

winter. It appears that seventy-nine leading shippers in Norrland and Dalarne, representing an export of over one billion feet, have agreed to reduce the quantity of logs taken out by about 21 per cent. This has established a conviction that there will be no excessive supply next season and for this reason importers are more inclined to contract. Very little business has been done as yet in Canadian lumber, but prices are stiffening in all directions. It is reported that a London buyer recently offered £66 per standard for some first quality dry pine boards, landed on dock. Spruce prices are firmer. Recent sales reported include a quantity of second quality spruce deals, 3x9, at £9 15s per standard c.i.f. London, and some third quality at £9. For landed stocks agents are asking £10 10s for 3x9 seconds, £9 15s for thirds, and £8 15s for fourths.

### STOCKS AND PRICES.

Manufacturers in the Minneapolis district are paying \$6 to \$7 a thousand for cutting timber and driving it to the boom company's reach.

The Bell Telephone Company are calling for tenders for poles, to be delivered next spring, for the building of a line from Sault Ste Marie to Thessalon.

Mershon, Schuette, Parker & Company will carry over in Ontario this winter over forty million feet of lumber and logs. They have not bought heavily for next season's stock.

A two square mile timber limit at Young's Cove, Grand Lake, N. B., was sold by the New Brunswick Government last week to the St. John Sulphite Pulp Company at \$55 a mile.

Capt. Carter, of Marcan, and Albert Pugsley, of Athol, N.S., have purchased a block of timber land in Nova Scotia belonging to the estate of the late James Skidmore, of Canada. The consideration was \$4,600.

G. Strelv, of Winnipeg, Man., has secured the contract from the Canadian Northern Railway to take out 250,000 ties during the present winter. His camps will be located at Banning, about fifty miles from Fort Francis.

Shingle prices in the Saginaw Valley are said to be a little easier. Dealers are quoting \$4.10 for XXXX white pine shingles and \$3.10 for clear butts. Cedar shingles are worth \$3.90 for 4 x 18 inch stocks and \$2.90 for clear butts.

The Department of Interior at Ottawa is asking for tenders up to December 24th for a license to cut timber on Berth No. 318, situate in the Province of British Columbia, to the east of Harrison Lake. The berth contains an area of 1080 acres.

The saw mill at Trout Lake, B.C., has passed into the hands of a syndicate represented by W. Cowan and D. L. Kinman, who are calling for tenders for the cutting of 1,500,000 feet of logs to be delivered at Trout Lake before the opening of spring. The timber limit secured by the syndicate contains 600,000,000 feet of fir, spruce, cedar and hemlock timber.

The demand for slack cooperage stock has subsided, as a result of which there has been a slight decline in prices. At Buffalo jobbers quote 6-foot patent hoops at \$11 to \$11.25 and 5½ foot at \$10.50 to \$10.75. Heading is without change, 3½ to 5½ cents for first class and 3¼ to 3½ cents for second-class. Staves are firm and somewhat higher, the quotation being

\$7.75 to \$8 for first class elm and \$4.50 to \$4.75 for second-class. An effort is being made to advance the price of flour barrels.

### TIMBER LIMIT TRANSFERS.

A.E. Alexander, of Campbellton, N. B., is announced to have disposed of his timber limits and mill property on the north shore to a syndicate, of which D. Richards, of Campbellton, is a member. This price is said to be \$110,000.

A deal is reported to have been closed by which the timber limits and mill property of E.D. Davison & Sons, of Bridgewater, N.S., have passed into the hands of a New York syndicate. The limits comprise 210,000 acres and are claimed to be the most valuable timber property in Nova Scotia. The consideration is believed to be about one and one-quarter million dollars.

### ADVANCE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA LUMBER.

Following is the new price list put into effect by the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association for delivery at points on the C. P. R. and branches between Moose Jaw and Winnipeg:

#### FIR.

FINISH.—S. 1 S. or S. 2 S., 1 and 2 clear stepping, 1½, 1½ or 2 in. x 10 or 12 in. edge grain, \$38; flat grain, \$33; 1, 1½, 1½ or 2 in. up to 12 in. wide, \$32; from 14 in. to 20 in., \$37. No. 1 and 2 clear, 2 x 3, 2x4, 2x6 and 2x8 in., \$30.50; 4x4 in., \$33; 5x5 and 6x6 in., \$35.50. No. 1 and 2 rabbited door and window jambs, \$33. Above in lengths of 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 feet. Add \$1 per M for each additional 2 in. over 20 in. in width. Edge grain finish same price as edge grain stepping, but only in widths up to 12 in.

CASING AND BASE.—No. 1 and 2 clear, 5 or 6 in. casing, moulded to pattern, \$33.50; ¼ round or O. G., \$31; 8, 10 or 12 in. base, moulded to pattern, \$32; ¼ round or O. G., \$30. In lengths of 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 feet. All casing and base ¼ inch in thickness. Special thicknesses \$5 per M more. All mouldings according to B.C. moulding list, M 4,000. Edge grain casing, \$2.50 per M extra. Edge grain casing, base, \$5 per M extra.

SHIP LAP.—6, 8, 10 and 12 in., 10 to 16 ft. common, \$21; 6 to 12 in., 10 to 16 ft. common boards, S. 1 S. (finished ¼ in.), \$20; ½ in. common boards, \$10; No. 4 and 5, 6 and 8 in. ship lap grade T and G. (flooring or siding), \$22. When widths are specified, \$1 per M extra.

