

BUFFALO AND TONAWANDA.

[Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.]

Slow business is the rule in the lumber yards, especially with pine dealers, though there are plenty of indications that the demand will open early again and that the east, which has been hesitating for some time over the problem whether it will have to pay higher prices or not, will be in the market for lumber in quantity as soon as the winter inventory season is past.

Still it is plainly the notion eastward that the price of lumber is higher than it should be, and that a good steady holding off will break the prices. This will never happen unless other business goes to pieces along with lumber, which is something that the east does not want to see any more than we do.

Both Buffalo and Tonawanda brought in considerable more lumber by lake the past season than during 1898, and the increase by rail, though small in Tonawanda, is large in percentage, while in Buffalo it is supposed to be large, though there is no report on that point.

The end of December sees still some lumber afloat at docks that were crowding in late cargoes, such as the Montgomerys and the H. M. Loud's Sons' Co. Both of these firms have their docks as well as yards very full and will not be in full winter condition for some time yet, in spite of steady work as often as weather permitted.

It is pleasant to note that the Holland & Emery Company is going ahead with vigor. Not satisfied with its already large holding of timber in Canada, the company bought nine square miles in the Nipissing district at the recent government auction, which ought to mean a considerable enlargement of operations in the next few years.

The two Montgomery firms have suffered a serious set-back from a fire that occurred on

the night of the 26th December and destroyed a section of the log mill at the foot of Court street, Buffalo. The mill has four sections separated by fire walls, and the others suffered only from water. The fire occurred in the fourth story, occupied by the Deuther Manufacturing Company, picture frame makers, who will lose \$20,000. The loss to the Montgomerys will exceed \$100,000, most of it falling on the veneered door department.

A second wood-working concern in Buffalo that has been burned out during the month is the firm of L. & P. Gior, the largest cooperage establishment in the city. After suffering the loss of their stove and heading mill in September, their other mill and barrel factory went down on Dec. 12th, involving a loss of \$40,000. A new mill is about finished, so that the business can now be concentrated there and no stoppage will occur.

The Plummer mill, which includes planer, heading and excelsior packing apparatus, situated in the Hertel avenue district, Buffalo, and which has been in bankruptcy for a year or more, has been bought by the firms of Holland, Manbert & George and C. M. Betts & Co., whose yards are near and who will utilize it in their business.

The Eastern Lumber Company at Tonawanda has an ambitious new neighbor in the shape of a steel company from Chicago, which has bought 20 acres of land and will erect a big plant as soon as possible. There is a great boom in that vicinity.

The scarcity of shingles here has been increased by the loss of the Canadian steamer Niagara, with all on board. This circumstance is well known, but it might not be so well known that the shingles were from Parry Sound to Haines & Co., Buffalo, and are now mostly scattered along the Canada shore of Lake Erie. The cargo has been sold to private parties, who will try to sell in Canada what is recovered, so that payment of duty may be avoided.

C. H. Stanton, Buffalo manager of the Loud Company's interests, has been made vicegerent snark by the Hoo-Hoo authorities and is preparing to stir up the boys after the holidays, probably taking in Toronto.

BUFFALO, Jan. 2, 1900. J. C.

Attention is directed to the advertisement on first page of our current weekly issue, announcing the sale by auction on the 9th inst. of valuable saw mill and other property at Young's Point, Ont.

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

The following reference to the Barbados lumber market is made by S. P. Musson, Son & Co. in their circular of December 22nd:

The Etta A. Simpson has arrived from St. John, N. B., with 103 M ft. white pine and 900 M shingles, for this market; and 111 M feet white pine for St. Lucia. Of her cargo for this island, sales have been made as follows: 26 M ft. at \$17.12, 30 M ft. at \$17.65, 20 M ft. at \$16.77, and 26 M ft. sold but price not yet transpired. Spruce—we had a small lot of 25 M ft. ex L. B. Currie from West Dublin, and sold 9,500 feet from deck at \$18.30, 16 M feet under deck at \$18.61, and 13 M feet hemlock at \$16.46. The sale of spruce cannot be considered a fair criterion for cargo lots, which we continue to value at \$17 to \$18. For the hemlock, it was only by chance that we were able to obtain the figure noted, it being very unsaleable in this market. The cargo per Maiden City to which we referred has been brought in here at a low price, and while sizes are unsuited to present requirements, yet it will have an unfavorable effect on the market for spruce.

SHINGLES. The Etta A. Simpson cargo contained 792 M sawed cedar laying, 50 M shaved, and 66 M sawed spruce; sold sawed cedar laying at \$2.40, shaved spruce at \$2.35, and we had by L. B. Currie 170 M spruce laying, which we sold at \$2.20. Nothing new to advise in long Gaspe.

NEW LUMBER COMPANY.

Incorporation has been granted to the Morgan Lumber Company, Limited, of Toronto, with a capital of \$400,000. The incorporators are Frank Denton, of Toronto; S. O. Fisher and wife, of West Bay City, and J. S. and E. O. Galloway, of Hillsdale, Mich. It is understood that this company will operate the Morgan township timber limit recently purchased by S. O. Fisher.

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TORONTO, January 3, 1900.

TORONTO, ONT.

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QUEBEC, QUE.

QUEBEC, January 3, 1900.

WHITE PINE—IN THE RAFT.

Table listing lumber prices for Quebec, Quebec, including items like Square white pine, measured off, 46 to 45 feet average, etc.

ALBANY, N.Y.

ALBANY, N.Y., January 3, 1900.

Table listing lumber prices for Albany, New York, including items like Uppers, 3 in. up, 2 1/2 in., etc.

OTTAWA, ONT.

OTTAWA, January 3, 1900.

Table listing lumber prices for Ottawa, Ontario, including items like Pine, goods sidings, per M feet, b.m., etc.

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BUFFALO, N.Y., January 3, 1900.

Table listing lumber prices for Buffalo and Tonawanda, New York, including items like Uppers, 1 1/2, 2 1/2 and 3 in., etc.