

there rule at \$4 for pine, \$3.75 for red cedar, and \$3.50 for white cedar.

FOREIGN.

The timber trade of Great Britain does not seem to be affected to any extent by the South African war. Some shippers of wood goods believe that upon the cessation of hostilities a very lively demand for lumber for South Africa will be witnessed. For next season's shipments high prices are being asked, and there is little fear regarding the maintenance of present values. Some contracts have been placed for Baltic goods at figures which are regarded as very satisfactory to shippers, while the demand for Canadian lumber has improved to such an extent during the past month as to place it in a condition fully as strong as that of continental lumber. Stocks of both pine and spruce are gradually becoming reduced. Of first quality pine the stock of broads is low and prices firm, and undersized of long lengths are also wanted. Second quality is not much in demand, but an increased demand and higher prices are reported for third quality. Long lengths of spruce find a ready market. Quebec spruce sells at £6 10s 3d to £7 11s 3d per St. Petersburg standard. The stock of red pine deals is low, and high prices are being realized. The enquiry for square and waney pine has not been very brisk, but the railway companies are now entering the market for a considerable quantity of stock; first-class waney, 19 to 20 inches average, is quoted at 2s 7d to 2s 9d, and second class at 17d to 2s per cubic foot. Elm timber is advancing in price, being quoted at 2s 6d to 2s 6d for first quality, 40 to 50 feet average.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Fred Heimbecker, of Hanover, has purchased 100 acres of timber land from D. Norton, of Brant.

The North Shore Timber Co., of Port Arthur, Ont., expect to take out 15,000 cords of pulp wood this winter.

Hemlock lath is retailing at Ludington, Mich., at \$4 50, which represents an advance of more than 150 per cent. since last year.

The schooner Beaver sailed from St. John, N.B., last week for Philadelphia, with 1,315,300 laths, shipped by J. H. Schamell & Co.

H. J. Crowe, of Annapolis, N.S., recently purchased a large block of timber land in Queen's county, and will operate a portable mill all winter.

A lot of about 4,000,000 pine shingles is due to arrive at Buffalo shortly from the Georgian Bay district, on which a freight of 35 cents was paid.

McMillan Bros., of Beaverton, Ont., have purchased a 300 acre tract of land in Mata township on which there is a quantity of hardwood timber.

It is announced that F. A. Dudley, the New York representative of Sheppard, Farmer & Co., of Boston, recently purchased 4,000,000 feet of white pine in the Ottawa valley.

Chas. McPherson, of the Orillia Stave Factory, has purchased a hardwood limit in North Orillia, on which there is said to be sufficient timber to keep his mill running for the next five years.

Schwartz & Company, of Bay City, Mich., who recently purchased 2,000,000 feet of lumber at Midland, Ont., will not move the stock until next spring.

It was stated that Joseph Turner, of Bay City, Mich., intended to put in 50,000,000 feet of logs in the Georgian Bay district this winter. It is now reported that Mr. Turner is operating for the Bank of Toronto.

The Ottawa Lumber Co., of which Mr. E. C. Grant is manager, have commenced operations on their limit on the Rouge river, and expect to take out from five to six million feet of spruce and hardwood timber this winter.

Two timber berths were sold at the Crown Lands office at Fredericton, N.B., last week, one of three miles on Gaspereau river to W. T. Whitehead, at \$28

per mile, and the other of two miles on Calamingo brook, Kings county, to Huestis & Mills, at \$35.50 per mile.

The firm of Black & Thompson, of Cumberland County, N.S., expect to cut about 5,000,000 feet of logs this winter, and have set up their mill at Musquodouit river. They have contracted to supply a large quantity of lumber to the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., of Sydney, C.B.

Receipts of lumber at Tonawanda in the month of October of this year were the largest in the history of the port for any one month, nearly 100,000,000 feet having arrived. The receipts at North Tonawanda exceeded those for the corresponding month of 1898 by 17,000,000 feet.

It is reported that J. W. Munro, of Pembroke, Ont., has sold the board timber to be taken out by him this winter. Mr. Munro has given a contract to Thos. Pickard, of Sudbury, to take out a large quantity of logs on his limit in the township of Nairn which he recently purchased from Peter Ryan.

A partnership has been formed between Wm. Carter, of Orillia, and Hudson and Bryan Bucknam, of Severn Bridge. They have purchased a 35 mile timber limit in Nightingale township, in the north-east section of Haliburton county, adjoining Nipissing district. It is the intention to operate on the property this winter.

