

**STOCKS AND PRICES.**

**CANADA.**

A good deal of oak timber is being gotten out in Liverpool county, N. S.

The Royal City Planing Mills, New Westminster, B. C., shipped in three car loads of lumber last week to Manitoba.

An order for 500,000 feet of spruce lumber has been placed with W. H. and J. Kourke, of St. Martin's N. B., by a New York firm. The stock is to be delivered by the end of May.

The Central Lumber Co., of Saginaw, Mich., has purchased 7,000,000 feet of pine logs, cut on the Blind river by R. A. Alger, jr. They will be rafted across the lake for this concern.

A cargo of 750,000 feet of deals, etc., cleared last week from St. John, N. B., for Cork, Ireland. 1,250,000 feet of long lumber, 300,000 lath and 2 cargoes of piling went to United States ports.

The Delta Lumber Co., of Detroit, Mich., is reported to have purchased of J. T. Hurst and the Holland-Emery Lumber Co., a limit in the Georgian Bay district, estimated to cut about 150,000,000 feet. The stock is to go to the Detroit mills of this concern.

It is understood that the privilege of cutting on 60 square miles of Indian reserve on Lake Temiscamingue, secured by Geo. E. Kidd, Barrister, Ottawa, for \$21,000 was on account of the St. Anthony Lumber Co., of the Ottawa district. The reserve contains over 38,000 acres of pine, spruce and tamarac, 9 inches thick on the stump. The price is considered by some mill men to be a very generous one.

The report of the foreign commerce and navigation of the United States shows that for the year ending June 30, 1894, the amount of dutiable lumber imported by that country from Canada is as follows: (We give the comparison also with 1893.) Lumber 1893, 800,000,000 feet; 1894, 500,000,000 feet; shingles 1893, 465,000,000 feet; 1894, 378,000,000; lath 1893, 327,000,000, 1894, 283,000,000. The lumber was chiefly for consumption in the New England and eastern states.

A large deal in Lower Province timber lands is reported. H. K. Blanchard, of William Haskins & Sons, Boston, and associates, have closed a trade with Weston F. Milliken, for what is known as the C. S. Clark property, on the St. Francis, at Brompton Falls, Que., all timber lands and all stock at mill and on wharf there. The associates are Canadian mill men, though their names, purchase price, the capital stock and price are not given out. A strong bid will be made by the new concern for the car trade of New England. The mill has heretofore sawed only for the South American trade, and is one which, under its first owner, established the line in quality and manufacture of spruce rails, so called, for the Argentine Republic.

**UNITED STATES.**

Hardwoods are brisk at Tonawanda, N. Y.

Prices for good lumber at Saginaw, Mich., are firm. Log run is held at \$16.

Export clearances of lumber from New York for last week were less than 500,000 feet.

Logs are being purchased for the mills at Saginaw, Mich., at about \$2 a thousand less than last year. Pine logs range from \$7 to \$10.

Of the 141,000,000 feet of lumber said to have been on the mill docks of Saginaw, Mich., at the close of the season, only a few million feet now remain.

Various estimates have been given this season of the quantity of logs that will be rafted from the Georgian Bay and North Shore districts to Michigan. A late calculation is as follows: Saginaw Lumber and Salt Co., 20,000,000 ft.; Holland-Emery Lumber Co. and J. T. Hurst, 80,000,000; Hale & Co., 20,000,000; Turner & Fisher, 50,000,000; C. K. Eddy & Sons, 10,000,000; Col. A. T. Bliss, 12,000,000 to 15,000,000; Central Lumber Co., 7,000,000; J. W. Howry & Sons, 12,000,000; Wm. Peter, 20,000,000. Other exporters will include S. G. M. Gates, Edmund Hall and others.

