

th 19 for the same period last year. Bar cedar logs are now selling in Vancouver at \$10.

A fortnight ago the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association announced an increase in the price of several grades of lumber. Rough and common fir, formerly quoted at \$10 to \$7.50, was raised \$1 per M, and is now quoted at \$11 to \$18.50. Dressed fir lumber, common S. I. S., formerly quoted at \$7, is now \$12, and shiplap, formerly \$12, now \$12. Cedar boat lumber, double-essed, 2nd quality, up to 20 feet, was advanced \$5 to \$25 to \$30. Shingles were advanced from \$1.25 and \$1.75 to \$1.50 and \$2.

UNITED STATES.

All kinds of lumber continue to show an upward tendency in the United States, and although prices are exceptionally high, it has not resulted in a perceptible falling off in the demand. Dry stocks are badly broken at manufacturing and wholesale centres, but the probability of an early sawing season will soon relieve the situation. Following the recent advance of two dollars in the price of upper select at Bay City and Saginaw, we are told that an advance in the price of pop lumber will be made this week. This excess of lumber is exceedingly scarce and enquiries are being received by dealers in large manufacturing concerns. From Chicago comes the report that sales of pop pine stuff have been made at \$14.50 for early delivery, and that holders are now asking \$15. This is the highest price which pine piece stuff has ever been bid in that market. There is an active demand for hardwoods and consumers now have a disposition to buy for the future. There is a good call for maple, while it is almost impossible to secure 1 1/4 inch oak. Short hemlock is quoted in Chicago at \$10.75 to \$11, and long at \$12.50 to \$13, with the demand greater than the mills can supply. White cedar is stronger. At a meeting of the price list committee of the Northwestern Cedarman's Association held at Marinette, Wis., on March 24th, it was reported that the cut of logs had been curtailed fully 25 per cent. As a result it was decided to recommend immediate advances as follows: One cent on 5 to 7-inch 7-foot posts; 1/2 cent on 3-inch posts; 2 cents on 7-inch; 5 cents on 8-inch; 3 and 5 cents on 10-foot lengths; 5 cents on 12, 14 and 16-foot lengths. Telegraph poles were raised 5 cents and ring one cent. Star shingles were advanced from \$2.20 to \$2.90, and standards from \$2.10 to \$2.30.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Recent advices from Great Britain do not tell of a very flourishing condition of the lumber trade. The heavy losses sustained last year have had the effect of making dealers extremely cautious, and there has been little buying beyond the actual needs of their business. The tightness of money and the quietness in the building trade have also affected the volume of business. Prices generally show no improvement, but Canadian timber seems disposed to break away from the depression governing the trade at present. There has been of late a slight improvement in white pine. Glasgow has bought Quebec white pine deals at from only shillings to thirty shillings per standard more than last season's quotations. There is no difficulty in placing regular sizes, but for irregular lots a fluctuation in price must be made in order

to effect a sale. Spruce deals are steady. Such dimensions as 3 x 11 and 3 x 9 are exceedingly scarce. Spruce battens have sold well under the hammer, a parcel of 3 x 7 unassorted, from Saguenay, Quebec, averaging £7 12s 6d per standard, as compared with £7 2s 6d one week previous.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The Merrill & Ring Company, of Duluth, Minn., last week sold 14,000,000 feet of No. 3 and better pine, the first of this year's cut.

The cut of logs in the district of East Kootenay, B. C., during the past winter was greater than for many years, aggregating over 200,000 logs.

Lumbermen at River Hebert and Shulee, N. S., lost a large quantity of logs and piling through the breaking of dams and booms by last week's freshet.

The corporation of Napanee, Ont., is asking for tenders up to April 21st for supply of pine sidewalk plank and three inch stringers, the latter of cedar.

C. Reid's Sons, of Bothwell, Ont., have purchased the timber on a 550 acre lot near their mills at Bothwell. They have three years in which to move the timber.

It is reported that the Turner Lumber Company, of Midland, Ont., have disposed of their season's cut of pine to Skillings, Whitney & Barnes, of Ogdensburg, N. Y.

