 ft.	
Eastern boards.....	18.00 " 19.00
No. 1.....	15.50 " 16.50
Planed one side and matched.....	19.00 " 21.00
Pennsylvania boards, No. 1, 8, 0 and 12 in.....	20.00 " 21.00
No. 1, 10 feet.....	18.00
Planed and matched.....	20.00 " 21.00

Laths are quoted as follows: One and five-eighth inch, \$3 to \$3.10; 1½ inch, \$2.80 to \$2.90.

BOSTON, March 26th, 1900.

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

CANADA ATLANTIC RAILWAY.

Lumber freight rates on the Canada Atlantic Railway, are as follows: Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft.; Ottawa to Syracuse, 9½ cents per 100 lbs. Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Montreal, 5 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Montreal, 7 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec, 12 cts.; Pembroke to Montreal, 9 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec, 13 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to New York, 17 cents per 100 lbs.; Pembroke to New York, 18 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14c. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Boston and common points, local 15c., exports 13c. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Boston and common points, local 17 cents, export 15 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Boston and Portland and common points, local 2½ cents, export 20 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Portland, 8c., 15 cts.; Arnprior to Portland, 17 cts.; Ottawa to Burlington, 6c. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 10 cts. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Albany, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Albany, 17 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Scranton and Wilkesbarre, Pa., also Binghamton, N. Y., 13 cents per 100 lbs, from Arnprior 15 cents, from Parry Sound 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to St. John, N.B., and common points, 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Halifax, N.S., and common points, 21 cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight for shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 30,000 lbs. rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs., except when quoted per M ft.; minimum carloads to M ft., lumber not exceeding 3,000 lbs. per M ft. Ottawa rates apply on shipments from Rockland and Hawkesbury.

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