

GREAT BRITAIN.

The course of the British timber market is still surrounded by uncertainty. Importers seem afraid to venture upon new business until they are better able to foresee the extent of consumption. Some buying has been done, confined chiefly to small lots. Some ground for encouragement is found in the fact that the deliveries from the public docks in London during the past year exceeded those of 1901 by some 40,000 standards, of which 35,000 standards were sawn timber and 5,000 standards prepared boards. The supply has thus been reduced to an average quantity, and with a continuation of the present satisfactory state of consumption, the year should witness a substantial advance in the price of lumber. Spruce deals show a remarkable shortage at several importing centres. It is said that a lot consisting of about 60 per cent. 3x7 and 3x8 has been sold at £7 15s per standard c. i. f. Liverpool. These prices are not high when it is considered that \$13 per thousand is being asked for deals f. o. b. St. John, N. B. The stock of pine deals is being worked off gradually. Present quotations show that the price of best quality deals, as compared with one year ago, has continued firm, but that there has been a loss of upwards of £1 per standard in second, third and fourth quality. Red pine has also suffered during the year to the extent of about £2 per standard. Waney and square pine occupy a strong position, and are selling at 5 shillings and 2 shillings per standard respectively higher than one year ago.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

The opening weeks of the new year see the local lumber dealers looking forward in pleasurable anticipation to the good things that 1902 has in store for them. While very little business is being transacted at present, the prospects are bright, even rosy. The demand is active and the supply short in the principal grades of good lumber. Prices have advanced accordingly. Good pine sidings, which ranged from \$31 to \$42, have advanced, and figures run as high as \$45. Good strips, previously quoted at \$26 to \$32, now range from \$30 to \$35. Pine No. 1 dressing sidings, that sold as low as \$18 a few weeks ago, now bring from \$20 to \$24. Even at these figures it is hard to fill orders, and impossible in many cases. Mr. Thomas F. Elmitt, of the firm of Hurdman & Elmitt, who has just returned from a trip through the States, speaks very favorably of the prospects for Canadian lumber. Dealers who previously saw no further than Michigan are now looking towards Canada for supplies. The standing timber in Michigan has

become practically a thing of the past, and now it is the turn of the Canadians to supply the demand.

In the southern states which Mr. Elmitt visited, there is not as good an opening for Canadian lumber, for the reason that the cheaper grades of lumber with which these states are stocked fill the bill.

Reports from the limits in which Ottawans are interested are brighter as the natural conditions have improved. The prospects for a fair-sized cut are good.

Ottawa, January 11th, 1902.

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The following shipments of lumber, etc., from Canadian ports are reported since last issue:

From Halifax, N. S.: Str. Alcides, for Glasgow, Scotland, 359,658 ft. deals, etc., value \$2,876. Str. Manchester City, for Manchester, England, 323,145 ft. deals, value \$2,680.

From St. John, N. B.: Str. Evangeline, for London, 84,796 ft. deals, 935 ft. ends, by W. M. Mackay; 1,017 bales pulp, by St. John Pulp Co.; 103,351 ft. deals, 15,678 ft. ends, by George McKean. Str. Manchester Commerce, for Manchester, 500 bales pulp, by St. John Pulp Co.; 559,792 ft. deals, 19,644 ft. ends, 24,060 ft. byards, 2,594 ft. scantling, 195,584 ft. planks, 34,169 feet ends, by W. M. Mackay; 1,170 box shooks, 1,006 bales pulp, 216 pcs. birch squares, 4,140 birch poles, by William Thomson & Co. Str. Numidian, for Liverpool, 284,238 ft. deals, 118 ft. scantling, 13,487 ft. ends, by George McKean; 297 pcs. oak lumber, by William Thomson & Co. Str. Lake Ontario, for Liverpool, 1,858 doors, 500,000 ft. deals, 2,178 ft. boards, 1,000 bales pulp, by Troop & Son; 135 tons birch, by W. M. Mackay. Schr. Onward, for Salem, 1,278 ft. plank, by A. Cushing & Co. Schr. Ravola, for New York, 480 pcs. piling, by J. Holly & Son. Schr. Rebecca W. Huddell, for New Bedford, Mass., 203,731 ft. plank, 576,000 cedar shingles, by Stetson, Cutler & Co.