W. B. Dickson, who represents W. M. Mackay, of St. John, in Albert county, N. B., reports that the cut of logs this season in that county will aggregate about 40,000,000 feet.

The Munro Lumber Company, of Pembroke, Ont., have 100 cribs of timber ready to take to the water for shipment to Quebec. The timber is at Seven League Lake.

The tender of the Rathbun Company has been accepted for the supply of lumber to the city of Kingston, Ont., at the following prices: Two and three inch lumber, \$18.85 per M feet; 1 and 1 1/2 feet, \$18.85; cedar sleepers, 2 1/4 cents per lineal foot.

James Rac, of Ahmic Harbor, Ont., writes that on account of the early break-up of winter, some pine and hardwood logs have been left in the woods. The hardwood mills in that vicinity are fairly well stocked with logs and will soon be running again.

At Buffalo dealers are asking \$4.50 for best grade white pine shingles and \$4.25 for red cedar Perfections, and some dealers are even talking about asking higher prices. In the Saginaw valley white pine are quoted at \$2.60 to \$3.90 and cedar at \$2.00 to \$2.75.

For the supply of 54,000 lineal feet of hemlock deals to the city of St. John, N.B., tenders were submitted as follows: J. M. Driscoll, \$10.75 per M; George McKean, \$9.50; John E. Moore & Company, \$9.00, the latter being accepted. F. E. Sayre & Company offered to supply 133 tons of hemlock timber at \$4.50 per ton, and 90 tons of red pine at \$6.00 per ton. Murray & Gregory will supply 3,000 square yards of spruce blocks at 50 cents per yard.

The following references to the Barbaodes market is found in the report of S. P. Musson, Son & Co., dated March 15th: "The only landing to note is the 'Neve,' from Bear River, N. S., with 58,000 feet second quality white pine, which was sold at \$15.60. There are full stocks of both white pine and spruce, but dealers show

a willingness to buy at about late rates. We had the "Onora" from Liverpool, N. S., on 9th inst., but dispatched her to Demarara under an offer of \$27.00 for 46,000 feet shipping, \$22.00 for 41,000 feet second quality white pine, and \$22.00 for 47,000 feet hemlock. No receipts of any kind of shingles have taken place, but there is little inquiry.

There is not much start in the cooperage trade, says the American Lumberman, all slack shops being decidedly quiet and the demand for slight work not being large. There is a scarcity of tierce staves and fewer slack hoops than of other things in that trade. Flour mills are running much slower than is common this spring, as the export demand for flour is very light. Slack quotations by jobbers at Buffalo are as follows: \$7.75 to \$8 for first class, \$4.24 to \$4.50 for second class; basswood heading, 5/8 to 5/4 cents for first class, 3/4 to 3/8 cents for second class; coiled hoops, \$8.50 to \$8.75 for 6-foot, \$8.00 to \$8.50 for 5 1-2 foot, \$5 for hickories. In tight work \$29 for tierce staves, \$19 for heading, \$12.50 for hoops, \$22 for pork staves, \$16 for heading, \$10.50 for hoops.

A report of the hemlock market at North Tonawanda, N. Y., says: "The market gives promise of becoming more remunerative this season than for some years; the demand is strong and prices are advancing in both Pennsylvania and Michigan stock. The new price list that became operative several weeks ago is stronger than some dealers expected it would be. While stock is decidedly scarce with most dealers it is not expected that the situations will continue embarrassing in this respect much longer. Mills in the west and in Pennsylvania have begun to operate with all the vigor possible and stock should be moving more freely in another month at the latest. The base price of piece stuff is \$14.50. A local dealer who is acquainted with the situation at the mills in Michigan states that \$10 is being secured for 16 foot boards and under, white boards 18 feet and from 22 to 24 feet in length are bringing \$11 and \$12.50 respectively."

SPRUCE DEALS IN IRELAND.

