and of white birch and soft maple. A temporary falling off in the demand for shingles is reported, due to the holiday season. Prices, however, continue unchanged. Lath is moving liberally. At Cleveland No. 1 white pine brings $4; No. 2, $3.50; and No. 1 hemlock, $3 to $3.25.

SOCKS AND PRICES.

The log cut on the Restigouche river, in New Brunswick, this winter is estimated at 30,000,000 feet, or 5,000,000 feet short of last winter.

Mill owners at St. John, N. B., expect to get higher prices for spruce deals than they did last year, and are talking of $13 for city cut deals, with the product of small country mills 50 cents to $1 less.

The strength of hemlock lumber is responsible for a rumor that a further advance in price is to be made by manufacturers. The present base price at Buffalo is $13.50. It is claimed that if the price should be further advanced it will shut off the building of frame houses and injure all classes of building.

F. E. Neale's circular of lumber shipments from Miramichi and Campbelltown for the season of 1901 shows that 13 vessels were loaded at Campbelltown, carrying a total of 11,349,038 superficial feet, and that 29 vessels sailed from Miramichi, with a total of 44,493,334 feet. The above shipments were made by Mr. Neale, representing Frank Harrison & Company, of Liverpool, Eng.

Michigan firms operating in Ontario this winter expect to bank a full supply of logs. W. & A. McArthur Co., of Little Current, will have a stock of about 30,000,000 feet; Spanish River Lumber Co., about 20,000,000 feet; Eddy Bros. & Co., and the Michigan Land & Lumber Co., of Blind River, about 40,000,000 feet; The Moulthrop Lumber Co., John's Island, 18,000,000 feet; Arthur Hill Co., Midland, 15,000,000 feet; Holland & Emery Co., Byng Inlet, 40,000,000 feet; while Pitts & Charlton, of Little Current, and the William Peter Estate, of Parry Sound, are calculating upon a full output.

Concerning the Barbadoes lumber market Messrs S. P. Musson, Son & Company, under date of September 21st, say: The "Lewanika" arrived on December 7th from Hantsport, N.S., with 308,000 feet white pine lumber and 38,000 feet spruce. On the 10th inst. the "Edna" arrived, with 106,000 feet white pine, 174,000 feet spruce and 75,000 feet hemlock, which had been contracted for; and on the 18th the "Kipling, from Bridgewater, N.S., arrived with 85,000 feet white pine shippers and 95,000 feet refuse, which has been sold at $23.11 and $19.11 respectively; second quality, $17.11. In spruce no other arrivals have taken place, but we have a cargo contracted for on the way, and have also placed a nearby cargo to arrive, at $19 round. We do not think that prices of either white pine or spruce can be maintained if further arrivals take place, unless the neighboring islands are in a position to take some lumber, as the dealers are all supplied with contract cargoes. No further receipts of shingles have taken place. We have sold a quantity of laying at $1.70 to $1.75. Clairemont, Man & Company report that Gaspe long cedar shingles are wanted at $4.40 to $4.75 as to quality, and that a spot sale of cedar laying has been made at $1.90.

While Chicago assortments are in the main fairly balanced and stocks at the majority of the yards are practically as heavy as at the opening of last year, the American Lumberman says there is a most pronounced scarcity of several sizes of piece stuff and boards. In the former 2x12s and 3x12s and 2x10s and 3x10s in the short lengths are among the scarcest and most desirable items wanted. Anything in piece stuff over 18-foot is also in low supply. Some of the recent prices f. o. b. cars are as follows: 2x12—10, 12 and 20, $19.50; 2x12—14, 16 and 18, $19; 2x10-12 and 18, $17; 2x12-14 and 16, $16.50; 3x12-12, 14 and 18, $19.50; 3x12-16, $19; 3x12-20, $20.50. Eight-inch, No. 1 stock boards, 20 to 16-foot, $21; 10-inch No. 1 stock boards, 10 and 12-foot, $22; 14 and 16-foot, $21; 12-inch No. 1 stock boards, 10 and 12-foot, $25; 14 and 16 foot, $24; 8-inch No. 2 stock boards, 16-foot, $19; 10-inch No. 2 stock boards, 10 and 12-foot, $19.50; 14 and 16-foot $19; 12-inch No. 2 stock boards, 10 and 12-foot, $22; 14 and 16-foot, $21; No. 1 boards all lengths, 10 and 16-foot, promiscuous widths $20; No. 2 boards $19. Shingles, extra "A" white pine, $3; standards, $2.35. White cedars extra "A" $2.85; standards, $2.25. No. 1 pine lath, $3.50; No. 2 lath, $3.25.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The outlook for spruce lumber at Boston is very firm, though trade is limited at present. Quotations are unchanged: 10 and 12 inch dimensions, $20; 9-inch and under, $18 to $18.50; 10 and 12 inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, $19 to $19.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 feet and up, $16.50; all other randoms, 9-inch and under, 10 feet and up, $17.50; 5-inch and up, merchantable boards, $15 to $16; matched boards, $17.50 to $18.50; out spruce boards, $12.50 to $13; bundle furring, $16 to $17.

