

sociation of Washington Territory, advanced the price of logs fifty cents on the 1st inst.

It is reported from Vancouver that the Loggers' Association of British Columbia propose to test the legality of the Legislation enacted to prevent the export of timber out of the Province. The Association is said have obtained a legal opinion to the effect that the Government cannot grant a special license to loggers to cut timber and then prevent them selling it where they may choose.

#### UNITED STATES.

The white pine market continues to rule strong with a large volume of trade doing. Northwest manufacturers report a difficulty in securing required assortments; in consequence the volume of shipments is being restricted. Eastern buyers have been looking for a reduction in freights, but there is believed to be little prospect of a drop.

A steady demand is reported for doors and mill work, even in localities where dullness is reported in other lines.

The report comes from Alpena of a disposition by some members of the Hemlock Association to advance the price 50 cents per M. as the result of the brisk demand. At Philadelphia prices are somewhat erratic, varying from \$15.50 to \$17.50 for hemlock boards.

A gradual strengthening is reported of prices of hardwoods, advances having taken place in some of the cheaper varieties. Quartered white oak leads in demand. Maple flooring is a trifle weaker owing to the competition of yellow pine.

Prices of spruce are steady. Boston circulars quote as follows: Ten and 12-inch dimension, \$20 to \$22; 9-inch and under, \$19 to \$20; 10 and 12-inch, random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$20.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$17 to \$17.50; all other randoms, 9-inch and under, 10 feet and up, \$16.50 to \$18; 5-inch and up, merchantable boards, \$13.50 to \$14; bundle furring, \$17 to \$18.

At North Tonawanda there is a brisk demand for lath, of which stocks are very low, especially No. 1 white pine lath which is quoted as high as \$4.25. Mixed pine lath are selling at \$3.75. Red cedar shingles are plentiful and are reported to be selling in this market at \$3.60 for 5 to 2 clears.

The use recently of 9 feet car siding instead of 8 feet as formerly, is said to be proving an obstacle in the way of the continued use of white pine for this purpose, owing to the scarcity of 18 feet stock. Other woods, the manufacturers of which are willing to cut to a greater variety of dimensions are being employed.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

The timber trade, in conjunction with all other lines, has to a large extent been at a standstill by reason of public anxiety regarding the life of the King. Timber sales which had been arranged prior to the announcement of His Majesty's condition, were postponed. The recovery of the Sovereign being now assured, the trade may be expected to resume in some degree its normal activity, although conditions are likely to be more or less unsettled until after the Coronation next month. Beyond the demand created by the Coronation the requirements for building woods are small, and deliveries have consequently slackened. While the sales of timber required for street stands, etc., in connection with the

Coronation, gave quite a stimulus to trade it is estimated that the demand from this source would not exceed in quantity more than one week's deliveries at London. When it is considered that all of this timber cannot be considered to have gone permanently into consumption, but that a part will find its way back to be resold for other purposes, the gain after all is not so great as might at first sight appear.

The American Consul at Nottingham reports that there is an almost unlimited demand for material suitable for lace and hosiery boxes. He says the size generally required is 5-8 in. thick by 7 to 8 in. wide, and in lengths from 6 to 20 ft. The lumber should be planed on one side only, and edges grooved and tongued. The lumber used at present, is chiefly North Carolina pine, but white pine and poplar will do equally as well; a little sap or a few knots are not objected to, providing the timber is sound. The report states that the Nottingham case makers cannot afford to give more than £8 10s per standard for 3-4 in. c. i. f. Liverpool or Manchester. Swedish and Russian timber is bought at from £6 10s to £7, and coming into Hull or Grimsby, the inland carriage is only £1 2s per standard.

#### STOCKS AND PRICES.

Mr. Robert Baker states that the Turner Lumber Company, of Midland, Ont., expect to cut 40,000,000 feet this summer.

Mr. J. R. McConnell is operating Messrs. Hale & Murchies' mill near Fredricton, N.B., which until recently was closed down.

Messrs. Welch Bros., of New Westminster, are rebuilding and fitting up with new machinery the Green shingle mill on the north shore of False Creek on Vancouver Island, which was recently burned.

Mr. R. R. Drysdale is said to have purchased from William Playfair 9 square miles of timber limits, a steam saw mill and a residence in Lanark county. Mr. Drysdale will commence operations in the fall.

The Vancouver Investment Company have applied to the local Government for 500 miners' inches of water to be taken out of the east branch of the Capilano for the purpose of floating timber. The proposal is to flume the timber from the limits to high water.

The first general meeting of the Cushing Box Company, Limited, was held recently at St. John, N. B., when the following officers were elected: W. H. Murray, president; Jos. Alliston, vice-president; Geo. F. Wilson, managing director; Alex. Wilson, secretary-treasurer. The company's mill at Milford gives employment to forty men and is crowded with orders.

