

GREAT BRITAIN.

The unsettled condition of the British timber market has been further intensified by the failure of a firm of merchants in London, by which a large number of brokers and agents were affected. It is now extremely difficult to effect sales, and the prediction is heard that the market is on the verge of a serious break. This is not the general opinion, however. That more business has not taken place is due to the firm position taken by shippers, who refuse to concede anything in the way of lower prices. Canadian goods have, under the circumstances, continued remarkably strong, and sales in pine and spruce are being made at high prices. The predicted fall in spruce, as a result of the large stock at some of the leading ports, has not taken place. Quebec spruce has maintained its value at about the opening prices of last year. There is no apprehension entertained by holders of these dea's, except perhaps as regards 2 inch and 2 1/2 inch stocks, which are moving rather slowly. The freight market is easier, with much less demand for vessels than was the case twelve months ago.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

At Minneapolis No. 1 white pine lath is quoted at \$3.50 and mixed at \$3.

R. J. Wilson has purchased the stock of lumber from T. A. Patrick, of Elgin, Man.

The barque Passeportout is loading lumber at Barnet, B. C., for Southern California.

Hemlock lath is selling in Pittsburg at \$2.75 per thousand, a sharp advance over usual quotations.

The Rat Portage Lumber Company, of Rat Portage, Ont., are said to have taken out 50,000,000 feet of logs this season.

The Newville Lumber Company, of Newville, N. S., have taken out 72,000 logs during the past winter, as well as a quantity of spars, piling, and pit timber.

S. P. Benjamin, of Wolfville, N. S., has secured a large cut of logs this winter. He had nine camps on the headwaters of the Avon river, the total cut being 12,000,000 feet.

George F. Jackson, of Buffalo, has secured a contract to deliver a stock of about 1,500,000 feet of hemlock to parties in Montreal as soon as the lakes shall open. The stock is mostly 12 x 12 stuff, and comes from Alpena and other Lake Huron ports of Michigan.

The American Lumberman reports the sale by a Wisconsin mill of five car loads of Nos. 1 and 2 Norway piece stuff, to be delivered via the Canadian Pacific in Northern Ontario.

Flm timber, ex Florida, from Quebec, was recently sold by auction in London at the following prices: 34 pcs. 14-25 ft. 10-13 in., 50s per load of 50 cubic feet; 10 pcs. 13-20 ft. 13-22 in., 60s; 31 pcs. 11-24 ft. 10-20 in., 52s 6d.

Poupore & Malone have purchased 12,000,000 feet of hemlock, spruce and pine timber for the construction of the new pier to be erected of Maisonneuve. In addition, they have on hand 1,000,000 feet of oak which will also be used for the work.

ST. JOHN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The following shipments of lumber by vessel were made from the port of St. John, N.B., for the week ending March 30th: Per schooner Frank W., for Boston—114,000 feet spruce boards, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Per schooner G. Walter Scott, for Boston—98,183 feet spruce boards, by Andre Cushing & Co. Per schooner Dunmore, for Cardiff, Eng.—1,196,892 feet deals, 117,464 feet scantling, 77,485 feet ends, by W. M. Mackay. Per str. Loyalist, for London—260 stds. of deals, 2,000 pieces elm lumber and 294 bundles hardwood lumber. Per Teelin Head, for Dublin—351,874 feet deals, by W. M. Mackay. Per str. Lake Champlain, for Liverpool—1,500 pieces maple blocks, by Mitchell Bros., 1,954 bales pulp, by Maritime Sulphite Fibre Co., 796,920 feet deals and battens, 9,207 feet scantling, 3,535 feet ends, 33,760 feet boards, 372 tons birch timber, by W. M. Mackay; 6,000 bundles box shooks, by A. Cushing & Co.; 10,660 maple blocks, by Troop & Son. Per sch. Annie Laura, for City Island, 132,222 deals, by Chas. Miller. Per sch. D.W.B., for Boston, 23,000 deals, 114,717 plank, 3,135 scantling, by A. Cushing & Co. Per sch. Jennie C., for Vineyard Haven, 135,643 plank, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Per sch. Abbie and Eva Hooper, for City Island, 59,823 plank, 157,066 deals, 459,000 laths, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Per sch. W. H. Waters, for Beverley, 79,406 pine boards, 24,053 do plank, 3,340 pickets, 20,256 spruce plank, 30,269 do scantling, by A. Cushing & Co. Per sch. Progress, for Boston, 103,262 boards, by Chas. Miller. Per sch. Veletta, for Boston, 141,611 boards, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Per sch. Annie Harper, for Boston, 121,259 planks, 946 deals, 1,328 scantling, by A. Cushing & Co. Per sch. Swallow, for Salem fo, 561,000 laths, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. Per sch. Fanny, for Boston, 123,379 plank, 6,279 scantling, by A. Cushing & Co. Per sch. Pansy, for Boston, 111,706 boards, by Stetson, Cutler & Co.