A correspondent of the Timber News, Liverpool, England, thus refers to the spruce situation and the opinion of the timber trade in Ireland:

"Spruce deals continue high in price—too high, it is thought, to last. It is true, or rather alleged, that prices of material and labour in Canada have increased; even so, the increase in cost of production does not warrant, on a dull and declining 35s. freight, an £8. 5s. c.i.f. price, or anything near it, for spruce deals. The feeling in the timber trade in Ireland is that prices of Canadian goods will be very much cheaper later on, when the quantities of all kinds in view for shipment during the season will be more readily available for accurate computation. It is believed the quantities then ascertainable and ready for sale and shipment will be much larger than what can now be only roughly guessed at, and as a consequence lower prices are expected to rule. This has happened before, and we can only read the future by the past. There is one thing regrettably uppermost in the minds of distracted steamer managers and industrious shipbrokers, and it is that freights are not going to "boom" for

many months to come, if for years, in view of the total collapse and smash in the freight markets of the world. Timber importers can therefore reasonably calculate upon, for at least 1902, the cheapest freight market experienced since probably the dark freight days of 1885 and 1886, leaving thus only the probable f.o.b. prices to be considered. A large share of what is said of the increased cost of production in Canada may be perfectly true, and, we may venture to hint, some of it may be otherwise."

TRADE OPENINGS.

The following were among the enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the Canadian Government Office in London during the week ending 14th March, 1902. The names of the parties may be obtained from the publishers of this journal.

A London firm of wholesale and export cabinet makers ask to be referred to Canadian shippers of chair stock, seats, backs, legs, &c.

A commission agent at Newcastle with good connection wishes to hear from Canadian manufacturers desiring representation in that quarter.

The agency for a Canadian exporter of wood pulp is desired by a Brussels firm who could take up the representation for Belgium and Holland.

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The following shipments of lumber, etc., from Canadian ports are reported since last issue:

From Halifax, N. S.: Str. Hebe, for Preston, Eng., 879,327 feet deals, value \$9,400. Str. Alf, for London, 404,847 feet deals, value \$3647. Str. Ulanda, for St. John, Nfld., 14,591 feet lumber, value \$248.

From St. John, N. B.: Schr. James L. Malloy, for New York, 890,000 laths, by John E. Moore. Schr. Canadian, for St. Pierre, 72,401 feet boards, by L. G. Crosby. Barque Culdoon, for Las Pamas, 120,418 feet pine boards, 134,000 feet pine plank, 7,798 feet deals, 76,855 feet ends, by A. Cushing & Co. Str. Wyandotte, for London, 2000 bales pulp, by St. John Sulphite Pulp Co.; 500 crates veneer, by G. McKean. Str. Ionian, for Liverpool, 987,889 ft. spruce deals, 238,894 ft. birch deals. Schr. Romeo, for Newhaven, 23,531 ft. boards, 87,404 pine pickets, by A. Cushing & Co. Schr. Priscilla, for Newport, 8,781 ft. deals, 74,197 ft. plank, 68,435 ft. scantling, by A. Cushing & Co. Schr. A. P. Emerson, for City Island, 289,004 ft. deals, by A. Cushing & Co. Schr. Beaver, for Providence, 252,404 ft. plank, by A. Cushing & Co.

Freight rates are decidedly weak and the outlook for the coming season is not very promising for shipowners. Recent deal charters include the following: Str. Simonside, St. John, N. B., to w.c. England, 35s; str. Kinsdale, Halifax, N.S., to w.c. England, 36s 6d; barque Nino Frauega, 960 tons, Halifax to Cardiff or Swansea, 40s; Steamer Trunkby, Miramichi, N. B., to w.c. England, 40s, June sailing; str. 1,300 stds., St. John to w.c. England, 35s, June; Dalhousie, N. B., to Bowling, 800 stds., 40s; Riviere de Loup, Que., to Londonderry, 800 tons, deals, 42s 6d; Gaspé, Que., to w.c. England or c. c. Ireland, 280 tons, 41s 3d; Nova Scotia port to east Scotland, 330 stds., 43s 9d; St. Lawrence port to Preston, three steamers, June, July and August loading, 42s 6d.