FLOORING.—No. 1x4 or 6 in. edge grain, \$33; flat grain, \$29.50. No. 1 and 2, 1x4 in. edge grain, \$31; 1x6 in. edge grain, \$29; 4 or 6 in. flat grain, \$27; 3, 4 or 6 in. edge and flat grain mixed, \$26. Flooring 18 feet long, \$1 per M extra. 1½, 1½ and 2 in. flooring, \$1 more than 1 in. per M. We do not keep a stock of No. 3, 1, 1½, 1½ or 2 in., and therefore we can only fill in such quantities as may come out in running stock to make Nos. 1 and 2. Above in lengths 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 feet.

CEILING.—No. 1 and 2 1x4 or 6 in. beaded or "V" joint, \$27; No. 3 1x4 or 6 in., \$25. No. 1 and 2 ½x4 or 6 in. finished ½ in. thickness, \$23; No. 3 ½x4 or 6 in., \$20. Above in lengths 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 feet. Special patterns at same price in quantities of 2,000 feet or more. Ceiling worked two sides, \$2 per M extra. Thickness less than 1 in. charged as 1 in.

WAINSCOTING.—No. 1 and 2 1x4 in.

(only) beaded and "V" joint, 3 to 4 ft., \$22.

SIDING.—No. 1 and 2 1x6 drop siding, \$27; No. 3, \$26; No. 1 and 2 ½x6 in. bevel, \$19.50. 4 in. siding, \$2 per M less. Above in lengths 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 ft.. Thickness less than 1 in. charged as 1 in.

DIMENSIONS.—S. 1 S. and E., 2x4, 2x6 in., up to 16 ft., \$19.50; 2x8, 2x10, 3x4, 3x6 in., up to 16 ft., \$20; 2x12, 4x4, 4x6, 6x6 in., up to 16 ft., \$21.50. Dressed ¾ in. scant each way. 2x4, 2x6 in., up to 24 ft., \$20; 2x8, 2x10, 3x4, 3x6 in., up to 24 ft., \$21; 2x12, 4x4, 4x6, 6x6 in., up to 12x12 in., up to 24 ft., \$22; 2x14 in. to 3x14 in., up to 14x14 in., up to 24 ft., \$23; 2x16 in. to 3x16 in., up to 16x16 in., up to 24 ft., \$24.50; 2x18 in. to 3x18 in., up to 18x18 in., up to 24 ft., \$25; 2x20 in. to 3x20 in., up to 20x20 in., up to 24 ft., \$25.50. From 25 to 35 ft. add \$1. Dressed ¼ in. scant of size in rough each way. Dressed ½ in. scant, \$1 per M extra. In the rough, \$1 per M extra. From 31 to 35 ft. add \$1.50. Above in lengths 36 to 40 ft., add \$2 per M; 41 to 45 ft., \$2.50; 46 to 50 ft., \$3.25; 51 to 55 ft., \$4.25; 56 to 60 ft., \$5.50; 61 to 65 ft., \$7; 66 to 70 ft., \$9. LATH.—½x1½x4 ft., bundled in 50's, \$4.

#### RED CEDAR.

FINISH.—S. 1 S. or S. 2 S., No. 1 clear, 1x8 to 12 in., 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 ft. long, \$45; 1x14 to 18 in., \$55; 1x20 to 24 in., \$68. 1½ and 1½ in. more than 1 in., \$1 per M; 1½x2 in., \$2; 3 in., \$3; ½x8 in. to 12 in. less than 1 in., \$5; when widths are specified \$2.50 per M extra; when lengths are specified \$2.50.

CLEAR SQUARES.—3x3 in. and 4x4 in., 7 to 16 ft., \$47; 5x5 in. and 6x6 in., \$49; 7x7 in. and 8x8 in., \$57; 10x10 in., \$62. When ordered all one of above lengths, \$5 per M extra.

SIDING.—No. 1 clear, 1x6 in., 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 ft., \$42; 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9 ft., \$30; ½x6 in., 10 to 16 ft. bevel, bundled, \$26; 3, 4 to 9 ft., \$20. 4 in. siding, \$2 per M less. When ordered all one of above lengths, \$2.50 per M extra.

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WAINSCOTING.—No. 1 clear, 1x3, 4 or 6 in., 3 to 4 ft., \$26; ½x3, \$23.

CASING AND BASE.—No. 1 5 and 6 in. casing, 10 to 16 ft., \$47.50; 8, 10 and 12 in. base, \$47.50; 5 and 6 in. casing, under 10 ft., \$37.50; 8, 10 and 12 in. base, \$37.50. When ordered all one of above lengths \$2 per M extra.

DIMENSION.—2x4 in. to 8x8 in., up to 24 ft., \$21.50; 25 to 30 ft., \$22.50; No. 4 and 5 common boards, 6 to 12 in., S. 1 S. to ½ in., 10 to 16 ft., \$20; dimension, 31 to 35 ft., \$23.50.

SHIPLAP.—8, 10 and 12 in., 10 to 16 ft., \$21.

DOOR STOCK.—Dressed two sides and cut to dimensions, \$38.

LATH.—½x1½ in. x 4 ft., \$4.50.

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