

CANADA LUMBERMAN

WEEKLY EDITION

The Lumberman Monthly Edition, 20 pages } \$1.00 PER YEAR { The Lumberman Weekly Edition, every Wednesday

THIS PAPER REACHES REGULARLY THE PRINCIPAL LUMBER MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS THROUGHOUT CANADA, AND WHOLESALE BUYERS IN GREAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, AND OTHER FOREIGN MARKETS.

Vol. VII.

TORONTO, ONT., MAY 29, 1901

No 18

CANADA LUMBERMAN

PUBLISHED BY

The G. H. Mortimer Publishing Co.'s
of Toronto, Limited

Confederation Life Building - TORONTO.

Branch Office:

IMPERIAL BUILDING, MONTREAL.

Weekly Lumberman, published every Wednesday. Contains reliable and up-to-date market conditions and tendencies in the principal manufacturing districts and leading domestic and foreign wholesale markets. A weekly medium of information and communication between Canadian timber and lumber manufacturers and exporters and the purchasers of timber products at home and abroad.

Lumberman, Monthly. A 20-page journal, discussing fully and impartially subjects pertinent to the lumber and wood-working industries. Contains interviews with prominent members of the trade, and character sketches and portraits of leading lumbermen. Its special articles on technical and mechanical subjects are especially valuable to saw mill and planing mill men and manufacturers of lumber products.

WANTED AND FOR SALE

FOR SALE.

About 3 1/2 million feet of White Pine, mill run. 1/2 million feet dry; cut last August. Address,

W. G. DOHERTY, Day Mills, Algoma, Ont.

or
W. DOHERTY & CO., Clinton, Ont.

FOR SALE.—36 in. Wickes Gang, cutting 14 in deep; located in Canada; price low. Wickes Bros., Saginaw, Mich.

FOR SALE.—ONE MILLION FEET GOOD White Pine Mill Culls, Dry. Address "OTTAWA," office CANADA LUMBERMAN.

Telephone Poles for Sale.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE FOR SALE 5,000 Cedar Telephone Poles, all lengths from 15 to 45 feet. Quotations given by mail or wire on application.

GEORGE & MCGREGOR,
Killaloe Station, Ont.

FOR SALE.

120 M feet Sound, Well Cut 1 inch Hemlock, 12, 14, 16 feet;

80 M feet Sound, Well Cut 2 inch Plank, 8, 10, 12 wide, 16 feet;

16 M feet Black Birch, 1 inch. 12 feet.

\$5.00 per M for 200 feet hemlock, dead culls out.
\$14.00 per M for birch, dead culls out.

F.O.B. cars, Edgington, Parry Sound Colonization Railway. Address—

S. T. MALKIN,

Terms—1/2 spot; net 10 days. Edgington.

"SILVER GRAY" SHINGLES.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THE SOLE and exclusive right to the use of the Trade Mark consisting of the words "SILVER GRAY," as applied to shingles and wooden roofing material.

All Persons are Hereby Warned

against using the same; otherwise they will be prosecuted according to law.

THE RATHBUN COMPANY,
Deseronto, Ont.

FOR SALE.

PATCH MACHINE FOR PATCHING BAND Saws; Baldwin & Tutill make; in first class condition. Apply Box 28, CANADA LUMBERMAN.

WANTED.

EXPERIENCED MAN WITH CAPITAL TO take junior partnership and assist in management of large building and retail lumber business; small city. Splendid chance for young practical man. Box 99, LUMBERMAN.

FOR SALE.

One good Saw Mill Engine, right hand, 16" x 20" cylinder, slide valve, 100 h. p.; price \$4,500.

One Buckeye, automatic, 11" x 22" cylinder, 50 h. p.; \$350.00.

Boiler, 4" x 8 ft., half front, 15 h. p., 40 ft. smoke stack, all fittings; \$175.00.

Boiler, 48" x 10 1/2 ft. tubes, 100 tubes 2 inch, Low-moor iron, used 7 months; \$210.00.

All above are in first-class order.

MACPHERSON & SCHELL,
Alexandria, Ont.

Tamarack Wanted.

TWO AND THREE INCH PLANK, SIXTEEN feet long, in not less than car lots.

THOS. MYLES' SONS,
Hamilton, Ont.

Wanted at Once.

1,000 pieces 4x8x16

1,200 " 4x10x16

prime quality Douglas Fir, edge grain preferred. Apply Box 44, CANADA LUMBERMAN.

FOR SALE.

A stock of White Pine Lumber, consisting of about 4 million feet, to be manufactured this season at Cache Bay.

