

NEW BRUNSWICK CEDAR SHINGLES.

The shingle market continues to exhibit an improved tone, and prices are generally being maintained. Quotations are same as given last week, viz., extras \$3, clears \$2.50, and second clears \$2, delivered at Boston. The mills will not be in operation for a few weeks yet, and there is no probability that the supply will exceed the demand. Many of the largest handlers of New Brunswick shingles are not only completely out of stock, but, as we have before stated, have sold largely in advance. Manufacturers appear to be wakening up to a better understanding of market conditions, and the shingle trade is likely to be more prosperous in future.

LOG PRODUCTION IN ONTARIO.

The extent of the production of pine logs in Ontario during the past winter is a question of general interest to lumbermen. From information obtained from different reliable sources, the CANADA LUMBERMAN believes that the output was slightly less than in the winter of 1897-98. This reduction, although slight, is due to two causes, one being the enactment of the manufacturing clause, and the other the deep snow in some districts, rendering logging operations extremely difficult. Some particulars are given below.

In the Ottawa Valley the production of pine logs during the past winter is expected to fall short of the output of the previous winter by about 10 per cent.

In the Pembroke district, extending as far north as the head of Lake Temiscamingue, the cut of logs was about one million pieces, containing approximately eighty-five million feet. There was also taken out in this district about five thousand pieces of square timber, of perhaps fifty feet average, about ten thousand cords of pulp wood, and a quantity of cedar and other timber.

An approximate estimate of the cut in the Peterboro' district places the amount at from seventy-five million to eighty million feet taken from licensed lands, and from thirty million to forty million feet from private lands. Only a few pieces of square timber were taken out in this district.

The output of saw logs and dimension timber in the Renfrew district was in the neighborhood of thirty-five million feet. There was also taken out a large number of railroad ties, perhaps two hundred thousand, and about two hundred and fifty pieces of square timber. The operators in this district are McLachlin Bros, J. R. Booth, Knight & Smith, Rathbun Co., Carswell & MacKay, Gillies Bros. Co., R. A. Campbell, Isaac Allen, W. A. Playfair, J. & J. Herron, Boyd, Caldwell & Co., The Rideau Lumber Co., W. A. Allen and Moyer & Ryan.

In the Parry Sound and Muskoka district, the cut of pine logs during the past winter was in the neighborhood of one hundred and sixty million feet. This would have been somewhat greater but for the exceedingly deep snow. It is reported that the Holland & Emery Lumber Co. took out about 20,000,000 feet; Harby Lumber Co., 14,000,000; Turner & Fisher, 14,000,000; Wm. Peter, 15,000,000; Arthur Hill & Co., 20,000,000; Georgian Bay Lumber Co., 12,000,000; Ontario Lumber Co., 9,000,000; Huntsville Lumber Co., 6,000,000; Brennan Manufacturing Co., 6,000,000; Chew Bros., 5,000,000; J. B. Smith & Son, 6,000,000; Snider Lumber Co., 3,000,000; A. Macpherson & Co., 3,000,000; Dominion Bank, 3,000,000; W. W. Carter, 2,000,000; J. D. Shier, 3,000,000; Jupp & Co., 4,000,000; Parry Sound Lumber Co., 5,000,000; Carling Lumber Co., 1,500,000; and the Delta Lumber Co., 1,000,000 feet of old logs. There was also taken out in this district in the neighborhood of seventy-five thousand cubic feet of waxy birch and about 5,000,000 of birch and other saw logs to be cut by the local hardwood mill.

In the eastern division of Algoma district the production of timber was about 31,000,000 feet of saw logs, 4,500 cords of pulp wood, 36,000 railway ties, and 73,000 pieces of cedar posts. Of the above 31,000,000 feet of pine saw logs, nearly 20,000,000 feet will be driven down the Spanish river. In addition to this amount, about 20,000,000 will go into the Spanish river from the Nipissing district, making in all 40,000,000 feet of saw logs to be sorted at the mouth of the Spanish river. The remainder of the saw logs taken out of the eastern division of Algoma will be on Collin's Inlet, Bay Fin, Macgregor Bay and White Fish waters. There will also be driven down the Spanish river about 3,500 cords of pulp wood.

The quantity of pine logs taken out in the western division of Algoma district was considerably less than last year, the cuts of the operators being about as follows: Eddy, Jordan & Co., on Blind river, 12,000,000 to 14,000,000 feet pine; Blind River Lumber Co., 2,500,000 feet pine, 400,000 feet hemlock, and 100,000 feet hardwood; Central Lumber Co., 2,000,000 feet pine; N. & A. E. Dymont, about 7,000,000 feet pine and 140,000 cubic feet board timber; Hector MacDonald, 750,000 feet pine; Gordon & Dobie, 300,000 feet hardwood; W. R. Smyth, 400,000 feet pine; W. J. Miller, 100,000 feet; Desharats Mill, 400,000 feet; Sims Lumber Co., 400,000 feet; Ed. Walls, 100,000 feet. The quantity of hardwood and hemlock timber, railroad ties and pulp wood taken out was considerably greater than in the previous year, but the quantity of board timber shows a decrease. About 100,000 cords of pulp wood will be exported from the district.

The past winter was a particularly active season in the Rat Portage district, 25,000,000 feet of Canadian logs having been cut. There will also be manufactured at Rat Portage and Keewatin this season 30,000,000 feet of American logs. There were taken out in the Rat Portage district, 500,000 railway ties, 10,000 telegraph poles, about 500,000 cedar posts, and 20,000 cords of wood. No pulp wood is taken out in the division owing to the long haul by rail, but there is a good prospect of a pulp mill being erected at Rat Portage in the near future. An abundant quantity of timber is available, there being large tracts of land along the Rainy river covered with spruce, tamarack, poplar and birch, two-thirds of which is pulp wood.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Spruce and pine lath are scarce in New York, and prices are very firm.

