Lumber Prices Steadily Going Lower and Lower

Reduction of $5 to $8 Per Thousand Since Middle of March—Shingles Easier.

New price lists going out from the lumber dealers are showing moderate cuts from early spring prices of lumber, lath and shingles, especially of stock from the British Columbia mills. Cedar shingles have dropped 50c a thousand in the last few days, and quotations on common fir lumber show a drop of $3 a thousand for the last month. Some grades of British Columbia lumber show a reduction of from $5 to $8 a thousand since the middle of March.

A. E. Masuret, a dealer in British Columbia lumber, said that the embargo against the shipping of Canadian cars to the States was the main factor in weakening the price.

British Columbia mills could not get United States cars for loading, with the result that there was more stock for the eastern Canadian trade. The embargo has now been lifted, and there is a possibility that prices will stiffen again, he said.

When the embargo became effective the shingle mills, which had been making 5-X shingles for the United States trade, started making 3-X shingles, which is the kind mostly in demand in Ontario. This extra supply has given an easier tone to the shingle market here. British Columbia cedar shingles are now retailing in Toronto around $7.40, against $8.40 six weeks ago. Mill-run of spruce or Jack pine lath are selling around $14, a drop recently of $2 a thousand. Lumber dealers say lath will be plentiful very shortly, and the price is likely to ease still more. No. 1 common fir, selling a month ago around $63 and $64 is selling at $61. Other grades show a similar reduction.

Childhood Constipation

Constipation is one of the most common ailments of childhood and the child suffering from it cannot thrive. To keep the children well the bowels must be kept regular and the stomach sweet. To do this nothing can equal Baby's Own Tablets. They are a mild but thorough laxative; are absolutely safe and never fail to relieve constipation and indigestion; colds and simple fever. Concerning them Mrs. Jules Fauquereau, Nominingue, Que., writes: "My baby was terribly constipated and suffered day and night, I was advised to give him Baby's Own Tablets and from the first they helped him and now at the age of thirteen months he is a big, healthy, happy boy." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

GILEAD

There was no church service at this appointment on Sunday.

The farmers have certainly taken advantage of the lovely weather and quite a number are through seeding. We are badly in need of a rain now to help the gardens, etc.

Mrs. M. Hodgen, Latta, is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. J. T. Yorke.

The cheese factory has commenced operations again and the milk wagons are making their usual trips.

The W.M.S. is holding its meeting at the home of Mrs. John Lidster on Wednesday afternoon. A goodly attendance is requested.

Mrs. J. F. Yorke, Miss Nellie and Mrs. M. Hodgen visited on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hodgen, at Carmel.

Arbor Day was observed at the school on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yorke, called at the home of Mr. W. Clare on Sunday evening.

BIG ISLAND

Miss G. Thompson returned home on Tuesday having spent five weeks at the Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo.

We are pleased to report that little Miss Dorothy Clement is convalescing after her recent operation for appendicitis at Picton hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Peck spent Sunday with friends at Brighton.

A number from the Island enjoyed the concert given by the ladies' quartette of Pictno at Demorestville on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Peck, and Miss elen Peck spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. Black, Solmesville.

J. Earl Kerr spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kerr.

CROOKSTON

There was a large attendance at both Sunday school and church on Sunday afternoon.

A number from our vicinity spent Saturday in Belleville.

Misses E. Alger and Stella Bateman of Farnsworth Corners visited Mrs. Carl Holland on Sunday.

Miss Emma Morgan, of O.B.C., Belleville, spent the week-end under the parental roof.

Miss Sarah Morgan and friend visited Miss Margaret Reid Sunday evening.

A few of the friends and relatives of Mrs. George Dafoe attended the shower held at Mr. Dafoe's home, West Huntingdon, on Friday evening last.

Mrs. J. Elliott, of Tweed, spent a few days last week with Mrs. W. E. Tummon.

Everything promises well for the Big Race Meet at Picton on Victoria Day, Monday, May 24th, as horses have already arrived there from Montreal, Belleville, Trenton and other outside points. And Dr. Herrington, Secretary of the Race Committee, states that, in all his years' experience, never have prospects been as good for good races as this year. There will also be an afternoon of enjoyment for baseball fans, as there will be a hummer of a game between Napanee and Picton. We advise all our readers who can to take in PICTON'S BIG VICTORIA DAY CELEBRATION.

