

COOPERAGE PRICES.

The Suther and Innes Company, manufacturers of cooperage stock, Chatham, Ont., in a letter to the CANADA LUMBERMAN, give the following information regarding the cooperage market:

There has been a considerable advance in cooperage stock, and the markets of the United States during the past 60 days have advanced rapidly. The following is our new price list for coopers: No. 1, 28 1/2" jointed elm staves, \$5.75 per net 1,000; No. 1, 30", \$5.75; No. 1, 32 1/2", \$4; No. 2, 30", \$4. Millrun, 5 to 2", \$5.25; 6 to 2", \$4.75; No. 1, 24" jointed elm staves, \$4; No. 2, 24", \$2. No. 1, 14" to 14 1/2" kiln dried basswood heading, 31c per set; No. 1, 15" to 16", 34c; No. 1, 17 1/2", 41c. No. 1, 17 1/2", \$3.75 per 100 sets; No. 2, 17 1/2", 50c; No. 1, 18" to 18 1/2", 44c per set; No. 1, 19", 47c; No. 1, 19 1/2", 5c. No. 1, 31 ft patent elm hoops, \$4.60 per set 1,000; No. 1, 5 1/2 ft., \$6.50; No. 1, 6 ft., \$6.75; No. 1, 6 1/2 ft., \$7; No. 1, 6 9 in., \$7.25; 12 in. liners, 40c per 1,000. 13 to 18 in. liners, 50c per 1,000. 34 to 35 in. syrup barrel staves, \$18. 30 in. half syrup barrel staves sell at \$16 for straight, and bent stock \$2 per 1,000 more.

These are the prices that we are selling at, but it is quite possible that with the large advances that have taken place in the United States we may be compelled to advance our figures, particularly for Canadian business, to cover the advance that has taken place in lumber, timber and wages.

SALE OF CANADIAN TIMBER.

Messrs. Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., held an auction sale of wood goods on August 16th, at which Canadian timber sold as follows:

SPRUCE.—Ex St. John city, from Quebec—12 ft., 3 x 9, third quality, £7 10s. and £7 15s. Ex Vols, from Montreal—12-13 ft., 3 x 9-11, second quality, £8 10s.; 12-13 ft., 3 x 7-9,

third quality, £7 15s. Ex Euxima, from Quebec—13 ft., 3 x 9, third quality, £7 15s. Ex Ormiston, from Quebec—6-13 ft., 2 x 7-10, unassorted, £7 5s.

OAK TIMBER.—Ex Kirriemoor, from Quebec—651 cubic ft. at 5s. 5d. per load, 552 cu. ft. at 5s. 10d., 397 cu. ft. at 5s. 10d., and 458 cu. ft. at 5s.

BIRCH PLANKS.—Ex St. John City, from Halifax—7-17 ft., 5 x 6 in., 1s. per cubic foot; 7-16 ft., 3 x 10-12 in., 1s.; 4 18 ft., 3 x 9 in., 1s.; 6-20 ft., 3 x 8 in., 11d.; 10-17 ft., 3 x 7-8 in., 10 1/2d.; 8-13 ft., 3 x 6-10 in., 9s. 1/2d.; 8-18 ft., 2 1/2 x 11-15 in., 1s.; 9-17 ft., 2 1/2 x 12 in., 1s.; 4-17 ft., 2 x 9-16 in., 1s. 1d.; 3-19 ft., 1 1/2 x 14 in., 1s. 1d.

PINE TIMBER.—Ex Krim, from Quebec—24-26 ft., 16-30 in., first class waney, 97s. 6d. per load; 18-20 ft., 16-26 in., 92s. 6d.; 23-25 ft., 16-21 in., 92s. 6d. Ex Fernmoor, from Quebec—36-39 ft., 13-17 in., first class square pine, 92s. 6d. per load; 39-34 ft., 14-16 in., 54s.; 42-47 ft., 14-17 in., 58s.; 20-29 ft., 14-23 in., 59s.; 20-27 ft., 14-22 in., 55s.; 32-40 ft., 12-20 in., 60s.; 29-32 ft., 12-16 in., 57s.

THE SHINGLE SITUATION.

During the current season of constantly advancing prices, shingles of no kind have responded to increased values at any such rate as have all kinds and qualities of lumber. The explanation of this is that the immense consumption of lumber throughout the country for the year has been required more for manufacturing enterprises than for building operations.

It is not to be inferred from this that there has not been a large demand for shingles throughout the season. The sales, says the American Lumberman, have far outstripped any former year. The Washington mills, with-

out one exception, are way behind their orders, and it would doubtless be impossible for an eastern dealer, on a present order, to receive shingles in time for his fall trade. The stocks of pine shingles in the northwest are extremely low, and those of white cedar probably not more than one-half those of a year ago. New Brunswick cedars coming into the eastern field are in short supply. The same can be said of Pennsylvania hemlock shingles and the cypress shingles of the south.

In the face of the foregoing facts, it can safely be prophesied that shingles are a purchase at current values, as it is almost certain that a sharp advance in prices will be instituted within a very short time.

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