

been advanced \$2, white birch \$1, and soft maple \$1.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Business in British timber circles is proceeding very slowly. Buyers are exercising what seems to be unnecessary caution, as there are many indications that prices have reached the bottom. Notwithstanding, the recovery is likely to be very gradual. At recent auction sales prices generally have declined, but it is significant that the best class of deals have held their position with a marked degree of firmness. The spruce trade is showing more life. Dealers who have purposely delayed buying in the expectation that shippers would accept reductions from the fixed first-open-water prices, are now offering £8 10s and £8 per standard c.i.f. London for 3x9 second and third quality. At these figures they have been unable to effect purchases, an advance of 5s on these prices being asked by shippers, while £8 10s c.i.f. is predicted for third quality within a short time. Charters effected in Great Britain show a lower tendency of freights, 41s being the average for large vessels from the Maritime provinces, 42s 6d from the St. Lawrence to west coast of Great Britain, and 46s 3d to east coast.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The str. Heighington is about to load a cargo of deals at Quebec for London.

The barque Bahama is loading box shooks at Hall's booms, Quebec, for the Canary Islands.

The tender of D. E. Sprague has been accepted for the annual supply of lumber to the city of Winnipeg.

The ship Roland sailed last week from Chemainus, B. C., for Greenock, with 834,560 feet of lumber.

Short hemlock is selling in the Chicago market at from \$9.25 to \$9.50, and long hemlock about \$1 higher.

At Buffalo staves and coiled hoops for slack barrels are selling at \$8 to \$8.25, and

first-class basswood heading at 6 to 6 1/4 cents.

Purcell & Kelly, of Port Arthur, Ont., have purchased from Seaman & Company all the lumber cut by them at Shebandowan during the past winter.

Michigan white pine is quoted in Saginaw at \$20 to \$24 for log run, Canadian at \$17 to \$21; box lumber at \$14 to \$14.50, and special bills from \$14 upwards.

At the Crown Lands office, Fredericton, N. B., two timber berths were sold last week. as follows: Head of Young's Brook, branch of Caraquet River, two miles, to W. T. Whitehead, at \$9 per mile; Big Sevoque River, 3 miles, to E. Sinclair, at \$133.50 per mile.

Tenders are invited for the Department of Interior at Ottawa up to May 13th for licenses to cut timber on Berth No. 971, situated on the south side of the Saskatchewan river, and Berth No. 972, containing one and nine square miles respectively, both in the district of Alberta.

The Central Lumber Company, of Saginaw, Mich., have sold all their mill culls of the coming season's run, estimated at about 3,500,000 feet, to local dealers at \$12.50 a thousand. A few years ago mill culls were a drug at \$6. E. Nelson has sold 3,500,000 feet of Michigan white pine stock, cut at Cheboygan, to eastern parties, at between \$22 and \$25 per thousand for log run.

The following export shipments of lumber from Vancouver, B.C., were made during the week ending April 20th: Barque Anna, for Valparaiso, Chili, with 1,332,873 feet rough lumber, by Robert Ward & Company; barque Passepartout, for Sydney, Australia, with 401,801 feet rough lumber and 35,090 pickets, by North Pacific Lumber Company; barque Antuco, for Callao, Peru, with 1,225,458 feet lumber by B.C. Mills, Timber & Trading Company.

Do not neglect to read the advertisements in each issue of the WEEKLY LUMBERMAN. They contain much of interest.

John A. Bertram
LUMBER INSPECTOR
... AND SHIPPER ...
LITTLE CURRENT, ONT.

THE LOG DRIVES.

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 25th.—The news from the Upper St. John log drives is encouraging. W. H. Cuniff & Sons, who operate on the Allegash, have all their logs out of the small streams. They will take out about 14,000,000 feet for W. H. Murray and Andre Cushing & Sons. Charles E. Jones is out of Little Black river and into the main St. John with 3,000,000 feet for W. H. Murray. Neil McLean, who operated on Big Brook for W. H. Murray, is into the main river with 2,000,000 feet. John Sweany has 2,500,000 feet out of Brown Brook and into the main river. He operates for Andre Cushing & Son. R. A. Estey is through with driving on the Tobique after only eleven days' work. This is the quickest driving ever known on the Tobique for the amount of lumber which Mr. Estey brought out, three million feet.

McCollum, who operates on the Tobique for Hilyard Bros., is also out with his drive. Hale & Murchie's drive at the headwaters of the Tobique is coming along well.

Gilman Bros. and Burden, who operate on the Upper St. John, have their lumber all in the main river except about 1,000,000 feet, which is coming along nicely.

On the Nashwaak the drives are getting along better than for many years, the conditions being exceptionally favorable.

James Hallet, who operates on the Grand River for Randolph & Baker, has his cut of 2,000,000 into safe waters. Jacob Hazleton, who has 3,000,000 on the Restigouche, expects to finish stream driving about the middle of next week. Daniel Nixon, who cuts about 1,500,000 for the William Richards Company, will be out next week with all his cut.

Jas. Burgess & Sons, who cut 2,000,000

for their mill on Little River, already have their logs in boom limits; and the same is true of J. A. Patterson, who has a cut of 4,000,000 on Salmon River.

Bank logs are now coming freely to Springhill, four rafts having arrived down to-day. The lumber is being purchased chiefly by John Campbell and Wilmott Guion. Good spruce logs are selling at \$9.50 per thousand feet.

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