Talk of the Town And of the Country

At St. Andrew's Young People's Guild on Monday evening, Mr. Harold Reid, gave an interesting talk on the wireless telegraph and telephone

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The schooner Horace Caber arrived in port today with coal for Allen's.

Mr. A. Burgoyne, livery man, met with an accident to his automobile last night while driving along Pinnacle street. Owing to the excavation for the pavement, there was protruding some piping or grating and this struck the transmission section of the rear axle of his car. The transmission was badly damaged. Repairs will cost considerable.

The ladies of the staff of the Ritchie Company to the number of thirty, feel very much indebted to the local management of the Griffin Amusement Company for complimentary tickets to last night's performance. The pictures were greatly appreciated.

Today's police court was a blank, there having been no arrests during the night.

Mr. John Donovan left his McLaughlin runabout on Victoria Ave. at 9.30 last night. Later it was taken away by some person unknown The police located it on the Cannifton Road out of gasoline. It had been abandoned after having been driven a considerable distance. The car was not damaged.

Twenty-one boys from Queen Alexandra School who have been unable to swim were given instruction by Mr. Angus Buchanan at the "Y" pool yesterday afternoon. Today the Q.V.S. boys will take instructions and St. Michael's and Grier street boys on Friday. Girls' day at the Y.M.C.A. has been changed to Thursday.

Belleville will loom large at the annual convention of the British Empire to be held at Toronto, Sept. 14th to 17th, 1920. This is the first time that this highly important congress has ever convened in Canada. Of the 36 resolutions forwarded from all over the British Empire, Belleville Chamber of Commerce will present no less than eleven. The subjects of the Belleville resolutions are,—Development of the Resources of the British Empire, Maintenance of Mercantile Marine, Operation of Public Utilities by municipalities, Commercial Relations between Mother Country and Overseas Dominions, Forwarding Freight as far as possible in British Bottoms, Commercial Aviation, Consolidation of Commercial Laws, Defence of the Empire, Uniformity of Citizenship throughout the Empire, Commercial Education and Fixing Date for Thanksgiving on Nov. 11. The Belleville delegates will be Lt. Col W. N. Ponton, Mr. R. J. Graham and Mr. Ernest P. Fredericks, Secretary-Manager of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Fredericks will personally present the first three of the above resolutions to the congress.

Don't let the badness of your neighbors worry you: they might be worse.

THOSE MAY-DAY PLOTS

Written for The Ontario by

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The expected happened on May day, which was nothing out of the ordinary, Mr. A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general of the U.S., to the contrary notwithstanding, and we doubt very much whether anything dreadful was intended to happen. We just simply can't get it into our head that Mr. Palmer is the savior of this nation. Rather he sounds to us like a false alarm. It is to the interest of those reporting to Mr. Palmer—to the interest of bureaucrasy—to make the situation as serious as it is possible to make it; but, at the same time, it is to the interest of the people not to make too much of these things. If we don't look out, not this Bolsheviki, but the blue funk will get us.

We still have faith in the hard horse sense of the great majority of the American people. They went through the fire and stood the acid test in war time. Alarmists insisted on telling us of the enemy plots that would result in universal uprisings against our going to war; that as soon as any number of our young men left for the other side, the revolution would be upon us sure enough. Fiction writers employed their talents to frighten us. For war purposes the recurrent scares may have their uses. The enemy within the gates was willing enough no doubt, but the atmosphere was against him; he could not get the most cunningly planned of his schemes off the ground.

We are at peace, de facto if not de jure. A solemn duty rests upon publicists and leaders of thought, on politicians even, if they can be included in the latter definition, of getting us away from the war thought, from the spirit of revenge from exaggeration, from seeing red. As the premier of Italy insisted a week ago, the world must learn to laugh again.

This nation is not what it was four or five years ago. It has been imbued with new ideas, new desires and new ambitions. The reaction from war has left a deep impression. Respect for authority is our thoughts. Life is held cheap. Ordinary conversation is pitched in a different key. We have not escaped the fervor of unrest that is shaking Europe; but with us the fervor has a poor soil we have something to look forward to. We are not weighed down to a life of slavery with huge debts bearing down on us and our properties gone from us. Our outlook is entirely different, industrially and politically.

Revolutionists are abroad, unquestionably; we have a poly glot population; we left the latch string on the outside too many years at Castle Garden for us to be wholly safe from the inoculation of the red germ. But the base is safe, the heart of America is sound. This is a comparatively free country, despite restrictions that have lingered in the lap of peace. Our government is not dependent on an army. All the revolutions in Europe arose within the armies which held the balance of power. How different is it in this land!