Mr. Thomas Southworth, director of forestry for the Ontario government, is in receipt of inquiries from Ontario manufacturers for white ash, of which there appears to be a great scarcity. The wood is largely used by carriage and saddlery manufacturers. Mr. Southworth believes that it would pay Ontario farmers to plant ash trees in their wood lands, as this timber is a fast grower and would become commercially valuable in about ten years.

Messrs. James Levallee, George Chew and W. H. Turrip, of Orillia, have been in Vancouver recently with the object of purchasing a site and establishing a large shingle and lumber mill in that city. They recently purchased a mill and timber limit

at Slocam Lake, together with other timber, and have arranged to increase the capacity of the mill to 100,000 feet daily. In addition to this, as stated, they now propose to establish a large mill at Vancouver.

A Vancouver dispatch states that the Leamy & Kyle saw mill, which was at one time known to be an important industry of that city, has been purchased, by Messrs. Hunter & Fox, of Blaine, Wash., who will at once put it in operation and manufacture red cedar shingles for shipment to eastern points. Messrs. Hunter & Fox had previously imported cedar logs from British Columbia, but ran short of material after the passing of the law prohibiting the export of British Columbia timber.

Concerning the Barbadoes market Messrs. S. P. Musson Son & Co. under date of June 21st say: There has been no arrival of W. Pine; none of the cargoes contracted for having arrived, late prices cannot be maintained for transient arrivals, as the conclusion of peace has stopped all work on the Boer camp, and entirely checked demand. In Spruce—We had the "Mercedese" on the 16th from Bellevue Cove, with 90 m. shipping boards and 30 m. plank, which we placed at \$19.40 and \$16.40 respectively. For a small lot of Hemlock we had to accept \$13; we doubt if next arrival will bring this price, as the crop season is virtually over. In P. Pine, no arrival has taken place—market amply supplied for ordinary requirements. Shingles—no arrival of Long Gaspé. The S.S. "Oruro" brought 2,544 bbls. Laying Cedar Clears, in fulfillment of an order, and we placed a small lot of Split Cypress ex "W. F. Green" at \$9.75. Two Cargoes of Cedar Shingles from Paspebiac are shortly due. Shooks, Hoops and Staves—There is as usual at this time of the year nothing to advise. Regarding the same market, Messrs. Clairmonte, Man & Co. say: There has been one arrival with Lumber for the fortnight. Last sale of White Pine \$26.22 for merchantable and \$20.65 for second quality, but we hardly think next arrivals will do as well; last sale of spruce at \$19.40 for merchantable and \$16.40 for second quality. Gaspé Long Cedar Shingles wanted—we value the first arrival of Large @ \$4.50 to \$5 per M. Cedar Laying, worth \$2.00 per M. Spruce Laying, no recent sale worth \$1.80 per M. Cypress, last sale, \$9.40 per M. 6-in. hearts, \$7 for 6-in. Saps, \$5 for 5-in. and \$5.30 for 6-in. sawn.

#### THE COOPERAGE MARKET.

The Sutherland, Innes Co., of Chatham, Ont., refer to the cooperage stock market as follows: The market for cooperage material is in a very unsettled condition at the present time. Trade is very quiet in all lines in Canada, and very little stock is being used. There is a great uncertainty yet as to how the apple crop will come out, and very few coopers are yet figuring on apple barrel material. The consequence is that prices will remain depressed, and there is no stock moving except

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to the United States market. It is almost impossible at the present time to fix market prices on stock. No. 2 staves remain very low, as there is no demand for them and will not be until the apple season starts in. The fact of the matter is, at the present time it is just between seasons, and until the trade brightens up it is impossible to give anything like a reasonable report of the state of the market.

#### RAILWAY TIMBER WANTED FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Messrs. Peyecke & Co., of Capetown, South Africa, have written to the Secretary of the Toronto Board of Trade, sending specifications of hardwood railway ties and lumber required for the Cape Government railway at Port Elizabeth. There will be no duty on the ties, and probably none on the lumber, although if there is it will have to be added to the tender, which must be in by the 15th of next month.

Any firm tendering will have to get the best rates per steamer and sailing vessel to Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, and Peyecke & Co. suggest that the firm should communicate with the Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa, when advantageous terms might be arranged for having them come out by steamer from St. John, N.B. For landing charges the firm tendering would have to figure on seven shillings and sixpence per ton of 40 cubic feet measurement. This would cover the expense either at Cape Town or Port Elizabeth.

If these sleepers could be obtained in Canada, Peyecke & Co. consider that there is a field for a very large export business, as hundreds of thousands of them are used, and the demand will keep on increasing. For the information of the firm tendering they say that the last Jarrab wood sleepers the department bought came from Java, and cost about five shillings each, without landing charges. There are 40,000 sleepers required to be delivered into the railway trucks at the jetty, Port Elizabeth, at contractor's risk and expense.

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