At Saginaw, Mich., log run is worth \$14 to \$22, box lumber \$12 to \$15, Norway \$9.50 and upwards, and mill culls \$9 to \$10.

The city council of Winnipeg, Man., have accepted the tender of the Rat Portage Lumber Co. for the annual supply of lumber.

The British ship Undaunted sailed from Chemoineus, B.C., for Melbourne, Australia, last week, with 1,350,000 feet of lumber.

A. H. Sawyer, of Calais, Maine, who has a saw mill at Hartford, N. B., has over 4,000,000 feet of logs to cut for the United States market.

Timber limits in the township of Butt, belonging to Barnett & Mackie, will be offered for sale at the Russell House in Ottawa on Thursday, June 1st.

Dickie & McGrath, of Tuskent, N.S., have purchased a saw mill at Argyle Head, where they will saw 2,500,000 feet this season. The lumber will be shipped from Tuskent.

Under the direction of H. Beach, 1,500,000 feet of square timber was last week loaded on barges at Ottawa for shipment to Montreal, whence it goes to England to be used in ship-building.

The Harbor Commissioners of Montreal are asking for tenders for the supply

of timber and planks. The date limit is May 8th. The city is also inviting tenders for the annual supply of lumber.

The different mills at Coaticook, Que., have in stock over 4,000,000 feet of logs, divided as follows: A. H. Cummings & Son, 1,500,000 feet; A. L'Heureux & Co., 1,200,000 feet; Geo. Gilmour, 1,400,000 feet.

Eddy Bros., of Detroit, Mich., who own limits on the Mississaga river, Muskoka district, cut 15,000,000 feet of logs last winter. They are said to be undecided as to where they will have them manufactured.

N. J. Warner, representing a Detroit firm, has been buying large quantities of timber in Wisconsin for exporting to England. The timbers are 12 x 12 inches and 50 to 60 feet long. Mr. Warner has a contract to furnish 160 car-loads.

A manufacturer gives the following prices as representing current quotations on hardwood lumber at Boyne City, Mich., mills: Log run maple, \$13; elm, \$18; basswood, \$15; beech, \$12; birch, \$18. Hemlock is worth \$7 for short lengths and \$8 for long, cedar shingles, 18 in., \$2.50, and 6 in. clear butts, \$1.50.

The American Lumberman states that about 100,000 cubic feet of waxy board pine, belonging to Alexander McCall, of Simcoe, Ont., has been dumped into the bay at Ashland, Wis. This stock will make about four cargoes. It is an exceptionally fine lot of waxy board, and will be shipped to Great Britain to be used by ship-builders.

A Buffalo dealer reviews the lumber market as follows: "We have plenty of lumber on hand, and 6,000,000 feet of good stuff bought at Lake Superior mills, but we are short of both ends of the qualities. We have not in the yard unsold one foot of uppers, nor have we a mill cull or foot of box lumber of any thickness, nor a No. 3 barn board. Aside from these we are well supplied."

The British Columbia Shingle Manufacturers' Association have issued a price list on red cedar shingles delivered at Ontario railway points and Montreal, to dealers only. Prices are as follows: No. 1 shingles, 6 butts to 2 inches, \$2.25; No. 2 shingles, 6 butts to 2 inches, (5 in. clear) \$2.25; No. 1 shingles, 6 butts to 2 1/2 inches, \$2.70; No. 1 shingles, 5 butts to 2 inches, \$2.95; plain dimension shingles, add per M, 50 cents; fancy butts, add per M, \$1. The terms are ninety days from day of shipment net, or two per cent. discount from invoice for acceptance of draft payable thirty days from time of shipment.

The Lumbermen's Association of Chicago have adopted a new price list, basing it upon \$13 for short piece stuff and making material advances in the prices of all low grade stock over the prices quoted three months ago. In common stock boards, 8 and 10 inch, prices are advanced 50 cents a thousand on 12, 14, and 16 feet. Common and cull boards are advanced 50 cents a thousand, and a great scarcity is reported in all grades below No. 2. Shingles are selling in the Chicago market at about \$2.25 for extra cedar and \$2.40 to \$2.50 for extra pine. Lath is placed at \$2.30 for white pine and \$2.15 for mixed.

Following is the official price list of spruce lumber adopted by the Spruce Manufacturers Association of Boston, Mass: Frames 9 inches and under, \$16; 10 and 12 inch dimension, \$17; 12 inch

random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$16.50; 10 inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$16; 2 x 5, 2 x 6, 2 x 7 and 3 x 4, random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$14; 2 x 3, and 2 x 4 random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$13.50; all other random lengths, 9 inches and under, 10 feet and up, \$15.50; yard orders cut on even feet to be same price as dimension; 1 1/2 inch laths, \$2.25; 1 1/4 inch laths, \$2.10; 6 inch and up merchantable boards, 8 feet and up, \$13; out spruce boards, p. l. s., \$11; bundled furring, random lengths, p. l. s., \$12.50; bundled furring clipped to same length in each bundle, \$13; planing one side, 50 cents; planing two sides, \$1; planing three or four sides, \$1.50; planing one side and grooved, \$1; planing one or two sides and matched, \$1; splines not less than \$1 per M extra; extra spruce clapboards, 4 feet long, 6 inches wide, \$30; clear spruce

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