Jasper Martin's saw mill at Hillsdale, Ont., was destroyed by fire recently.

TIMBER SALE AT DUBLIN.

At an auction sale of wood goods held by Locke & Woods, Dublin, Ireland, on March 14th, Canadian deals, etc., brought the following prices, per Irish standard:

QUEBEC SPRUCE DEALS.—12 ft. 9 x 3 in., £14 10s to £15; 11-12 ft. 10 x 3, £14 2s 6d; 13-16 ft. 8x3, £13 5s; 12 ft. 11x3, £14; 12-16 ft. 13x3, £13 10s; 12-15 ft. 14x3, £13 12s 6d; 12-16 ft. 14-18x3, £13 10s; 8-12 ft. 6-7x1 1/2, £14 12s 6d; 12 ft. 5x2, £13; 12-16 ft. 5x2, £13 7s 6d; 16-23 ft. 5x2, £13 15s; 10-14 ft. 7x2, £23 12s 6d; 15-17 ft. 7x2, £13 7s 6d; 18-23 ft. 7 x 2, £14 5s.

DALHOUSIE AND ST. JOHN SPRUCE—10-22 ft. 9x2, £14 2s 6d to £14 15s; 15-22 ft. 7x4, £14 2s 6d; 15-17 ft. 8x4, £13 10s; 10-17 ft. 11x4, £14; 12-15 ft. 7x3, £13 2s 6d.

BAY VERTE SPRUCE 12 ft. 9x3 in., £13 7s 6d; 13-17 ft. 11x3, £13 2s 6d.

QUEBEC WHITE PINE BOARDS—12-16 ft. 10x1, 2 1/2 d per cubic ft.; 10-11x3 1/4, 3d; 13 x 3/4, 2 3/4 d; 17-19x3 1/4, 3d.

QUEBEC WHITE PINE DEAS—12-16 ft. 8-12x1 1/2, £33 per std; 12 ft. 8-14x1 1/2, £38; 12-18 ft. 8-10x2, £37; 16 ft. 8-12x2, £39; 12-16 ft. 13x2, £38 10s; 12-17 ft. 14-24x2, £39 10s; 12-18 ft. 7x4, £16 10s; 18-22 ft. 7x4, £17 17s 6d; 11-16 ft. 8x4, £18; 17-20 ft. 8x4, £21.

QUEBEC RED PINE DEALS—14 ft. 9x3, £21; 9-16 ft. 7x3, £17; 18 ft. 7x3, £17 5s; 11-23 ft. 8x3, £17 10s.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA SPRUCE—14 ft. 8x3, £7 15s; 12 ft. 9x3, £13 15s.

THE BARBADOES MARKET.

Concerning the Barbadoes lumber market Messrs. Clairmonte, Man & Company say: "There is still a good demand for both spruce and white pine lumber. Latest local sales have been at \$24 for merchantable white pine, \$18 for second quality, \$21.50 for merchantable spruce and \$17.50 for second quality. Gaspe cedar shingles are in supply. The last arrival was 220 M, which we valued at \$3.50. Last sales of cedar laying have been at \$2.16, and spruce laying at \$2.08."

The R. Laidlaw Lumber Company are reported to have made a charter of a vessel to carry lumber from Ashland to Buffalo at \$2.25. A rate of \$2.50 for first cargoes is being asked.

The suspension is announced of the Cheap Wood Company, Limited, of 72 Bishopsgate street, Within, London, E. C. The company handled all kinds of house building material, interior fittings, etc., and among the creditors are a number of lumber importers. The liabilities are stated to be £50,000, and the assets about £40,000. The firm of Thornham, Reynoldson & Company, of Hull, are also said to have made an assignment, with assets exceeding liabilities by about £10,000.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The steamer Mavisbrock has been chartered to carry deals from Halifax, N.S., to w.c. England, at 43s 6d.

The schooner D. J. Melanson is loading lumber at Annapolis, N.S., for Porto Rico. The bark Frederica is loading at the same port for Havana.

The Trade Bulletin of Montreal reports the charter of a steamer to carry deals at 50s from that port to the United Kingdom, and several engagements by the regular liners at 46s 3d to 47s 6d.

The New Brunswick Government will offer for sale on April 10th a 2 1/2 mile timber berth on the river George, a branch on the Nerepis river. The applicant is W.H. Woods.

Mr. R. Wells, saw mill, North Arm, B. C., has been succeeded by the South Vancouver Lumber Manufacturing Company, Limited.

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