

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The steamer *Ridal Holme* is loading lumber at Chicoutimi, Que., for the United Kingdom, on account of Price Bros. & Co.

The cooperage market is not active, flour barrels being especially slow. Michigan staves are quoted in Minneapolis at \$8.50.

The steamer *Monhegan* has sailed from Ship Island for Montreal, with 775,000 feet of pitch pine, consigned to Shearer & Brown.

The steamer *Lovstaken* is loading a cargo of deals at Riviere du Loup, Que., for the U.K., and the steamer *Varax* is about to load at Montreal.

The steamer *Magda* is loading 2,000,000 feet of lumber at Montreal for Antwerp, the shippers being Watson & Todd. This is the first shipment of lumber made from Montreal to Antwerp for many years past.

Eastern spruce is held in New York at \$18 to \$20. In Portland, Maine, prices are \$21 for 12-inch, \$15.50 for 1x3 to 1x11, and \$16 for scantling. Spruce clapboards are quoted at \$32 for extras, \$30 for clears, and \$26 for second clears. Dry spruce covering boards bring \$15.50 to \$16.

The steamer *Georgia* sailed last week from Digby, N.S., for Cienfuegos, with lumber. The barque *Lillian* is loading lumber at Tusket Bridge, N.S., for Buenos Ayres. The brig *James Daly*, is loading at Liverpool, N.S., for the Barbadoes, and the sch. *Frances A. Rice* will load again at Weymouth, N.S., for the West Indies.

The steamers *Daventry* and *Gladstrey* are loading lumber cargoes at Sillery Cove, Que., for the United Kingdom. The steamer *Dunmoore Head* is loading a cargo of deals at Batiscan, Que., for Cork, Ireland. The *Loughrigg Holme* is about to load a cargo of lumber at Montreal for Barrow, Eng., the shippers being Watson & Todd.

C. H. McMichael, of Beaverstone, Ont., states that they expect to have their drive of logs out in about two weeks. On one of the creeks the water is low, and about 25,000 pieces are in danger of being hung up.

A shipment of square timber, comprising four cribs of 135 pieces, was made from Lindsay last week for England. It was cut in Cartwright township, and consist chiefly of elm and birch.

The shingle market at Saginaw, Mich., is active, stocks being taken about as fast as they come from the saw. There is as yet very little stock accumulating, and as the product is not so large in eastern Michigan.

gan as years ago, it is not expected that there will be any shingles piled up for any length of time. The market is firm, with quotations there at \$2.50 and \$3.50 for 18-inch white pine; \$1.75 to \$3 for 16-inch white pine; cedar shingles, \$2 and \$3, for 18-inch and \$1.50 for 16-inch cedar.

A correspondent thus refers to the Michigan lumber market: The market never manifested healthier conditions. There is a demand for all kinds of stock. Good lumber is particularly firm. Michigan white pine is worth from \$17 to \$25, and Canada stock from \$16 to \$21 for log run. Box lumber has not been so strong as some other grades, but is quoted at \$12.50 to \$15. Norway is in demand, but only two or three firms are cutting it, and the old stock is practically exhausted. It is worth \$11 and up, according to dimension. Mill culls are worth \$12 to \$13.

At an auction sale at Dublin, Ireland, on May 25th, held by Richard Martin & Co., Canadian timber brought the following prices per Irish standard: 3rd Quebec spruce, 11ft. 9x3, \$12; 12ft. 9x3, \$13 5s.; 11ft. to 13ft. 7x3, \$12 2s 6d. to \$12 7s. 6d. to \$12 7s. 6d.; 13ft., \$12 10s.; 7s. 6d.; 13ft., \$12 10s.; 16ft John spruce, 14ft. to 18ft. 11x3, 17s. 6d.; 19ft. 11x3, \$13 10s.; 14ft 9x3, \$13 10s.; 15ft. to 18ft. 9x3, \$13 10s.; 19ft., \$13 17s. 6d.; 20ft. and 21ft. 9x3, \$14 7s. 6d. 2nd Quebec spruce, 11ft 9x3, \$12 15s.; 12ft. 9x3, \$13 12s 6d. to \$13 15s.; 12ft. 11x3 \$12 12s. 6d. to \$13 17s. 6d. Bay Verte spruce, (10 5s. to \$10 17s. 6d.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

There continues to be a very firm market for spruce lumber, with the demand active and the supply not fully up to requirements. It is claimed the scarcity of logs on the St. John will be even more serious than at first reported. Not much cargo spruce is coming forward, and the car mills are delaying orders.

