

the mills having little stock for sale. Mill culls sell readily.

Hardwood lumber of all kinds is very strong. Maple appears to have taken the lead in place of basswood, although the latter is still in excellent demand. Dealers are buying liberally in advance of requirements, many of them having already contracted for their year's supply. The new cut is now coming on the market, but there are no indications of lower prices.

A renewed demand for 18 inch shingles is reported from Buffalo. Red cedar shingles are the weakest feature.

The future of the lumber market seems uncertain. It will depend largely upon crop conditions, which at the moment are favorable for wheat, but not as good as might be desired for corn. Should the crop harvested be equal to or above the average, it will go a long way towards sustaining the lumber market. Salesmen who have canvassed the eastern trade report that it has been difficult to book orders for delivery later than August.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Persons who have held the opinion that the lumber trade of Great Britain is likely to decline in the near future are pointing with some degree of satisfaction to the possibility of a general election as the result of the Hon. Mr. Chamberlain's new policy. They argue that the situation offers little encouragement to buyers and that prices are likely to weaken before the close of the year, even if such a result is not experienced immediately. There is a great diversity of opinion, and it will be necessary for the public to show greater confidence before any activity will be witnessed. Consumption is only moderate. Reports concerning Canadian lumber are of an encouraging character. The high prices recently quoted are being maintained. Large quantities of whitewood are being shipped from Southern Europe to London, much of it on consignment. This has resulted in a slightly easier market for Canadian spruce in stock, but c. i. f. prices have not been affected. Agents of shippers have refused to entertain lower offers, as they believe that the probability of a shortage in the supply justifies the prices at which stock is now being held. It is even stated that many contracts for future delivery have been declared void owing to the large number of logs that are hung up. Large quantities of stock from Quebec are going direct into consumption. The freight market is favorable to business, the rates quoted being exceptionally low.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The barque Fruen is loading deals at St. John, N. B., for the United Kingdom.

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The steamer Norden is about to load deals at Riviere du Loup, Que., for Cork, Ireland.

The steamer Russ is loading a cargo of deals at Pugwash, N. S., for Great Britain.

The steamer Troid is loading a cargo of

deals and boards at St. Thomas, Que., for London.

Lath prices in Chicago are \$3.50 for No. 1 white pine, \$3 to \$3.15 for No. 1 mixed, and \$2.75 for No. 2.

M. L. Tucker, of Parrsboro, N. S., estimates that the deal shipments from West Bay this season will be 30,000,000 feet.

The schooner Onora arrived at Halifax, N. S., last week from Norfolk, with 70,000 feet of creosoted piling for the breakwater at Herring Cove.

The barque St. Croix is loading lumber at Annapolis, N. S., for South America, and the barque Grenada is loading at Bear River for a southern port.

There is a large demand throughout Michigan for cedar posts, ties, and telegraph and telephone poles, which is curtailing the supply of shingle timber.

The Hanbury Manufacturing Company, of Brandon, Man., last week received a drive of 5,000,000 feet of logs, which were floated down the Assiniboine river.

W. H. Murray, of St. John, N. B., has purchased from W. J. Scott, of Springfield, 1,000,000 feet of spruce logs which were cut along the i'fswick river last winter. It is understood that the price paid was in the vicinity of \$12 per thousand feet.

The New Brunswick Government will offer for sale at Fredericton, on July 2nd, three square miles of timber limits north of the New Canaan River, above mouth of North Forks, the applicant for which is H. B. Hetherington.

The S. P. Benjamin Company, of Wolfville, N. S., have so far this year loaded six vessels with lumber and expect to have between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 feet more to ship. Their loading place for small vessels is Hantsport, but the large-sized vessels and steamers load further down the river.

Following is a comparative statement of timber, etc., measured and culled at Quebec up to 16th June, as furnished by the Supervisor of Cullers:—

	1901	1902	1903
Waney White Pine	970,570	1,013,287	556,880
White Pine	58,118	140,120	80,360
Red Pine	261	11,337	40
Oak	144,928	206,120	201,160
Elm	258,158	323,283	199,760
Ash	74,570	33,139	34,040
Basewood	332
Butternut	462
Tamarac	22
Birch and Maple	263,377	83,898	114,000

H. Newsom, Sons & Company and Harry Smith & Company held an auction sale of lumber at Hull, England, on June 11th. Prices realized were as follows: 3rds Quebec spruce, 3 by 7, £7 5s; 3 by 8 £7 10s; 3 by 9, £8 10s; 3 by 10, £8 5s; 3 by 11, £8 15s to £9 5s; 2nds ditto, 3 by 7, £7 10s to £7 15s; 3 by 10, £8 15s; 2/3s ditto, 3 by 11, £8 15s; 12 to 13, £8 to £8 5s; 3 by 10 and 11, £9; 3 by 8, £7 10s; 3 by 7, £7 10s. Red pine A, 3 by 8, £8 15s; u/s Quebec red pine, 3 by 7, £9 to £9 5s; 4 by 9, £9 15s to £10. 3rds Quebec yellow pine, 3 by 11, £12. Quebec best pine sidings, 1 1/2 by 7 to 14, £17.

