

NEW BRUNSWICK CEDAR SHINGLES.

The first of July is a very unusual time for a radical advance in the price of shingles, but the trade conditions are such that an advance, and a good stiff one at that, is confidently looked for by the well posted people in the trade.

New Brunswick cedar, as a shingle wood, has to-day practically no competitor in New England but red cedar, white pine and Michigan cedar having been forced out of the trade so far as any considerable volume is concerned. Cedar shingles have been steadily stiffening in price under the influence of a large demand, and the supply has been inadequate to keep pace with orders, even in the face of stiff advances. The consumers and retailers there upturned their attention more to N.B. cedar, with the result of filling up about every mill in this line with a large number of advance orders. Consequently, these mills that are sold ahead for a month are quoting stiff advanced figures, and just as soon as all the manufacturers get awakened to the situation, N.B. cedars ought to work up to the level of red cedar prices, say about \$3.15 to \$3.20 for extras. The best brands cannot be bought to-day in any quantity at less than following prices, f.o.b. Boston rates: Extras, 3.00; clears, \$2.70 2nd clear, \$2.25; saps, \$2.25, extra No. 1, \$1.75. Retail stocks, we understand, are low, the wet weather having created a heavy demand, and dealers are in a position where they must replenish their supplies soon. The outlook is encouraging to the manufacturers.

NEW BRUNSWICK TIMBER LIMIT SALE.

A sale of timber berths took place at the Crown Lands office, Fredericton, N.B., on June 19th. In all ten berths aggregating 75

square miles were disposed of, at prices ranging from \$100 to \$250 per mile. The berths are located on the Nepisquit and Upsalquich rivers, and are those which were sold at auction a few weeks and bid in by the applicants at the upset price. The sale was cancelled by the Government on the ground that a combine had been entered into by certain lumbermen in order that they might obtain control of the berths at a less figure than they could be bought for under competition. James Robinson M. P., got 45 square miles for \$6,760, and Wm. Engel, of Bangor, Me., 30 miles for \$6,222. Following is the result in detail:

South East Upsalquitch, near mouth, 7 1/2 miles, to James Robinson, at \$100 a mile.

South-east Upsalquitch below Ramsey brook, nine miles, to James Robinson, at \$100 a mile.

Ramsey brook, at mouth, six miles, to James Robinson, at \$100 a mile.

Between 40 and 44 Mile brooks, Nepisquit river, 5 1/2 miles, to Wm. Engel, at \$201 a mile.

Between 40 and 44 Mile brooks, Nepisquit river, six miles, to James Robinson, at \$250 a mile.

44 Mile brook, Nepisquit river, nine miles, to James Robinson, at \$250 a mile.

44 Mile brook, Nepisquit river, nine miles, to Wm. Engel, at \$201 a mile.

40 and 44 Mile brooks, near mouth, 7 1/2 miles, to Wm. Engel, at \$201 a mile.

40 Mile brook, nine miles, to Wm. Engel at \$200 a mile.

ADJOURNED TIMBER SALE.

The adjourned sale of Quebec timber limits was continued at the Parliament buildings, Quebec, on June 26th, but the attendance was not so large as on the previous occasion. The lots offered were in the St. Maurice, Bonaventure, Rimouski, Grandville, Lake St. John, St. Charles and Saguenay agencies. For the St. Maurice lots no bids could be obtained at the Government's upset price of \$60 per mile. The same thing happened in the

case of the Bonaventure and Rimouski lots, and it seemed as if there was a combination among the lumbermen to buy nothing at the Government's upset prices. However, when the Grandville agency was reached, 39 1/2 miles in the township of Bungay was sold to Mr. Rewington, of Watertown, N. Y., at \$200 per mile, and another limit of 32 miles on the Jacques Cartier River, St. Charles agency, went to Mr. Wm. Power, at \$81 per per mile. After going through the list, which was mostly of lots held over from the last sale, or not paid for then, a fifty-mile limit on the River Nouvelle, in the West Bonaventure agency, was sold to W. J. McKeen, at \$31 per mile. The sale in all realized about \$50,000.

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