An association has just been organized in connection with the yellow pine interests of the south, known as the Mutual Lumber Co., Ltd., who will endeavor to put in force a price list, that will help to remove the cutting and slashing that has been common to yellow pine for some time. The following figures have been adopted by the company, representing stocks delivered on a rail rate of 22c per 100 lbs.:

TIMBER.	
6x6 to 8x8, 16 ft.	\$ 15.00
10, 18 and 20 ft.	15.50
22 and 24 ft.	17.00
8x10 to 12x12, 16 ft.	16.00
10, 18 and 20 ft.	16.50
22 and 24 ft.	18.00
6x14 to 12x14, 16 ft.	17.50
10, 18 and 20 ft.	18.00
22 and 24 ft.	18.50
6x16 to 12x16, 16 ft.	19.00
10, 18 and 20 ft.	19.50
22 and 24 ft.	20.00
FINISH.	
1x4 to 1x6	\$ 18.00
1x8 to 1x12	18.50
For every 2 inches over 12 in. add \$1.	

FLOORING.	
13-16, 3/4 in. face	\$ 14.50
3/4 in. face	15.75
27-32, 3/4 in. face	15.00
27-32, 3/4 in. face	15.25
3/4 in. face	15.50
For straight grain, add \$5. For ceiling, same price for same thickness and faces.	

The better elements in the trade will gladly welcome, we believe, any movement that will give greater steadfastness to prices of yellow pine.

**THE LUMBER SITUATION.**

REFLECTED THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE OF "WEEKLY LUMBERMAN."

A. Dickie, Lower Stewiacke, N. S.: "Stocks are moving very slowly. Dry pine is asked for but not to be had. Stocks of deals in this district are very heavy. Prices for deals, which is the principle product in this section, will likely be about the same as last year. The general outlook is none too encouraging."

J. Taylor, Chatsworth, Ont.: "Stocks are moving slowly, soft elm, basswood, birch and black ash being in most demand. No important sales in this locality, outside of a few carloads of soft elm at \$11 per 1,000. Stocks are considerably smaller than last year in this locality. Prices of soft elm, basswood and birch are a little better than last year, that is with American buyers."

J. D. Roche, Masham Mills, Que.: "Our trade is largely local and country trade. We find stocks moving more actively lately. Plain lumber, dressed, tongued and grooved, and building material generally in most demand. On the Gatineau ties are in good demand and pulp wood, as also spruce, balsam and poplar. There has been a heavy cut of mixed woods on the Gatineau and tribu-

aries the past winter. Plenty of snow; labor has been cheap; terms plentiful and provisions and fodder low."

William Foster, Owen Sound, Ont.: "I have just returned from a trip among some 25 saw mills in this section. I find the stock of logs will be up to the average of last year, and of a better quality, as mill men have learned that it does not pay to get out bad stock. The old stock is pretty well done, except in the case of a few mill men who are holding for higher prices. Considering shrinkage and interest, parties who sold last spring have done the best, as they have turned the cart wheel over, to use an American expression. Now able to log in a new stock they can cut to suit the market. Prices are a little firmer and enquiries are better than for the past few months. I do not anticipate a great improvement nor an advance in prices, but a careful and cautious business done until people get more confidence and money a little easier."

**CONDITIONS IN NEW SOUTH WALES.**

The Prices Current and Trade Review, of Sydney, N. S. W., says: Timber—(Duty 1s 6d per 100 feet sup. on rough; 3s per 100 feet sup. on dressed; deals 5s each; sashes 3s each; palings 1s per 100; laths 1s per 1,000; pickets (dressed) 3s per 100 feet sup. For a short time of the year this market was fairly well situated, and early arrivals did very well. Towards the close, however, of the year the market became decidedly weaker, and this movement accentuated by the close arrivals of three or four vessels with Oregon, which was intended on distributor's account. The following are the receipts of timber for the last four years:

	ROUGH.	DRESSED.
1891	58,000,000	12,500,000
1892	41,000,000	7,000,000
1893	36,000,000	4,500,000
1894	32,000,000	6,000,000

**BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES AND CHANGES.**

The mill property at Cross Creek, N. B., at one time under the management of Sampson Bros., has been sold on a mortgage for \$3,250.

A co-partnership has been registered between Donald Fraser sen, and jr. and A. Fraser, saw millers. The firm name is Donald Fraser & Sons, Fredericton, N. B.

Buntin v Vale Barrel Machine Company.—R. McKay, for plaintiffs, moved for an injunction restraining the transfer of shares in the company. W. F. Walker, Q. C., for defendants Blackley and the Vale Barrel Machine Company. Order in terms of consent minutes, as against defendant Blackley. Motion refused as against the defendants the Vale Barrel Machine Company.