Grave trouble will come upon us if times are hard, if labor is unemployed, if want prevails in the great centers. But these things need not come if we fail to go forward without fear and have faith in the sound sense of our fellow men. Remove the clasp from public utterances, let the safety valve go to working again And, Mr. Palmer, please give us a rest.

Obituary

MRS. JOHN SPENCER

After a prolonged illness of months, Phoebe Minaker, wife of John A. Spencer, was called to her reward, Monday May 3rd. Of a naturally cheerful disposition, cultivated and matured by a sacrificing Christian life of over eighty years, deceased proved her faith and fortitude during all her sufferings by continuous patience. Born in the township of Athol, Jan. 5th, 1837, she was a true type of the daughter of the stalwart pioneer stock. She was married in March, 1856 to John A. Spencer, who still survives, mourning as a fond husband must, the wife and partner of over sixty-four years.

Two sons and a daughter were born in this happy home, but the latter was left but a short time, being called beyond at two years of age. Finlay the eldest of the family now resides as a government official at Burwash, while Elwood remains as a faithful farmer upon the old homestead.

The family circle has so extended through a third generation as to include five grandchildren and two great grand children and seldom are grandparents more affectionate towards their descendants than were the aged couple whom we honor in this sketch. The funeral was largely attended, being held at the family home on Wednesday, May 5th. Rev. L. M. Sharpe spoke feelingly and appropriately upon the bright heritage she leaves, taking as his text, Matt. VI 28, "Consider the lilies." Interment took place at Albury.

LAID TO REST

MRS. E. CHESEBROUGH

The funeral of the late Mrs. E. Chesebrough took place from the residence of Mr. J. A. Goodsell, Moira St., Thursday afternoon, May 6th, at 4 o'clock. The services were conducted at the home by the Venerable Archdeacon Beamish of St. Thomas' Church, interment at Belleville cemetery. Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. E. G. Taylor and one grandson, J. C. Taylor, of Durham, N.C.

The pall bearers were J. A. Goodsell, E. G. Taylor, H. C. Trumpour, T. H. Horner, F. S. Wallbridge and T. Marshall.

The floral designs were many and beautiful, following is a list:

Pillow, from the family.

Cross, Mrs. S. D. Trumpour.

Gates Ajar, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bissett and family.

Bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Goodsell.

Crescent, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Gallagher and family.

Wreath, S. I. Cannada, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. King, T. H. Horner.

Cross, S. A. L. employees.

Bouquet, Mrs. R. A. Honeycutt.

Cross, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. McLead

Crescent, Women's Auxiliary, St. Philips Church.

AMELIASBURG, 3RD CON.

Tuesday, May 11—Mr. and Mrs. Percy White, Sidney, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Adams.

Mr. C. N. Adams who has been in the Belleville hospital for over two weeks, returned home last Wednesday evening. While he was in the hopsital, Dr. Gibson performed an operation on his foot for the removal of a diseased toe. He is at present gaining rapidly although yet unable to step on that foot.

Mother's Day was duly observed in our Sunday School. The school is doing excellent work under the able leadership of Mr. E. J. Blekely.

Mr. Arnold Mastin is at present wearing that smile that won't come off. The stork called last Friday evening, May 9th and left a fine baby boy. Congratulations. Mother and child are both doing well.

Mrs. William Way, Consecon, is spending some time with her daughter.

Rev. and Mrs. Campbell and children spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. George Alyea.

Arbor Day was observed in the school on Thursday last.

Mrs. Bessie Adams is suffering from a very severe attack of quinsey

Mrs. Edgar Alyea entertained Salem W.M.S. last Wednesday afternoon. It was the meeting for the settling up of the year's business and also for the election of officers for the coming year. A substantial increase in members and funds was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Delong spent Saturday in Trenton.

Mrs. Blanche Gamble is nursing Mrs. Mastin.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alyea spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sager.

Seeding is about completed in this neighborhood and now everybody is wishing for a nice warm rain.

Mr. Wray Carley purchased a new "McLaughlin Six."

Nights of Agony come in the train of asthma. The victim cannot lie down and sleep is driven from his brain. Whate grateful relief is the immediate effect of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy. It banishes passages and enables the afflicted the frightful conditions, clears the one to again sleep as soundly and restfully as a child. Insist on the genuine at your nearby druggist.