DOORS AND MOULDINGS.

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THE GLASGOW MARKET.

The annual timber circular of Calder, Henderson & Livingston reviews Canadian woods as follows:

WHITE PINE.—WANAY.—The import has been light, and as there has been a steady demand throughout the year it leaves an exceedingly small stock to be carried over. First class wood has been in demand, and there has also been a good inquiry for second class. Prices have advanced and

are strong at a high level. First class wood of long average is quoted at 35 3d to 38 6d, and short girthy wood at 28 9d to 38. Second class, at 28 3d to 28 8d per c. ft. Square. The demand has been fair, but the quantity imported has been ample so that the stock carried over shows an increase as compared with this date last year. First class wood is quoted at 25 5d to 28 8d for 35 to 45 feet average. G.F.A. at 22d to 28 2d per c. ft.

RED PINE.—The import has been small but ample for all requirements. First class wood only is inquired for and it has been selling at from 18 9d to 23 3d per c. ft.

ELM.—There has been a good demand. The import has been heavy, but as it consisted largely of grey wood any parcels of really prime rock elm were readily taken up at full prices. Quotations are as follows:—Rock elm, 40 to 50 feet average, 28 9d to 38; grey elm 50 feet average, around 28 per c. ft.

OAK.—There was an average import, and the demand was good. The stock carried over shows a heavy decrease and is firmly held at from 35 to 38 3d per c. ft. for first class. Second class wood is quoted at 28 2d to 28 6d per c. ft.

ASH.—There has been an average import, but the demand has been exceedingly slow, so that stocks now are heavy and prices weak. Quotations are at 22d to 28 3d for 14 to 15 inch average.

BIRCH.—Early in the year there was a good demand and prices were high, but with the opening of the St. Lawrence too much came on the market. Prices then fell away and have not yet recovered. 16 inch average is quoted at 18d to 20d per c. ft.

DEALS, BATTENS AND BOARDS.—The year opened with stocks at a low level and an average business was done at fair prices in the first six months. When the earlier imports of pine deals from the St. Lawrence came to hand it was seen that it would be a matter of difficulty to carry through transactions at shippers' ideas on account of the lower standard of quality following on the new classification adopted by Canadian cutters. The bulk of the imports found their way to store, and it was well on in the year before buyers purchased freely. In August freights receded to the lowest quotations on record, and this fact stimulated shipments for a short time.

Prices fell in sympathy. It was only in the last quarter that buyers became alive to the fact that the import over all was short. Extensive buying then took place, and we finish the year with our market very bare. PINE—First—The import has been a light one and the stocks are now low. Prices have risen to a material extent. Broad firsts are quoted at from £26 2s 6d to £28 17s 6d per standard. Undersized deals, £18 10s to £20 12s 6d. Good sidings, 1 1/2, 1 1/4 and 1 inch, 11 to 12 inch average, £20 to £22. Strips, 5 to 7 inch, £16 10s to £18 10s. Seconds—These are not in great demand, but a fair amount of business has been done in them. Broad deals are quoted at £18 10s to £20 10s per standard. 11 inch at £16 10s to £18 10s, and undersized at £12 7s 6d to £14. Thirds—There has been a steady demand throughout the year. Quotations are now as follows:—Broad, £13 15s to £16, 11 inch £11 10s to £12 7s 6d. Undersized, £10 5s to £11 per standard. Fourths—The import has been low but there has not been a great demand. 11 inch have been selling at from £8 to 18s 9d to £9 5s. Narrows at £8 5s to £9 per standard.

RED PINE.—The stock at the beginning of the year was slightly above the average, but prices continued firm until the opening of navigation, when in sympathy with Baltic they fell to a very low level. Quotations are at from £8 to £10 5s, according to quality and specification. A tendency is towards higher prices, but the stock is much too large. SPRUCE.—The import has been an average one but was largely on

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