ruling in the early winter. Spruce lumber has made no decided move. Buying of British deals is still restricted by the uncertainty which prevails as to the course of prices in the Mother Country, although ship, ers room to be gaining confidence that in the end they will be able to obtain the prices now demanded. New Brunswick coder shingles are steady at a range from \$3.35 to \$3.45 for Boston delivery.

UNITED STATES.

Developments of the past week have bern in the direction of a firm lumber market. Buying for spring trade has een clearly in cyidence, and on account of the short supply of certain sizes of white pine, some orders have been turned down by wholesalers. This applies particularly to long dimension stock. There is also a scarcity in the upper Lake Superior district of 16-fout boards, especially No. 2 and better. Throughout the Eastern States there is a most hopeful feeling. In some sections of Pennsylvania mill cull boards and No. 2 plank are in strong demand and promise to advance in price. Buffalo and Tonawanda have a light supsly of box and bern boards. According to width, box lumber ranges from \$15 to \$22 and barn boards from \$17 to \$23. Our Albany list this week shows an advance in the price of 1 to 2 inch uppers, s% inch selects, 1 to 2 inch fine co bracket boards, sarrow dressing boards and 12-inch No. 1 barn boards.

All kinds of bardwoods are moving freely and the outlook for trade for several onths seems to be promising. The situation in respect to prices is a paculiar one. Oak, cottonwood and cherry have advanced materially of late. There has been more activity in white ash and prices have stiffened slightly. Maple is in good demand, but it has been difficult to advance prices to a much higher basis. White and red birch, it will be observed, have been marked up \$2 per thousand.

As far as the different reports can be weighed, the British timber grarket is exhibiting a little more confidence. The importers have not yet acceeded to the demands of the shippers, but prices of tumber on hand have improved. One circus, tance assisting in this improvesent is the number of inquiries that have been received for lumber for shipment to South Africa. Prices of pine deals have hardened and recently contracts have been closed for several shipments at an ad-

At a recent public sale prices of spruce lowed a slight appreciation. For 3x10 third quality Quebec spruce Ly 5s per standard of 1980 feet was realized. Several lots of 3x7 second quality spruce brought L7 155 to £8 per standard, and 3x6 third quality £7 5s.

A correspondent in Ireland advises that Quebec shippers are asking an equivalent to 85 cents per cubic foot c.i.f. for 17-tach waney pine. This price is being opposed by importers, who consider that it is higher than the conditions will stand, contending that consumers will use changer substi-

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The steamer Pawnes is loading deals at St. John, N.B., for the United Kingdom.

It is estimated that 100,000,000 feet of lumber will be manufactured at Midland, Ont., the coming season.

The Town Clerk of Glace Bay, N.S., has been instructed to secure prices for 500,000 feet of sidewalk plank

In the Chicage market No. 1 white pine lath are quoted at \$3.50, No. 1 Norway and bemlock at \$3, and No. 1 mixed at Sairs to Sairs.

The City of Kingston is asking for tendors up to seem of a6th inst. for supply of 200,000 feet of pine plank and 40,000 lineal fest of 5x4 cedar sleepers.

The Department of Interior at Ottawa will receive offers up to April 8th for a license to cut timber on Borth No. 1,036 in the district of Alberta, containing 760

Tenders for a license to cut timber on Berth No. 335, in the Province of British Columbia, will be received by the Departsent of Interior at Ott:/wa up to April Sth. The area is 24 square miles.

H. Birtless, of Bradford, England, writes that 2,000 British settlers will locate in the vicinity of Battleford, N.W.T., this spring, and that there will be a demand for saw lumber and planed flooring.

From Buffalo comes the report of a slow movement of slack cooperage stock. Prices are firm, however. First-class elm Sour-barrel staves are selling to consumers at \$9.25 to \$9.50; basswood heading 6 to 6% cents, and coiled hoops \$9.75 to \$10.25 for 51/2 foot and 10 to \$10.50 for 6-foot.

At present dry stocks of maple, elm, birch and basswood, says the Chicago Hardwood Record, are very much shorter than at a year ago. The close of pavigation last season saw the mill yards swept clean of stocks in Michigan, and by the time navigation opens again the city yards will be swept clean also. Wircoca'n is also have of dry stock, or very nearly so, and by the time winter cut stock begins to nove the customers will be glad to get it. The situation in northern hardwoods is certainly strong, and with the present prospect for a season's cut it seems that prices on this class of stock must go higher rather than lower.

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Robert J. Armstrong has erected a large saw mill at Red Rapids, in the Tobique district of New Brunswick. He expects to make a large cut during the coming

THE LONDON MARKET.

Concernity Canadian lumber at London, Massers. Churchill & Sim say:

There is no change to report in the pine deal market. Progress is being made in sales for arrival of a small supply at very high rates. For spruce, the demand in London has been a good deal restricted during February; prices seemed to be dragged as high as they will go here and they are maintained with difficulty, falling below current quotations whenever buyers get a chance. Yet they are not nearly ligh enough to piease shippers who are buoyed up with the continued demand from the United States. Very considerable sales of red pine deals, 3 by 9, 4 by 9, and 3 by 11 inch, have been made for shipment from Montreal for the Cape market. There is no change to report in the market here for oak, birch, or white pine timber. Elm and ash have fallen out

The stock of timber, deals etc., in the public docks at London on February 28th, 1903, was as follows:

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SHIPPING MATTERS.

Lumber freights from British Cole prints rule as follows: To & lasy, 38: 6d to 36s 3d; Melbourne or Adelaide, 40s; Port Pirie, 37s 6d; Fremantle, 47s 6d to 50s; Shanghai, 37s 6d to 40s; Kino-Chau, 40s; Taku, 45s; Vladivostock, 40s; West Coust S. A., 328 6d to 358; South Africa, 528 6d to 568 3d; U. K. or Continent, 400.

The following charters for eastern shipments are reported: Barque Leviathan, Tusket, N. S., to Busnos Ayres, lumber, \$7.75; steamer Victory, Dalhousie, N. B. to w. c. England, deals, 36s; barque Valetta, Campbellton, N. B., to Beunes Ayres, lumber, \$8.

WHITE PINE LUMBER PRICES.

Stiffening prices on lumber have not tended to increase the demand to any extent and in many instances building operations have been known to be deferred in the hope that prices will go lower. This expectation, Lowever, seems hardly justified by the conditions, for there is a big void to fill in stocks all over the country before any surp'us can arise that would be of sufficient proportions to bear the mar-

ket. It is conceded that the lumber cut in the north at mills where there is at y timber available will be large, but so mans of the big mills have gone out of commi sion during the past year and so manhave a restricted output of logs for the season's sawing that on the whole it i. doubtful whether the cut this year will be as large as last, in which case there is hardly to be expected a surplus in view or the demand in sight. As against an actual scarcity of lumber, there is visible no feature that could cause or induce lower prices, unless there should be a general collapse of all values, which, considering the great industrial activity all over the country, is not to be regarded within the bounds of probability.-American Lumberman.

DOORS AND MOULDINGS.

A large buyer of Canadian white pine doors and mouldings is open to contract with a mill for their entire output of No. 3 and 4 qualities of doors and all their mouldings during 1902. Write in first instance to "Empire," CANADA LUMBERMAN.

William Powers, of Midway, B. C., has recently disposed of his lumber business at that place to the Kettle River Lumber Company.

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