The quotations on spruce in this market are firmly held: Ten and 12-inch dimensions, \$18@19.50; 9-inch and under, \$17@ \$18; 10 and 12 inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$17.50@18.50; 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$15@16; all other randoms, 9-inch and under, 10 feet and up, \$15.50@17; 5-inch and up, merchantable boards, \$15@16; matched boards, \$17 to \$18; out spruce boards \$12.50; bundle furring, \$14.

There is a firm market for hemlock lumber, with the supply small: Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$16 to \$17; No. 2, \$14 to \$15; eastern Pennsylvania boards, \$15 to \$16; random, \$13 to \$14.

Western white pine is steady and un-

changed: Uppers, 1 inch, \$58 to \$62; 1 1/4 to 2 inch; \$63 to \$64; 3 and 4 inch \$68 to \$72; selects, 1 to 4 inch, \$52 to \$64; fine common, 1 to 3 inch, \$45 to \$60; sheathings, \$38 to \$54; barn boards, \$25 to \$30; coffin boards, \$23 to \$25.

There is a quiet demand for finishing hardwoods, but whitewood is firm, owing to the scarcity in the South: One inch, whitewood, \$37 to \$39; thicker, \$39 to \$42; 3/4 inch, \$30 to \$33; saps, inch, \$25 to \$30; common, \$23 to \$25; quartered oak, \$65 to \$75; fancy, \$85 to \$90; plain oak, \$35 to \$45; ash, \$38 to \$45; cherry, \$90 to \$130; maple, \$30 to \$40; sycamore, quartered inch, \$40 to \$50; walnut, \$100 to \$130.

There is a steady market for shingles, with prices firm: Extra cedar, \$2.85 to \$2.95; clear, \$2.60 to \$2.65; second clear, \$2.15 to \$2.25; clear white, \$2; extra No. 1, \$1.90; Washington and British Columbia, 16-inch, five butts to 2 inches, \$3.15 to \$3.25.

Clapboards are firm and unchanged: Extra spruce, \$30 to \$31; clear, \$28 to \$29; second clear, \$25 to \$26; pine extra, \$36 to \$38; clear, \$36 to \$37; second clear, \$28 to \$30.

Laths are easier with a fair demand. The quotations here are: 1 1/4 inch, \$2.85 to \$2.90; 1 1/2 inch, \$2.70, to \$2.85.

Boston, Mass., June 3rd, 1901.

INQUIRIES FOR WOOD PRODUCTS

Enquiry has been made from the Canada Lumberman for names of Canadian shippers of pine, spruce and hardwoods who wish to secure a responsible firm of London brokers to handle their shipments and advise them regarding the market. The name and address will be furnished upon request.

QUEBEC TIMBER LIMIT SALE.

The sale of timber limits advertised by the Quebec Government took place in the Parliament Buildings, Quebec, on June 5th. There was an unusually large attendance of lumbermen and others interested. Mr. Blouin, of The Crown Lands

Department, acted as auctioneer. Although the bidding was not particularly spirited, the result was satisfactory. In all about 2,700 square miles were disposed of, at an aggregate price of \$402,300. At 4 o'clock the sale was adjourned until the 26th inst., when the unsold limits in Saguenay district will be put up. The largest purchases, with quantity and price, were as follows:

	Sq. Miles.	Price.
W. H. Davis	2,297 3/4	\$193,790
St. Maurice L. Co.	544	51,721
Hon. R. Turner	226	29,306
B. A. Scott	136 1/2	22,205
W. Power	193 1/2	21,201
Art De Tremblay	149	18,625
J. S. Dansereau	132 1/2	15,517
Charlemagne and Lac Ouareau L. Co.	280	10,949
Jas. Clarke	176	16,717
Dr. Warren	110	7,051
Donat Deneveau	80	6,334
Saguenay L. Co.	66	6,144
Price Bros. & Co.	128	4,929
Drouin & Frere	23 1/4	2,399
Geo. H. Eaton	33	2,312
New Richmond L. Co.	32 1/2	1,437
Kilgour Shives	17 1/2	1,124
R. McConnell	15	811
H. Atkinson	8	432
Mr. Pettit, M.P.P.	4 1/2	357

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