were larger than for any other month this year. Our Buffalo quotations this week show an advance of one dollar in 1¼ and 1½ inch cutting-up stock, $2 in No. 2 moulding strips, and $3 in 6, 8 and 10-inch barn boards. At Albany trade is quiet, stocks light, and prices firmly held, with a tendency to advance if anything. There has developed a shortage of box cull or No. 4 boards, the box manufacturers stating that they are unable to pick up this grade in northern markets. Piece stuff assortments are also badly broken, with a general scarcity of long stock of all kinds, 2x12 joist and 4 and 6-inch No. 1 fencing strips. Very few dealers have any quantity of 12-inch boards. At Cleveland stocks of good lumber, such as fine common, selects and uppers, are scarcer than at any other time this year.

Our remarks last week regarding hardwoods pretty well cover prevailing conditions. Dealers report that stocks are running low whether in the hands of producers, dealers, or consumers. It has seemed difficult to advance hardwood prices on account of the scattered supply and the competition from the small mill. This is particularly the case in respect to maple, basswood and elm.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The position of the lumber market of Great Britain is not altogether satisfactory in respect to consumption, which has recently shown a decline. The business generally is in a sound condition and not likely to be affected by a temporary decrease in consumption. An active demand continues for the better qualities of pine deals and sidings, and prices have an upward tendency. A basis as high as that now ruling is likely to continue throughout the winter months. The shortage in the supply of pine and spruce from this side has become universally recognized and accounts for the strong tone now prevailing. One report regarding the spruce market received from London says: "If spruce were to experience a really bad year at home, and large quantities were pressed upon the European market at cheap and falling prices, it would have the effect of discouraging buyers to deal liberally with the Baltic timber; but at the present time there are no signs of this. On the contrary, everything points to an expensive spruce year, probably more trying than the season just passed." For best quality spruce as much as £9 per standard c.i.f. is being asked, and at an auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, third quality Quebec spruce, 3x9, realized £9 10s, and Miramichi spruce, 3x7 and 8, £7 10s. A quantity of Quebec first-class rock elm brought from 80 shillings to 102 shillings per load of fifty cubic feet. Birch sold at 1s. 7d. per cubic foot for first-class stock.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

William Cook, of Vancouver, B. C., is this winter conducting lumbering operations on Hardwick Island.

Furstenburg Bros., of Saginaw, Mich., are taking over one million feet of white pine stock which they recently purchased at Sarnia, Ont.

White pine shingles in the Saginaw valley are worth $4 to $4.25 for XXX stock and $3.25 for clear butts. Cedar shingles range from $2.75 to $3.75.

Some weakness has recently been reported in Washington red cedar shingles, which are now quoted in the Chicago market at $3.08 for 5 butt to 2 inches, and $2.60 to $2.65 for 6 to 2. This is a decline of ten cents within a month.

The Fredericton Boom Company have completed rafting operations for the season, having handled 130,000,000 feet of logs on the St. John river and tributaries.

The Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company, of Sandwich, Ont., has contracted to cut for future delivery 15,000,000 feet of white pine lumber, the greater portion of which will be next spring's sawing.

M. McNair, of Armstrong, B. C., has been given a contract to take out 3,000,000 feet of logs for the Columbia River Lumber Company's mill at Kault. The logs will be cut on the Salmon river.

White pine prices in Chicago are based on $16 for short dry piece stuff, and $18 to $18.50 for long; $18.50 to $19.50 for common inch; $11 to $12 for hemlock piece stuff, according to quality; $12.75 to $13 for inch hemlock; $2.80 to $2.85 for white cedar shingles, and $3 for No. 1 mixed lath.

Under date of October 25th, Clairmonte, Mann & Company say of the Barbadoes market: "There has been no arrival with lumber during the fortnight, but owing to the dull state of trade there is little demand. Last sales of white pine have been made at $20 to $21.30 per thousand as it runs, for two small lots. A small lot of spruce was sold at $19.21. Long Gaspe cedar shingles have been marketed at $4.89 to $5.04 per M. The "Bravo" has arrived from Paspebiac, Que., with the following: 640,000 laying cedar shingles, sold at $1.82; 78,000 long cedar shingles, sold at $4.89, 4,000 at $5.04; 128,000 dimension shingles, sold at $4.01 to $4.10 for 4-inch, $5.10 to $5.22 for 5-inch, $6.10 to $6.22 for 6-inch, $7.22 for 7-inch, and $8.22 for 8-inch.

THE GLASGOW MARKET.