Logs could be sawn to order of purchaser. Apply,
THE NIPISSING LUMBER CO., LIMITED
Hamilton.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

Outdoor operations have been much interrupted during the past week by rain, causing a temporary falling off in the consumption of lumber. Enquiries have not been less numerous, nor has the tone of the general market weakened in the slightest degree. Pine and hemlock are stronger than the hardwoods, there being quite a heavy demand from the United States for Canadian pine and a good local call for hemlock. The scarcity of certain sizes of hemlock is having an influence towards higher prices, and it is believed that the timber will gradually become more valuable. The new cut of pine has resulted in a slight readjustment of prices where they have been abnormal. Mill culls, for instance, which sold as high as \$12 to the mill, are now quoted from \$10.50 to \$11. The quietness of hardwoods is a peculiar feature of the trade, and it is a question how long prices can withstand such dullness. In no branch is there any particular activity. The lath and shingle situation is much the same as last week, scarcity of stock and firm prices being the characteristic features.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Although lumber shipments to the United Kingdom this season are almost certain to show a falling off, it is hoped that this may be offset by increased exports to other countries. Vessels have already loaded at eastern ports for France, Australia and South America, and other charters have been made. It appears that prices of spruce deals have about reached the bottom, and if there should be no advance the large manufacturers at least will carry their stock over rather than sell it at a sacrifice. Some manufacturers are preparing to cut a larger quantity than intended for the United States market. The log drives are still uncertain. At last report several million feet were said to be hung up on different streams.

New Brunswick cedar shingles are firm, the best quality being held at \$3.00, on Boston rate of freight.

UNITED STATES.

An improvement in the lumber trade of the past week is reported from nearly every section of the United States. Inability to fill orders owing to scarcity of dry stock has curtailed the volume of business in some markets, notably Tonawanda and Buffalo, which have experienced a lively demand from the east. Higher prices are being asked for selects and uppers, while No. 2 cuts and better are scarcer than for some time. Buyers in the east are willing to pay slightly advanced prices, a condition which has greatly improved the outlook, as for some time past it has been almost impossible for dealers to place lumber there at a reasonable profit. In Wisconsin special activity is noted in Norway, which has recently undergone an advance. In the Saginaw valley log run pine is quoted at \$18 to \$22, but some choice lots have been sold at \$24. Box lumber sells at \$15, and mill culls at \$12 to \$12.50. Spruce lumber continues strong, with no indication that the starting up of mills will bring about any decline in price. Frames range from \$17 to \$20 at Boston. There has been an increased consumption of hardwoods within the past fortnight, although trade is still more backward than the conditions warrant. Basswood is improving on account of a large demand for manufacturing purposes. In Chicago the range of price is from \$20 to \$22 for firsts and seconds, \$16 to \$17 for common, and \$11.50 to \$13 for culls in carload lots. Maple sells well, but continues low in price. An advance of ten cents per thousand is being asked by several holders of pine shingles.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The timber market of Great Britain does not seem to improve. The dullness of trade is remarkable for this time of the year, while the opinions of importers in respect to the future vary very widely, some contending

that a further decline of from two to three dollars per standard will be witnessed. The Timber Trades Journal takes a gloomy view of the situation, and points out that in London at May time it is usual to have in the docks about four months' consumption of timber, while the present stock would supply the wants of the trade for about eight months. The situation at London is a reflection of what exists at all the large importing centres. It is further pointed out that this overstock represents goods purchased at very high f.o.b. prices, and that they must be handled in the face of a general decline in f.o.b. values. Under such conditions importers all over the country are declining new business until the heavy stock on hand becomes reduced. Spruce deals particularly are seeking a lower level, the first-open water arrivals being altogether too heavy considering the ample stock on hand. Recent sales have been made at lower prices, and unless the agents offer concessions in this respect it will be impossible to effect sales. The situation would be greatly relieved by a light import this season, which now seems probable. Birch planks are somewhat scarce at Glasgow, and are finding buyers at slightly better figures than those which ruled one month ago.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Dealers throughout Manitoba and the Territories report a very satisfactory volume of trade. The most activity is in Winnipeg and the larger towns, where building operations are quite brisk. The permits issued in the city of Winnipeg up to May 25th of this year numbered 244, representing an aggregate value of \$753,500, as against 151, of a value of \$454,959, for the same period last year. Lumber prices show a tendency to improve. In British Columbia the lumber trade is not particularly active, the foreign demand being rather dull. It is thought that buyers may be waiting for further declines in the freight market, but this is scarcely probable, on account of the anticipated large grain export this year. There is a strong demand for British Columbia shingles, the price of which has remained unchanged, notwithstanding the advance that has taken place on Puget Sound.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Thomas Mackie, M.P., is reported to have sold his Indian river and Petawawa log drives to J. R. Booth, of Ottawa.

The str. Mab and Werneth Hall are loading lumber at Matane and Metis, Que., for the United Kingdom, on account of Clarke Bros.

The str. Georgia is loading lumber at Digby, N.S., for the West Indies, the shippers being Clarke Bros. Three other vessels have also been chartered by Clarke Bros. to load at same port.