THE MARKETS

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, May 11. — Quotations on the Board of Trade Saturday were as follows:

Manitoba Wheat (in Store Ft. William).
No. 1 northern, $2.80.
No. 2 northern, $2.77.
No. 3 northern, $2.73.

American Corn (Track Toronto; Prompt Shipment).
No. 3 yellow, $2.27, nominal.

Ontario Oats (According to Freights Outside).
No. 3 white, $1.05 to $1.07.

Ontario Wheat (f.o.b. Shipping Points According to Freights).
No. 1 winter, per car lot, $2 to $2.01.
No. 2 winter, per car lot, $1.98 to $2.01.
No. 3 winter, per car lot, $1.93 to $1.98.
No. 1 spring, per car lot, $2.02 to $2.03.
No. 2 spring, per car lot, $1.98 to $2.01.
No. 3 spring, per car lot, $1.95 to $2.01.

Peas (According to Freights Outside).
No. 2, $3.

Barley.
Malting, $1.87 to $1.89.

Buckwheat.
No. 2, $1.75 to $1.80.

Rye (According to Freights Outside.
No. 3, $2.15 to $2.20.

Ontario Flour (in Jute Bags, Prompt Shipment).
Government standard, nominal Montreal, nominal Toronto.

Millfeed (Car Lots, Delivered Montreal Freights, Bags Included.
Bran, per ton, $52; shorts, per ton, $61; good feed flour, per bag, $3.75 to $4.

Hay (Track Toronto).
No. 1, per ton, $30 to $31; mixed, per ton, $25.

Straw.
Car lots, per ton, $10 to $17.

Farmers' Market.
Fall wheat, No. 2, nominal.
Spring wheat, No. 2, nominal.
Goose wheat, No. 2, nominal.
Barley—Malting and feed, nominal.
Oats, nominal.
Buckwheat, nominal.
Rye—According to sample, nominal.
Peas—According to sample, nominal.
Hay—Timothy, mixed and clover, nom-

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

A. L. Hudson & Co., Standard Bank Building, report the following prices on the Chicago Board of Trade:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prvs. Close.
Rye—					
May ...	220½	229	220¾	229	221
July ...	306	315½	307¾	315	308
Corn—					
May ...	189½	194⅞	189½	194½	190
July ...	171	176¾	170¾	174⅞	171⅞
Sept. ...	161¼	165½	160¾	162⅞	161⅛
Oats—					
May ...	104½	107½	104½	107⅛	105
July ...	92	94¾	91¾	94	92⅛
Sept. ...	80	78	76	77¾	76⅛
Pork—					
May ...	.....	.....	.....	n36.20	36.00
July ...	36.75	37.50	36.75	37.20	36.35
Lard—					
May ...	20.30	20.75	20.30	20.75	.....
July ...	21.20	21.65	21.15	21.60	21.30
Sept. ...	21.90	22.47	21.90	22.45	21.97
Ribs—					
May ...	18.15	18.30	18.15	18.30	.....
July ...	18.97	19.20	18.85	19.20	18.90
Sept. ...	19.45	20.05	19.45	20.05	19.47

CATTLE MARKETS

UNION STOCK YARDS.

TORONTO, May 11. — With about 3800 cattle on sale at the Union Yards, there was a good demand for all classes.

The market opened a little slow, but trade became more brisk, and good and choice butchers sold at steady prices, with the best day last week.

There was a strong inquiry for all classes of fat cattle, and for breedy feeding steers for the grass. Thin, young cows are selling high for grazing purposes. For milch cows and springers we had a good trade for the better class.

The bull market was steady. On the whole, we had a satisfactory market, and the outlook for steady to higher prices.

EAST BUFFALO LIVE STOCK.

East Buffalo, N.Y., May 10.—Cattle receipts, 2,200; heavy, slow; others 25c to 50c higher; shipping steers, $13.50 to $14; butchers, $9 to $13.50; yearlings, $12.50 to $14; heifers, $6 to $11; cows, $4 to $10.50; bulls, $7 to $10.50; stockers and feeders, $7.50 to $10; fresh cows and springers, $65 to $150.

Calves—Receipts 3,000; 50c lower; $6 to $15.75.