Under date of June 6th Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company say of the Barbadoes lumber market: "The arrivals have been the "Francis A. Rice," from Church Point, with 134,000 feet of spruce; "E. Alexandra," from Kingsport, with 49,

000 feet white pine, 22,000 feet spruce and 26,000 feet hemlock; and the "Gold Seeker" on 3rd inst. with 173,000 feet white pine, 22,000 feet spruce and 13,000 feet of hemlock. The cargo of the first vessel was sold at \$18.50 for shipping and \$15.50 for second quality; the cargo of the Alexandra brought \$27.10 for shipping and \$21.10 for second quality white pine, \$16 for second quality spruce and \$17.50 for shipping, and \$15 for second quality hemlock. A cargo of white pine could, we think, be placed in the neighborhood of \$26 for shipping and \$21 for second quality. The only receipt of shingles was 100,000 Long Cedar of ordinary quality, which have been sold at \$3.33."

QUEBEC TIMBER LIMIT SALE.

As previously announced, a sale of timber limits was held in the Crown Lands Department, Quebec, on June 16th. Hon. S. N. Parent, Minister of Lands, Mines and Fisheries, presided, assisted by Mr. E. E. Tache, Deputy Minister. There was a large attendance of lumbermen, including: E. W. Tobin, M. P., (Brompton Falls), W. Power, M. P., H. M. Price, Hon. R. Turner, Campeaux & Freres, M. B. Quinn, C. P. Easton (Albany), Mr. Well, (Ha Ha Bay), John Breakay, B. A. Scott, P. J. Owens, (Montmagny), T. W. Ordway, W. Dion, M. P., Thos. Crockett, (Fraserville), W. F. B. Atkinson, E. Poulin, (St. John, P. Q.), A. McLaren, (Montreal), A. E. Alexander, (Campbellton), Wm. Price, N. Flood, H. M. Calvin, M. P., (Kingston), O. J. X. Lavoie, (Perce), Hon. W. C. Edwards, (Rockland), Andrew Thomson, Mr. Newton, (Syracuse, N. Y.), John Forman, (Montreal), S. Grogan, (Batiscan), W. K. McKim, (Dallousie), Harold Kennedy, Chas. Sewell, W. S. Bennett, Hon. N. Garneau, Thos. Lebel, (Rimouski), Mr. Tourigny, (St. Maurice), etc.

Altogether 2,760 square miles of limits were sold, for which the sum of \$365,639 was realized. The location of each limit, name of purchaser and price are given below:

Upper Ottawa District—Block A, 1st range, 28 sq. miles, James Logue & Co., \$101 per mile; 3rd range, 39 1/2 sq. miles, A. McCormick, \$105 per mile; 4th range, 25 sq. miles, A. McCormick, \$106 per mile; 6th range, 50 sq. miles each, E. W. Tobin, M. P., \$165 per mile; Grand Lake Victoria 611, 19 sq. miles, N. Flood, \$86 per mile; Grand Lake Victoria 612, 11 1/2 sq. miles, A. McCormick, \$105 per mile; River du Lievre, 100 miles, Champoux Freres, 50 miles at \$105 per mile and 50 miles at \$106 per mile.

St. Charles District—Jacques Cartier river, 33 sq. miles, Mr. D'Azure, \$97 per mile.

Saguenay District—River Malbaie, 40 sq. miles, Senator Forget, \$81 per mile; river du Gouffre, 67 1/2 sq. miles, William Power, M. P., \$101 per mile; Portneuf river, 39 miles, C. P. Easton, Albany, \$138 per mile, and 45 miles at \$103 per mile; 69 miles on same river, E. W. Tobin, M. P. \$102 per mile; St. John, Salmon and Magpie rivers, 310 sq. miles, H. M. Price, Quebec, \$75 per mile; Township Albert, 20 1/2 sq. miles, Price Bros., \$61 per mile;

part of Saguenay East, 7 sq. miles, Price Bros., \$61 per mile.

Bon venture West District—Lac Caspédia river, 283 sq. miles, W. C. Edwards, \$83 per mile; Grand Caspédia, 115 sq. miles, W. C. Edwards, \$105 per mile; Angers Township, 28 sq. miles, Mr. McKim, Dallousie, \$170 per mile; Bonaventure river, 92 sq. miles, W. C. Edwards, \$164 a mile; Nouvelle and Escoumenac rivers, 166 sq. miles, J. McKean, \$160 a mile; Metapdia, range 2, Restigouche river, 1 sq. mile, A. E. Alexander, \$426.

St. Charles District—River des Niegés, 148 sq. miles, Harold Kennedy, \$150 per mile.

Saguenay District—East branch Pentecote river, 80 sq. miles, O. C. Morrisette, \$127 per mile; 300 sq. miles on same river, O. C. Morrisette, \$93 per mile.

Gaspe West District—Marsouis river, 25 sq. miles, Mr. Taschereau, \$126 per sq. mile; Chloiydorme West Township, 65 sq. miles, 2nd Grand river, Valley des Monts, 35 sq. miles, W. McMillan, \$100 per mile.

Gaspe Centre District—Fortin Township, 71 sq. miles, and Grand river, 22 sq. miles, Mr. Cabot, of Boston, \$310 per mile; Township Douglas, 9 sq. miles, Mr. MacLaren, \$160 per mile; Township Malbaie, 136 sq. miles, G. W. Nolin, \$81 per mile.

Grandeville District—Township of Demers C, 1 1/2 sq. miles, and Township Viger 2, 2 1/2 sq. miles, Price Bros. & Co., \$350 per mile.

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