In the lumber suit of William Irwin & Co., of Orillia, Ont., vs Turner & Fisher, Bay City, Mich., referred to in the news columns of our monthly edition, was a day or two since settled out of court, and by the settlement the defendants must pay the plaintiffs, Irwin & Co., \$21,000 within fifteen days. This amount represents the unpaid balance of a \$95,000 contract to cut and deliver the defendants certain Algoma timber.

The case of Traversy vs. Tourville & Co., was heard before the Court of Appeal in Montreal a day or two since. The case involves a charge for damages caused by the erection of booms at the mouth of the St. Francis river. Tourville & Co. are owners of what was once known as the Pierreville Mill Co., who carry on their operations on the St. Francis river. The defendants claim that their property was damaged to the extent of \$50 per annum through the erection of said booms. The case was decided in favor of the defendants.

**LUMBER TRADE IN AUSTRALIA.**

Fraser & Co., Ltd., of Melbourne, Australia, say: We anticipate a more settled state in business to ensue in the early future, and look to orders from the trade within the next few weeks to show considerable improvement upon those which have of late been executed. No very important additional charters have been arranged from the usual shipping centers, though there are indications of supplies of New Zealand white pine being on a full scale in the course of the present year.

No imports of Oregon Pine (fir). The demand has not been equal to that shown during the past few months. A limited business has been done at unaltered prices, but an improvement in sales may be fully looked for in the early future.

No imports of red wood. The demand is small and the stocks are light. Values remain without alteration.

No imports of sugar pine and door stock. Some fair inquiries have been made for these lines. Supplies of the former are small, while there are no stocks in first hands of the latter. Importations are requisite to meet wants of the trade.

**SHIPPING MATTERS.**

Not a vessel is loading foreign at Portland, Me., and but one is chartered.

Lumber freight rates from Michigan points to Buffalo and Tonawanda, will open, it is said, at \$1.50.

Two vessels have been chartered to load at St. John, N. B., for British ports at 39s, and two up the bay at 38s.

Geo. Cassidy & Co. Ltd., of Vancouver, B. C., are making arrangements to charter a vessel to load lumber for Southern California.

A vessel capable of carrying 1,000,000 feet of lumber has been chartered to load at the Royal City Mills, New Westminster, B. C., early next month.

The American schooner Olga is loading 700,000 ft. of lumber at the Brunette Saw Mill wharf, New Westminster, B. C., for San Francisco.

The barque Fred E. Scamwell has been chartered to load deals at Spencer's Island, N. S., for Great Britain, at 37s 6d. The vessel is chartered by the new firm of J. H. Scamwell & Co.

A despatch from Vancouver, B. C., says that the Canadian Pacific Railway has lowered the rate on lumber to the east \$2.60 per 10,000 ft. Local lumbermen expect this will help them in securing trade that now goes to Puget Sound dealers.

The Olivebank, now loading lumber for South America at the Hastings Mill, Vancouver, B. C., is without exception the largest sailing vessel that has ever entered the Vancouver harbor. Her tonnage is 2,650 and her cargo capacity 4,480 tons, or expressed in feet of lumber 2,400,000.

Rates for Nova Scotia charters are quoted at \$2 and \$2.50. J. L. Sullivan, ship broker, Boston, reports the following charters: Schr Mary Standish, March 13, 250,000 spruce; schooner Mary E. March 14, 140,000 spruce; Annapolis, N. S., to Boston on private terms.

Charters reported are: Bauges Lynnwood, New York to Buenos Ayres, W P lumber, \$5.75; Earncliffe, Philadelphia to Port Allegre and Rio Grande do Sul, bridge material, etc. pt; ship Everett, Pensacola to U. K., sawn timber, 90s, less 1/2d for packet ports; 640 ton barque, Pugwash to direct port U. K., deals, 40s; May chartered a broad, 606-ton barque Miramichi to Belfast, Lorne or Ayr, deals, 42s. May chartered abroad, lgt Bertha Gray, Guanabaco to Delaware Breakwater, sugar 12s; scho Sahrina, Ft. Johnson to St. John, N. B., coal 70c. Enreka, Jersey City to St. N. B., oak lumber, \$2.50.