Hemlock continues to be firmly sustained, with trade quiet: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet, $14 to $14.50 for good eastern; Pennsylvania, No. 1, $16 to $17, No. 2, $14.50; random $13 to $13.50.

The position of western pine is explained to be very firm, with the outlook strong. The supply in the immediate west is fully under control, with the pine lands of the farther west being bought up. It is understood that eastern capital is going into these pine lands. Trade here continues quiet: Uppers, 1-in. $70 to $72; 2½ and 3 in. $75; 4-in. $80; selects, 1 to 1½ in. $63 to $65; 2-in. $65 to $67.50; 2½ to 3 in. $72 to $75; 4-in. $75 to $80; fine common, 1-in. $48; 1¼ to 1½ in. $54; 2-in. $55; 2½ and 3 in. $63 to $65; 4-in. $70; barn boards, $23 to $32; coffin boards $25 to $28.

Hardwoods are unchanged, with the demand quiet; One inch, whitewood, $38 to $40; thicker, $39 to $42; 5/8 inch, $30 to $35; saps, inch, $25 to $30; common, $23 to $25; quartered oak, $56 to $65; fancy, $70 to $75; plain oak, $40 to $47; black ash, $40 to $50; white ash, $45 to $55; cherry, $90 to $130; maple, $32 to $40; sycamore, quartered inch, $43 to $45; plain, $35 to $40; walnut, $100 to $130.

Shingles continue firm, though the demand is quiet: Extra cedar, $3.25 to $3.30; clear, $2.85 to $2.95; second clear, $2.30 to $2.35; sap, $2.15 to $2.20; extra No. 1, $1.75 to $1.80; Washington and British Columbia, 16-inch, five butts to 2 inches, $3.46 to $3.50.

Clapboards are scarce and firm, with a limited demand: Extra spruce, $32 to $33; clear, $30 to $31; second clear, $27 to $28; extra No. 1, $18 to $20; pine extra, $48 to $50; clear, $43 to $45; second clear, $38 to $40.

Laths are quiet and unchanged: One and five-eighths inch, $3.15; 1½ inch, $3.10.

WHITE PINE CONDITIONS.

The condition of the lumber market in the Lake Superior district may be taken as the barometer of the white pine trade of the United States and Canada. In the last issue of the Mississipi Valley Lumberman that market is reviewed as follows:

The current conditions in the white pine market, with the single exception of the badly shattered stocks, are all that could be wished by the manufacturer. There has been a falling off in the demand during the past week, caused by the advent of the holidays and the taking of the inventory by the dealers, but a light business at this time was desired by the manufacturers that they might wind up the year's business and see in just what position they were to take care of the spring trade. Inventories are not yet complete, and so the figures showing stocks on hand January 1 are not obtainable, but it is safe to assume that stocks in the Mississippi and Wisconsin valleys taken together are not less than 13 per cent. under those on January 1, 1901. This is taking stocks as a whole, including both the higher and lower grades. The percentage of shortage in the higher grades is very scarce, and, as stated many times, the shortage will become more pronounced each week. Siding, finishing, boards, fencing, timbers, dimension, lath, shingles are among the most prominent on the "scarce" list.

The past year has been a memorable one for the lumber industry. In the territory tributary to this market building operations were never so active, and the manufacturers have been taxed to their utmost to supply the demand. The country was never in more prosperous condition, and people have spent and are spending their money freely. The net profits to the farmers, who are large users of lumber, from their crops, are much larger than was first supposed, the extremely large prices they are receiving for their products more than making up for any shrinkage in the size of the crops. All this points to a heavy demand during the present year.

BRITISH TIMBER SALE.

Following is the result of an auction sale held by Foy, Morgan & Company, London, Eng., on December 18th:

Pine—Ex. Mount Royal, from Quebec—6-11 ft. 1 x 5 in. unassorted red, £5 per standard. Ex. Montreal from Montreal—12-14 ft. 3 x 11 in. third quality, £13 5s. Ex. Andoni, from Montreal—12 ft. 3 x 11 in. third quality, £12 15s; £13 ft. 3 x 11, £12 15s; 16 ft. 3 x 11, £12 10s; 15-16 ft. 3 x 11, £12 10s; 14-15 ft. 3 x 11, £12 10s.

Spruce—Ex. Bawtry, from Quebec—6-8 ft. 3 x 9-11 in. second and third quality, £7 5s. Ex. Loughrigg Holme, from Quebec—19 ft. 3 x 9 in. £7 5s. Ex. Marian, from Quebec—12 ft. 3 x 11, £7 10s; 9-16 ft. 3 x 11, £7 10s.