

Nova Scotia spruce, as it is understood that a considerable quantity of Quebec spruce has been placed through the usual channels. The present stocks in Manchester and Liverpool contain a large quantity of 7 and 8 inch deals, 9 x 3 and 11 x 3 being very scarce. The claim is made that in recent years shippers have reduced the quantity of wide sizes in their specifications, and while the usual cut of deals formerly contained 25 per cent. 11 x 3 and 40 per cent. 9 by 3, now 10 and 15 per cent. respectively are all that is included, the practice being to take out the wide deals and sell them at enhanced prices. It is contended that this practice is not satisfactory to the British importer. The demand for timber is steady; waney pine and rock elm are scarce and strong, while square pine and soft elm are inactive and weaker. There is a large stock of ash at several ports, as owing to the high price substitutes are being used to some extent.

STOCKS AND PRICES

The city of Kingston, Ont., is asking for tenders up to the 13th inst. for the supply of 200,000 feet B. M. of pine plank, 3, 2 and 1 1/2 inch, and 40,000 lineal feet of cedar sleepers, 5 x 4 inch.

Thomas Pitts & Company, of Bay City, sold on March 1st to Cleveland parties 8,000,000 feet of lumber to be manufactured at Cutler, Ont., this season. The price is not given, but is understood to be about \$16.50.

The wharf to be built by the Dominion Government at Caraquet, N. B., will require 306,000 feet of spruce timber, 98,000 feet hemlock timber, 142,000 feet birch timber, to be sawed, 1,370,000 feet hemlock logs, and 63,000 lineal feet ballast poles, of spruce, 7 inches at top. The contractors for this work are Simons & Burpee, of Gibson, N. B.

Sims Bros., of Little Current, Ont., confirm the report that they have sold this season's cut of logs to the Edward Hines Lumber Company, of Chicago. They advise us that they have also just sold last year's cut of white pine to Potter, Teare & Company and the Saginaw Bay Company, of Cleveland. Good prices were realized in each case, the sales aggregating about \$100,000.

Concerning the Barbadoes lumber market Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company, in their report of February 15th say: "Arrivals have again been free during the fortnight, and the market continues in an overstocked condition. The "Rachael H. Boyd" has arrived with a cargo of 30,000 feet spruce and 76,000 feet white pine. The former was placed at \$17.25 for shipping and \$12.25 for second

quality, and \$11.50 for inferior. The "Foster Rice" arrived on 6th inst. from Annapolis, N.S., with 220,000 feet white pine, which had been sold to the contractor to H. M. Forces, for delivery at Antigua. The "Congo" arrived on the 7th from Weymouth, N. S., with 130,000 shipping white pine and 53,000 feet second quality, and on the 12th the "Damietta & Joanna" arrived from Calais to our address with 57,000 feet white pine boards, 37,000 feet white pine plank, and 12,000 feet spruce scantling, which we placed at \$20.10 for shipping and \$15.10 for second quality boards, \$16.00 for shipping and \$11.00 for second quality plank, and \$12.00 for second quality spruce scantling. This steamer brought 2,000,000 cedar laying shingles, of which 1,000,000 was placed on contract at \$2.00; the remainder, owing to dealers being filled up, brought only \$1.75.

THE GLASGOW MARKET.

The following review of the Glasgow timber market is furnished by Messrs. Edmiston & Mitchells, under date of 28th February:

There has been more activity in the timber trade this month than last, and a fair amount of business has been done at firm prices. Several shipments of Quebec and Lower Port spruce and red pine arrived during February, and in all cases a sale was effected from the ship's side at satisfactory prices. The amount of business done here in contracting forward for Quebec timber and deals has been of only moderate dimensions, due no doubt to the high prices quoted by the shippers. White pine, both in logs and deals, continues very dear, and seems likely to continue so from all appearances. Deliveries from stock have been reasonably well maintained during the month, and of pine goods particularly the amount on hand must now be very small.

The Clyde shipbuilding returns show that 16 vessels, aggregating about 41,000 tons, were launched, compared with 15 vessels of 50,000 tons at the same period last year. Unfortunately the amount of new business being placed is by no means considerable, which is not surprising, in face of the low freights ruling. The house-building trade is showing a considerable revival fortunately, and new work amounting to about half a million sterling has been fixed during the past two months.

WHITE PINE - Business during the month has been quiet. We hear of no transactions in waney boardwood, but there have been a few sales of first-class square deckwood, prices ranging from 2s. 6d. to 2s. 9d. per cubic foot, according to size. The stock of first quality waney pine is practically exhausted in first hands. There is, however, more than sufficient of square wood for prospective wants.

RED PINE - We hear of no sales to report. Prices, however, are firm, the stock being low.

OAK - There has been a fairly good demand during the month, chiefly for

medium-sized wood, and we hear of a parcel or two of small wood, 12 to 14 inches, being cleared at 2s. 9d. to 2s. 11d. per cubic foot.

ELM - There has been a moderate enquiry during the month, and quite a number of sales. Prices of first-class rock elm are firm, but there is a disposition to accept lower prices for soft elm, as the stock of this class is heavy.

QUEBEC BIRCH - The amount of business done during the month has been only trifling, and prices are unchanged at about 16d. for 14 inch average. The stock on hand is small, and there is very little enquiry.

N. S. BIRCH - The stock on hand moves off very slowly, and prices show no improvement at a penny over the inch.

QUEBEC PLANKS - The stock of Quebec planks have been cleared out, but there is still a large amount of Lower Port planks on hand. A shipment of about 100 standards Halifax planks arrived this month, and was disposed of at £6 10s. per standard "ex quay" terms.

ASH - The market continues to be quite unusually dull, and there is not now the demand that used to exist in this market. When the price was raised so much a year or two ago, the principal consumers of Quebec ash looked out for a cheaper substitute and found it in poplar, and now a number of them prefer the latter. The stock on hand is large, and is ample for requirements for some time to come.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

Again a snow-storm has made a quiet market on spruce lumber. But if orders are wanted—anything that has to be sawn—full prices have to be paid. Small randoms on the market, in cargoes that must be sold, hardly bring full prices, but even such lumber promises to do better as soon as house-building starts. Quotations are steady: Ten and 12 inch dimensions, \$20; 9 inch and under, \$18; 10 and 12 inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$19 to \$19.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 feet and

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