Hogs—Receipts 8,000; good, 15c to 25c lower. Heavy, $15.15 to $15.25; mixed, $15 to $16.10; yorkers and light do., $16 to $16.25; pigs, $16; roughs, $12 to $12.50; stags, $7 to $8.50.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 5,000; steady. Lambs, $8 to $19.25; yearlings, $12 to $16.50; wethers, $14 to $14.50; ewes, $8 to $13.50; mixed sheep, $13.50 to $14.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, May 10.—Cattle—Receipts, 21,000; medium and heavy beef steers, slow, mostly 25c lower; light and yearlings, steady to lower; top yearlings, $13.75; top heavy cattle, $13.65; bulk, $11.50 to $13.40; butcher stock, generally steady; supply light; veal calves steady; bulk, $11.50 to $12.50; stockers and feeders steady.

Hogs—Receipts 42,000; mostly 10c to 25c higher; medium, advancing most; top, $15.60; bulk light, $15.35 to $15.40; bulk, 250 pounds and over, $14.10 to $14.90; pigs, steady to 25c lower; bulk, 100 to 125 pounders, $13.50 to $14.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 6000; unevenly strong to 25c higher; spot more; choice shorn lambs, $10.35; bulk shorn lambs, $17.50; to $19; good, 102 pound shorn lambs, $15; few prime shorn ewes, $13.50.

Sunday Cars Run In London, Ont.

LONDON, Ont., May 11. — The agreement between the London Street Railway and the City Council in regard to a Sunday car service having expired, Vice-Chairman Ingram of the Railway Board, who is acting manager of the railway, took the law into his own hands and ordered the cars to run as usual Sunday. Mr. Ingram made many friends by his action, and, while it was announced that if the people made any complaint, the Sunday service would not be continued until the city and the company had again come to terms, no complaints were heard.

Central Arabia Emir Killed.

LONDON, May 11. — Ibn Rassid, Emir of Hail, one of the principal rulers of Central Aarbia, has been assassinated. The killing of the Emir is believed to have been the outcome of a tribal affair, and not of a political nature. Numerous members of his family have been assassinated for several generations past.

The Emir was allied with the Turks during the war.

The Toronto baseball team are now in second place.

Fred Matthews has been appointed Fire Chief of Brockville at $1,400 salary.

SINCLAIR'S

May Time Showing of Voile Blouses

The warm Summer days make double demand for Blouses. The sheer sorts are wanted, for their coolness as well as their daintiness. And then every woman wants double the usual number, because they must go into the tub so often, and one never has enough. We are showing the most wanted kinds of the most suitable fabrics for warm days,—cool, dainty and comfortable; but also nicely made and durable. The prices range from **$3.50 to $16.50 each.**

Cretonne Your Furniture

for the double purpose—now. First to beautify your home— to give it a cool refreshing appearance—and to give it the colorful daintiness that Cretonnes always create. And then, another equally good reason—to protect the furniture from Summer's dust and wear, so that it may come out fresh and new again in the fall. Here are the best Cretonnes for you to make up yourself ar have made up, priced from **45c yard to $2.75 yard.**

New Veils

Any Hat will be much more becoming when draped with a fetching new Veil. Here are Veils in fancy meshes and decorative with their scroll embroidery designs. All are moderate in price.

Purses and Bags

It is easy to choose a Purse or Bag from this large collection for in it are included the newest fancies as well as the staple styles that change but little. Prices from **75c up.**

A Coat

—is frequently necessary even in Summer and for those occasions as well as for these May days you will appreciate a Coat that is comfortably light and stylish. Most of our offerings achieve style by pleats or belts, and when it is a question of sleeves, one may choose regular or set in effects. Prices from — **$15.00 to $97.50.**

Children's Tub Frocks

Little Girls simply can't help liking these Gingham Dresses for they are so atractively styled and their patterns are so cheery. Mothers like them for their fine tubbing qualities and the long and satisfactory way they wear. Sizes 2 to 14 years, priced **$1.50 to $8.50 each.** A special collection of Dress and Bloomer Suits for Girls of 2, 4 and 6 years. Made from a good Poplin in pink, white and blue. Priced **$2.50 and $3.00 Suit.**

Patent Leather Belts

—are shown in the new narrow style in a large variety of color combinations. Priced 25c to 75c each.

Middie Ties

Triangular Middie Ties, made from a good quality Silk may be had in black, navy, red and paddy, at **$1.00 each.**

Dainty Voiles

The Season's newest designs and colorings are all included in this showing of dainty sheer Voiles for Summer Wear. Prices are very moderate.

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