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are in the log, with the exception of a fev small lots of the best grades for finishing work. The only exception, perhaps, to this rule, is in the case of one or two mills that took out the best of their cedar shingle bolts and cut small stocks of upper grade lumber from them. Our lumber is finding its way into United States markets on this coast and our hope is that the shipments will increase. The B. C. M. T. and T. Co. will shortly load a vessel for a foreign port at their New Westminster mills."

Emile Dube, Riviere du Loup Station, Que.: "Shingles are getting scarce and are sold at fully 25c. advance with success.

### LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

LUMBER freight rates for pine on the Grand Trunk Railway have been made a fixture, until, at least, April jotn, '895. Of any intended change after that date due notice will be given the lumbernen at a conference to be held in February.

General instructions in shipping by Grand Trunk are embodied in these words in the tariff schedule: On lumber in carloads, minimum weight, 30,000 lbs, per car, unles the marked capacity of the car be less, in which case the marked capacity (but not less than 24,000 lbs, will be charged, and must not be exceeded. Should it be impracticable to load certain descriptions of light lumber up to 30,000 lbs, to the car, then the actual weight only will be charged for, but not less than 24,000 lbs, to the rates on lumber in the tariff will not be bigher from an intermediate point on the straight run than from the first named point beyond, to the same destination. For instance, the rates from Tarn or Hepworth to Guelph, Brampton, Weston or Toronto, would not be bigher than the specific rates named from Wiarton to the same points. The rates from Cargill and Southampton to points east of Listowel and south and west of Stratford will be the same as from Kincardine, but in no case are higher rates to be charged than as per mileage table published on page 9 of tariff. Rates from leading lumber points on pine and other

Rates from leading lumber points on pine and other softwood lumber, shingles, etc., are as follows: From Glencairn, Creemore, Aurora, Barrie and other points in group B to Toronto, 65/c., Collingwood, Heetang, Coldwater, Waubauchene, Sturgeon Bay, Victoria Harbor, Midland, Fenelon Falls, Longford, Gravenhurst and other points in group C, to Torotto, 65/c.; Bracebridge to Toronto, 7c.; Utterson, Huntsville, Navor, Emsdale, Katrine to Toropto, 75/c.; Burk's Falls, Berrietale and Sundridge, to Toronto, 8c.; South River, Powassen and Callender to Toronto, 9c.; Nipissing Junction and North Bay, 10c. Rate from Goderich, Kincardine and Wiarton to Toronto, 65/c. These rates are per 100 lbs.; Rates from Toronto esst to Belleville and Prescott, 10c.; to Montreal and Ottawa, 11c. The rates on hardwoods average about from 1c. to 2c. per 100 lbs, higher than on softwoods. For rates on railway ties, mahogany, rosewood, walnut, Lerry, and other valuable woods, application must be made to the distruct freight agent.

On the Canadian Pacific the rates on pine and softwoods may be illustrated as follows: Cache Bay, North Bay, Sturgeon Falls and Warren, to Toronto, toc; Alguna, Cook's Mills, Massey, Spanish River and Whitefish to Toronto, 13c; Ottawa to Toronto, 10c From Ottawa, Hull, Aylmer and Duches ie Mills to station on the Lake Eric and Detroit River, Eric and Huron, Toronto, Hamilton and Bufalo, and Michigan Central Railways, the rate is 14/3c. per 10c lbs. Regulations apply as to minimum size of carload of 35,000 lbs., and an advanced rate is charged for hardwoods.

Lumber freight rates on the Canadian Atlantic Failway are as follows: Ottawa to Toronto, to cents per too lbs.; Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M fl., (3,000 lbs. and under per M fl.), Ottawa to Montreal, \$1.35 per M fl., (3,000 lbs. and under per M fl.); Armpror to Montreal, \$1.75 per M fl., (3,000 lbs. and under per M fl.); Ottawa to Quebec, to cents per too lbs.; Amprior to Quebec, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Otta va to Buffalo, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, track delivered 15 cents.; lightered 17 cents.; Amprior to New York, track delivery 17 cents.; lightered 19 cents.; Ottawa to Boston, Portlard and optimon points, local 15 cents, exports 13c. per too lbs.; Amprior to Boston, Portland ind common points, local 17 cents, export 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Burlington, 5 cents per r > lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Amprior to Albany, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to St. John, N. B. and common points, 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Halfax, N. S. and common points, 23½ cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight for shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 30,000 lbs., and rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs.; except when quoted per M ft. the minimum carload charged is 10 M ft.

## MODIFICATION OF HARDWOOD RATES.

THE Grand Trunk Railway and Canadian Pacific have receded in part from th. ir arrangement of a few weeks since when they combuted and made the rates on hardwood from certain powlets to Toronto and Hamilton Side, per 100 lbs. John Farls, W.D.F.A., of the Grand Trunk, has written the hardwood men as follows: "After careful consideration we have come to the conclusion that, on and after Jan. 184, 1895, a mollification will be made in the present arrangements for hardwood lumber, to the effect that the rate will be 7/3c. per 100 lbs. from our Northern and Northwestern branches to Toronto and Hamilton. This rate, however, will not apply from main line points and the straight run between Toronto, Sarnia and Windsor, also that so far as rates on common lumber to points like Guelph, Gali, London, Woodstock, Ingersoll, etc., from all lumber shipping stations the rate will be the same on hardwood as on pins." On the old principle, we suppose, that half the loaf is better than none, hardwood men have something, possibly, to be thankful for, though there is no good reason why the rates generally on hardwood should not be as low as on pine. It is understood that the C. P. R. rate will be made uniform at 7%c. from same points.

#### SHIPPING MATTERS.

The sch. Athlete, is loading lumber for New York at St. John, N. B.

The rate of lumber from St. John to New York is \$3.00. Shipments are light.

Freight rates at Boston are steady at \$4.75 from Atlantic ports and \$5.75 to \$6.00 from the Gulf.

The Glendale, capacity 400,000 feet, will load lumber at the Royal City Mills, New Westmiuster, B. C., for San Fransico.

The season's receipts of lumber by the lake at Buffalo were  $a_{32,959,000}$  feet against  $a_{7,562,00.7}$ feet last year,  $a_{93,967,000}$  feet in 1892. Thi: deduction, however, in this particular is well leveled up by the increased receipts by rail. Shingles increased from 48,829,000 in 1892, and 47,644,000 in 1893 to 10,281,000 in 1894. This remarkable increase is attributed to the growth of the red wood trade. Lath shows a decline as follows: 1894, 6,137,000; 1893, 16, 697,000;

Reports of shipping for 1894 show 494 vessels, aggregating 110,664 tons remaining on the registry books at St. John, N B., at the close of 1894, as agzinst 522 vessels of 131,990 tons for 1893. There are only three vessels now building in New Brunswick, namely a 100 ton steamer at Chatham 10r J. B. Snowball, a 400 ton barque by Messrs, Wallace, at Gardner's Creek, St. John County, and a 124 ton schooner at Cumberland Bay, Queen's County. Ten vessels totaling 1,090 tons were registered at St. John last year. The falling off for the province during the year is over 20,000 tons as compared with the preceeding year and is in keeping with the steady decline in wood shipping during the past decade.

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