Messrs. Edmiston & Mitchells, in their last market report, review Glasgow conditions as follows:

Business has been fairly active during the month, a considerable number of transactions having been made in pitch pine and spruce, while for Canadian timber and deals there has been a steady demand at very firm prices. There have been rather more wide first pine deals coming in recently, but the import is still considerably under the market's requirements, and prices are as firm as ever. A cargo of Californian redwood has been imported into Glasgow during the month, and is expected to meet with a ready sale in view of the high prices asked for first quality white pine. The result will be watched with interest, as hitherto redwood has not taken well in this market.

Of American hardwoods the import for October has been unusually meagre, and values are on the whole well maintained, the weak spots being walnut logs and lumber and plain oak boards.

WHITE OR YELLOW PINE.—With the exception of a small parcel per liner to Glasgow, there has been no import this month. There have been some fair sales of both first and second-class waney at full price. Stock is moderate, and prices are likely to harden.

RED PINE.—There have been a few retail sales during the month, but the enquiry is very quiet. Stock is low, but ample for all requirements.

OAK.—There has been no further import during the month, and business has been fairly satisfactory. One or two good lines have been placed and general enquiries have been numerous. Prices range from 3s to 3s 9d for first-class, and 2s 6d to 2s 9d for second-class, according to specification.

ELM.—There has been a fair demand during the month, and several sales are reported at full prices. The stock is heavy and ample for all prospective requirements.

BIRCH.—Quebec—The import of logs this month has been trifling, and of planks about 190 loads, some of which was sold "ex quay" and balance stored. There is still a considerable stock of planks on hand, but of logs there has been a moderate consumption, and prices are reported to be rather firmer. Lower Port.—There are no imports this past month, and of old stock there is still a fair quantity in store, which is moving off very slowly.

ASH.—There have been no arrivals during October from Montreal, but from the States 332 logs have come forward, which have been disposed of from the ships' side at prices ranging from 1s 8d to 2s per foot. In Quebec ash the amount of business done has been trifling, but one or two small sales of 12-inch wood are reported at about 1s 6d per foot.

DEALS, &c.—Business during the month has been of a satisfactory nature, and deliveries from store and ship's side are well maintained. Imports still continue moderate, and stocks, while accumulating, are low. Prices of all kinds are firm. Current values are as under: Broad first pine deals, £31 to £34 per standard; 11-inch, £26 to £27; ends and non-dimensions, £20 to £22. Second pine deals.—11-inch and up, £18 10s to £21; non-dimensions, £12 10s to £15. Third pine deals.—11 inch and up, £12 to £13; ends and non-dimensions, £8 10s to £10 10s. Fourth pine deals.—11 inch and up, £10 to £10 10s; narrows, £8 to £9. Red pine deals —9 and 11 inch, £10 to £12; narrows, £8 to £9. First pine siding and strips.—9 and 10 inch average, £21 to £23; 11 to 12 inch average, £24 to £26; 13 to 14 inch average, £27 to £28. Spruce deals —9 inch and up, £8 10s to £9 10s; 7 and 8 inch, £7 5s to £8 10s. Lower port pine and spruce 9 inch and up, £8 5s to £9 5s; 7 and 8 inch, £7 5s to £8 5s.

DOORS AND MILL WORK.

The tone of the demand for doors and mill work over the country has shown continued improvement of late and this has been fully as noticeable in the opening days of November as during any similar period for some time. In some sections demand for a month past has been inclined to be dormant, but this condition, says the American Lumberman, has been materially emaliorated during the past few days at many points. Distributers generally report a tremendous quantity of orders for small lots of stock and odd work, with a fair intermixture of carload lots, but with no indication of speculative buying. Judging from appearances one would infer that retail dealers are anticipating a slump in prices and are holding off in their buying until they are able to secure bargains. If this is what they are waiting for, the opportunity has probably already passed, as prices are in much better shape this week than they have been, especially on carloads; notwithstanding which they are still too low for the average carload jobber to interest himself in them to any extent. Most wholesalers are satisfied with doing a big business in small lots and for this class of trade they are getting good prices, in which there is a fair margin of profit. They do not care to dispose of stock work in carloads on which they cannot make a handling bill.

The report from the door and millwork factories at Buffalo, N.Y., is that they are running to the limit of their capacities and the feeling in regard to prices is much improved. One mill owner says that he is getting a dollar more to the door than he did early in the season. There is an immense amount of home demand, so that all the building that can be crowded in this winter will be done.