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No limit will be adjudged at less than the minimum price fixed by the department. The limits will be adjudged to the hichest bidder on payment of the purchase purce, in cach or by cheque accepted by a duly incorporated bank. Failing payment they will be immediately reoffered for sale.

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S. N. PARENT, Minister of Lands Mines and Fisheries.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

The conditions in the lumber trade are almost the same as at last writing. Lumber sells very readily and is sought after by buyers. The movement during the month of May was quite heavy, water mills especially showing an increase in business over the corresponding month last year. Buyers for wholesale dealers in the Eastern States are constantly travelling through the white pine territories in search of suitable stock. In the face of such conditions prices are not likely to weaken. In the Ottawa valley good pine strips and sidings have been marked up about \$2 a thousand. While the price lists of manufacturers do not show a general advance, certain grades for which there is an exceptionally good demand are quoted at higher figures than one month ago. Hemlock lumber and timber is in strong demand and owing to the limited supply an advance of about fifty cents has been made. For 2 x 4 hemlock in 12-foot lengths \$10 is asked at the mill, and for 1 x 13 inch and wider \$11 is the current quotation. For such small lots of dry No. 1 lath as can be found \$3 is willingly paid, f.o.b. cars at the mill. Sales of 32-inch lath have been made at \$1.50 at the mill. The stock of dry hardwood lumber is being steadily absorbed, although prices have shown little disposition of late to advance. On the other hand, the prospects of a decline are considered very remote, owing to the certainty of a light production this season.

OUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

A large quantity of the early cut of the spruce mills has been contracted for. The demand is improving and it would seem that manufacturers are in a position to advance prices for later shipments very easily. Should the quantity of logs hung up be as great as predicted, it will doubtless result in higher prices towards the fall. Clapboards are very scarce and bring \$40 for best quality, Boston deliv-There is no perceptible weakening of the cedar shingle market. Dealers are experiencing much difficulty in filling orders, nothwithstanding that as high as \$3.60 for extras on Boston rate of freight has been offered in some instances. Laths are also firm.

Reports from the Upper St. John river state that 40,000,000 feet of legs are hung up. Of this quantity 12,000,000 feet are for Cushing & Company and 13,-000,000 feet for W. H. Murray. Crews are being kept on hand in the hope that the water may rise.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The weather throughout Manitoba and the Territories has not been favorable for building operations, but still a large quantity of lumber has gone into consumption. The demand for the better grades has caused another slight advance in prices. British Columbia spruce lumber has been marked up \$1.50 per thousand and is very scarce. Conditions in British Columbia, while satisfactory from the standpoint of demand, are not altogether favorable to manufacturers. It is almost impossible to secure labor for the mills and logging camps, and it is probable that some of the mills will be compelled to close down for this reason. While there is a strong demand for Canadian shingles, it is reported that the shingle market in Washington is somewhat depressed and that several of the largest manufacture s have

decided to close down their mills in order to sustain prices. The Puget Sound Timbermen's Association recently advanced the price of fir logs fifty cents per thousand.

Vancouver mills have just figured on a contract for 1,000,000 feet of lumber for the building of twenty barges to be operaed on the Yukon river.

Reports from the Eastern States say that the lumber market is somewhat quiet on account of strikes and consequent checking of building operations. In the Lake Superior district and in Michigan the situation seems to be fully as strong as one week ago. A Bay City firm last week purchased 12,000,000 feet of lumber in the Georgian Bay at a reported consideration of \$18 for log run. Buyers generally are showing a disposition to purchase at current prices whenever the desired stock can be found. It is evident that the supply of the upper grades of pine will be inadequate to meet the demands. The Wisconsin Valley Lumbermen's Association have issued a new list making a substantial advance in the upper grades. Two-inch dimension in all widths and lengths was advanced so cents; 8 and toinch No. 1 rough and their products 50 cents and \$1, according to length; rough lumber, 13-inch and up wide, \$1; and shop lumber, selects and finishing \$1.50 to \$2.50. Hardwoods continue to make a gain. Basswood is scarce and higher, and maple is firm, although the supply is comparatively large. There is some difference in the prices of lath. Recently it has been retailed in Buffalo and Tonawanda at \$4.25, but a correspondent states that it is now selling as low as \$3.75. As lath prices have been abnormal, it would not be surprising if lower prices should rule.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A healthier tone pervades the British timber market. The peace negotiations have stimulated buying and restored in some degree confidence to the trade. Prices are being well sustained and indications point to higher values in the near future. Spruce deals have shown exceptional strength, 3x9 and 3x11 being very scarce and wanted. There is a fair stock stock in first hands of 3x9 of long average width, but they are scant in thickness. It is understood that shippers some time ago refused £8 5s c.i.f. for such stocks and are holding them for £9. Spruce deals of the best quality have advanced 7s 6d a standard within the past three months. Pine deals are meeting with favor, but the stock of the poorer grades has prevented any noticeable advance in price. Red pine deals have not sold well at recent auction sales, but they will no doubt recover with the general market.

BIRCH SQUARES AND SEATS.

A large buyer of Birch chair seats and of Birch squares is open to contract with a mill for their output. Also open for Broom Handles and Dowels in large quantities. Write in first instance to "Finance," care of Canada Lumberman.

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STOCKS AND PRICES.

The steamer Holmea is completing her cargo at Quebec for the United Kingdom.

The steamer Pydna left the Miramichl last week for Manchester, England, with a cargo of deals.

The Tobique Manufacturing Company, of Plaster Rock, N.B., expect to cut 6,000,000 feet of deals this season for the British market.

Graham & Horne, of Fort William, Ont., have secured the contract for piles for the new Canadian Northern Railway elevafor at Port Arthur.

It is reported that Chew Bros., of Midlane, Ont., have purchased timber limits and a saw mill on Wilson Creek in British Columbia, from Hill Bros.

Recent shipments of pulp wood from Quebec included the following: 245 cords for Ticonderoga, by Auger & Son; 85 cords for Ticonderogo, by John Breakey.

An auction sale of unmarked logs was held at St. John, N.B., last week. The spruce was purchased by N. H. Murchie for \$11.20 per thousand, the hemlock by J. F. Gregory for \$4 per thousand, the cedar by Hilyard Bros. for \$9 per thous. and, and the pine by the same firm at \$6 per thousand.

Messra. S. P. Musson, Son & Company, say of the Barbados market: We have only one arrival of white pine to report, the "Rachael H. Boyd," from Liverpool, N.S., with 85,000 feet, which has sold at \$24:36 for shipping and \$19.36 for second quality. The market having been suddenly strengthened and a large demand created by the information that another batch of Boer prisoners would be sent here, for which building to a considerable extent must be undertaken, several car-goes could be placed at the above figures goes could be placed at the above figures or a little better. No receipts of spruce have taken place, and we think one or two cargoes could be placed at about \$18 to \$19. The "Boyd" brought 23,000 feet of hemlock, which sold at \$16.06 for shipping and \$12.06 for second quality. Gaspe shingles would bring \$3.50 to \$4 and laying \$2 or over." laying \$2 or over."

Mr. W. J. Raynham, representing Walcot, Limited, London, England, is now in this country visiting the different firms whose English and Continental wood business is handled by Messrs. Walcot. Any letters sent to the CANADA LUMBERMAN for him will be forwarded.

We will be represented in South Western Ontario by Mr. Frederick Shaw, of Forest, Ont., who comes with us as travelling salesman on May 1st, and who will call on the trade regularly. We are running our mills day and night and offer to the trade a well manufactured stock of band sawed lumber put up in grades under Michigan inspection rules. We solicit your inquiries, and all correspondence given prompt attention.

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