The largest timber deal ever made in Nova Scotia is reported to have just been consummated, Young Bros. having sold for \$300,000 their property at St. Margaret's Bay, consisting of 80,000 acres of timber land. The purchaser is Peter Ryan, of Toronto, who is understood to be acting for Michigan and Chicago capitalists.

The British Columbia Mills, Timber & Trading Co. have been given a contract to supply nearly 1,000,000 feet of timber for the shipbuilding firm of Cramps, of Philadelphia. The timber is to be used for building war ships for the United States government, and will be specially selected stock, much of it being deck material. It will be from 8 feet to 100 feet in length. The barque Katie F. Troop is now loading the cargo at the Hastings mill.

PROPOSED SALE OF TIMBER BERTHS.

As intimated in our last issue, the Department of Crown Lands of Ontario has announced an auction sale of timber berths to be held in the Parliament buildings, Toronto, at 1 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, December 20th, 1899. The limits to be offered consist of 398 1/4 square miles, situated in the Algoma, Nipissing, and Rainy River districts. The conditions of sale state that the purchaser shall be entitled to cut the pine timber only, and that berths including mining locations already patented, or which may hereafter be patented, will be sold subject to the rights of the patentees to take what timber they may require for mining purposes. It is also provided that all timber cut on these limits shall be manufactured in the province. The limits will be offered in parcels as follows.

ALGOMA DISTRICT.

Township of Bowell—Berth No. 1, 7 1/2 sq. miles; berth No. 2, 9 sq. miles; berth No. 3, 13 1/2 sq. miles. Township of Foy—area 36 sq. miles. Township of Hart—Berth No. 1, 9 sq. miles; berth No. 2, 9 sq. miles; berth No. 3, 10 sq. miles; berth No. 4, 10 sq. miles. Township of Lumden—area 31 sq. miles. Township of Nyan—area 28 sq. miles. Block A, situated north-west of the township of Craig, area 40 sq. miles. Part of township of Moncrieff, 2 sq. miles.

DISTRICT OF NIPISSING.

Township of Davis—Berth No. 4, 8 sq. miles. Township of Norman—Berth No. 1, 7 sq. miles; berth No. 2, 5 1/2 sq. miles; berth No. 3, 9 sq. miles; berth No. 4, 9 sq. miles. Township of Capreol—Berth No. 1, 9 sq. miles; berth No. 2, 9 sq. miles; berth No. 3, 9 1/2 sq. miles. Township of Wildfield—Berth No. 1, 4 sq. miles; berth No. 2, 0 1/2 sq. miles; berth No. 3, 5 1/2 sq. miles; and Long Island east and Long Island west, 1/2 sq. mile.

RAINY RIVER DISTRICT.

Berth G5, township of Miscampbell, 9 1/2 sq. miles; berth G6, west of north-west arm of Rainy Lake, 5 1/2 sq. miles; berth G7, on Jackfish Lake, north of Rainy Lake, 21 sq. miles;

berth G8, east of Pipestone Lake, north of Rainy Lake, 3 sq. miles; berth G9, north of Pipestone Lake, 18 sq. miles; berth G10, north of Lake Rowan, east of the Lake of the Woods, 7 sq. miles; berth G11, east of Pipestone Lake, 12 sq. miles; berth G12, east of Pipestone Lake, 5 sq. miles; berth G13, near outlet of Pipestone Lake, 12 1/2 sq. miles; berth G14, west of Clear Water Lake, north-west of north-west arm of Rainy Lake, 3 sq. miles; berth G15, north of the township of Kingsford on Rainy river, 2 1/2 sq. miles; berth C. 10, east of Pipestone Lake, 8 sq. miles; berth S. V. 10, on Long and Storm Lakes, 3 1/2 sq. miles.

THE GLASGOW MARKET.

Messrs. Wright, Graham & Co., in their monthly timber market report dated 31st October, review the Glasgow market as follows:

A large business has been done in nearly all kinds of timber this month. The healthy tone which has set in still prevails, and higher prices are being obtained. The housebuilding and cabinetmaking trades are well employed. The Clyde shipbuilding returns show that 16 new vessels have been launched this month, amounting to 32,747 tons, as compared with thirty vessels, amounting to 55,661 tons, in October last year.

WANey BOARDWOOD.—There is a demand for prime wood. Prices quoted—2s 7d to 2s 10d for large average, smaller average and poorer quality at 1s 6d to 2s 4d per cubic foot.

RED PINE.—Only large prime wood is in request. Price 1s 10d to 2s; smaller average and poorer quality at 1s 3d to 1s 6d per cubic foot.

OAK LOGS.—The demand continues for prime large average wood. Price 2s 9d to 3s; parcels of poorer average and quality at 2s to 2s 3d per cubic foot.

ELM LOGS.—These have been in good request. Prime large wood quoted at 2s 3d to 2s 5d; smaller average and second class at 1s 9d to 2s 2d per cubic foot.

ASH LOGS.—There is good enquiry for prime parcels and prices are firmer. 13 to 14 inch average at 1s 8d to 1s 9d; 15 to 16 inch average at 1s 10d to 2s per cubic foot.

BIRCH LOGS.—There is a brisk demand and prices are advancing. Current prices are—14 to 15 inch average, 1s 6d to 1s 7d; 16 inch average and up at 1s 9d to 2s per cubic foot.

ROCK MAPLE LOGS.—There is better enquiry for prime fresh wood. Price—1s 10d to 2s 1d per cubic foot, according to size.

HICKORY LOGS.—Prime wood is wanted. Price—2s to 2s 2d for selected logs. Ordinary quality is selling at 1s 8d to 1s 10d per cubic foot.

QUEBEC WHITE PINE DEALS.—A large amount of business has been done this month at improved prices: 1st quality broad, £25 8s 9d to £26 16s 3d per St. Petersburg standard; 11 in., £22 13s 9d to £24 1s 3d; 7 to 10 in. and ends, £17 3s 9d to £19 18s 9d. 2nd quality, broad, £18 18s 1d to £19 18s 9d; 11 in., £16 10s to £17 10s 7d; 7 to 10 in., £13 1s 3d to £14 8s 9d. 3rd quality, broad, £11 to £11 13s 9d; 11 in., £9 19s 4d to £10 13s 2d; narrow, £7 4s 4d to £8 5s. 4th quality, broad, £8 5s to £8 18s 9d; 11 in., £7 4s 4d to £7 18s 1d; narrow, £6 10s 7d to £6 17s 6d.

RED PINE DEALS.—There is a strong demand, and arrivals meet with ready sale. Prices quoted are: 9 and 11 in. by 3 in., £10 13s to £12 14s 4d per St. Petersburg standard; narrow, £8 19s 9d to £9 12s 6d.

QUEBEC WHITE PINE BOARDS.—The demand is good and prices keep firm. First quality, 2 in. thick, 12 to 15 in. wide, at £17 17s 6d to £19 11s per St. Petersburg standard; 1 1/2 in., 12 to 15 in. wide, £17 3s 9d to £19 5s; 1 1/4 in., 11 to 13 in. wide, £16 16s 10d to £18 11s 3d; 1 in., 10 to 12 in. wide, £15 16s 3d to £16 16s 10d; 1 1/2 and 2 in. strips, 4 to 7 in. wide, £15 2s 6d to £16 10s. Second quality, 2 in. thick, 12 to 14 in. wide, £13 15s to £15 9s 4d; 1 1/2 and 1 1/4 in., 12 to 14 in. wide, £13 1s 3d to £14 8s 9d; 1 in., 10 to 12 in. wide, £12 7s 6d to £12 14s. Third quality, 2 in., 11 to 15 in. wide, £9 5s 7d to £11; 1 1/2 and 1 1/4 in., 10 to 14 in. wide, £7 11s 3d to £10.

SPRUCE DEALS.—There is a steady demand and prices are firm. Prices quoted—£6 10s 9d to £7 18s 1d for third quality; £5 16s 10d to £6 17s 6d for fourth quality, per St. Petersburg standard.

NEW BRUNSWICK PINE DEALS.—The demand is fair. Price—£6 1s 6d to £9 12s 6d. N. B. SPRUCE DEALS (2nd quality average).

—There is specially good demand for long lengths, and prices are firmer. Prices quoted, £6 10s 7d to £8 18s 7d per standard.

N. B. BIRCH LOGS.—There is a good demand. Price—1s 5d to 1s 9d per cubic foot.

N. B. BIRCH PLANKS.—The demand continues. Price, £6 17s 7d to £8 5s per standard, according to specification.

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