

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN)

There is a feeling of expectancy in the local lumber market, consequent upon the approaching American elections. The presidential election interferes seriously with the export lumber trade from Ottawa, but not to the same extent this year as in former campaigns.

There has been a slight decline in the prices of one or two grades of lumber. A number of American buyers were chary about stocking up at the prices that ruled all summer, and this, combined with the slack movement caused by the elections, has brought prices down a notch.

All the Ottawa mills will cut late this fall to satisfy the shortage caused by the April fire. Mr. J. R. Booth is piling on all his available ground, which includes the extensive yards refitted since the fire.

Ex-Mayor Bingham, who controls the entire drive on the Gatineau, has got his logs down to the Ottawa without a hitch. Few of the logs were stranded, but trouble was caused early in the season by the high water.

There is no change in the labor market as affected by the lumber industry. Men are being sent from Ottawa to Brule Lake for the Shepherd Lumber Co., to Trout Creek and South River for the South River Lumber Co., and to the Georgian Bay district for the Saginaw Lumber Company.

Mr. E. C. Grant, manager of the Ottawa Lumber Co., has returned from a business trip to Scotland and England. He reports prospects good for the Canadian trade. This company is also shipping to Germany.

Report has it that Mr. J. Carling Kelly, the well-known company promoter of Ottawa, is about to float another scheme, this one affecting the lumber interests. It is proposed to erect new saw works in Ottawa, where Swedish steel will be used exclusively.

Mr. John Ferguson, M. P., of Renfrew, the well-known lumberman, has again been nominated to contest South Renfrew in the Liberal-Conservative interests in the coming election. Mr. Ferguson has already represented the riding for several terms.

Mr. A. E. Dymont, M. P., has again been nominated to contest Algoma as the representative of the Liberal party. Mr. Dymont

is a son of Mr. N. Dymont, the well-known lumber man of Barrie, Ont.

Machinery is arriving daily at the Chaudiere from American foundries for the E. B. Eddy Company. The paper and match making machinery is being installed with all speed, and it is expected that the works will be running full time before the end of the year.

A large gang of men has been placed at work clearing up the site of the McKay Milling Co's mill at the Chaudiere. It is stated that Mr. J. R. Booth will build a planing or pulp mill on the site, work on the building to be proceeded with this fall.

Mr. George H. Perley, the well-known lumberman of Ottawa, has been nominated by the Liberal-Conservatives of Russell county, to contest the riding at the approaching election. His opponent is Mr W. C. Edwards, M. P., another of the Ottawa lumber kings.

Ottawa, October 20th, 1900.

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company say of the Barbados market:

There is still a good demand for both spruce and white pine lumber, as our yards are moderately stocked. Latest local sales, made over a month ago, were, white pine, \$23.37 for first quality, and \$17.37 for second quality; spruce, \$20.10 for first and \$16.10 for second quality. The cargo ex Boston Marine, arrived 5th inst., was sold for Demerara, at \$26 for merchantable, and \$22 for second quality, and the cargo per Harry has gone to Demerara.

Gaspé cedar shingles are in full supply; we placed 187 M large, ex Success, at \$5.07 per M. Other sales ex same vessel were made at \$4.56 for large, and \$3.03 for small. The cargo, ex Blenheim, in store from last season, has since been sold at \$3 per M. Cedar laying, \$2.03 for a cargo of 485 M ex New Dominion. Spruce laying \$2.00.

September 27th: Brig. "Harry," from Yarmouth N. S., with 67 M feet white pine and spruce, 27 M shingles.

LONDON IMPORTS AND STOCKS.

Up to September 30th of this year London imported from the St. Lawrence 927,000 pieces of pine deals, against 1,840,000 pieces in 1899; 3,034,000 pieces of spruce deals, against 2,731,000 pieces in 1899. From New Brunswick the import of spruce deals has been 970,000 pieces, against 160,000 pieces last year. Of birch plank the import has been 178,000 pieces, against 294,000 pieces last year. The stocks in the public docks were:

| | 1900 | 1899 |
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| Pine Deals and Battens Pieces | 1,007,000 | 1,469,000 |
| Spruce " " | 1,453,000 | 1,187,000 |
| Oak Timber " " | 2,612 | 2,379 |
| Birch Timber and Planks " " | 4,087 | 3,166 |
| Elm and Ash Timber " " | 2,890 | 943 |
| White Pine " " | 866 | 877 |
| Red Pine " " | 207 | 19 |

BUSINESS NOTES.

John C. Elliott has started a saw mill at Shawville, Que.

Aumond & Carriere, sash and door manufacturers, Montreal, have registered partnership. Carriere & Masson, same business, have dissolved.

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

CANADA ATLANTIC RAILWAY.

Lumber freight rates on the Canada Atlantic Railway are as follows: Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft.; Ottawa to Syracuse, 9 1/2 cents per 100 lbs. Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Montreal, for export only \$1.10 per M ft., domestic 4 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec, \$2.10 per M ft., domestic 8 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Montreal, for export only \$1.60 per M ft., domestic 6 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec, export \$2.60 per M ft., domestic 10 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Pembroke to Montreal, for export only \$1.85 per M ft., domestic 7 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec for export only 2.85 per M ft., domestic 11 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, all rail, 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to New York, 17 cents per 100 lbs.; Pembroke to New York, 18 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, to New York and points within regular wharfe limits of New York Harbor, seasoned pine lumber, lots of 50 M feet and up, via Williams Barge line from Albany, \$3 per M feet, lath 60 cents per M pieces, lots 250 M pieces and over; from Rockland and Hawkesbury, Ont., seasoned pine lumber \$2.85 per M, lath 57 cts per M pieces; from Arnprior, seasoned pine lumber \$3.50 per M feet, lath 70 cents per M pieces; from Douglas, Eganville and Pembroke, seasoned pine lumber \$3.75 per M feet, lath 75 cents per M pieces, Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14c. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Boston and common points, local 15c., exports 12c. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Boston and common points, local 17 cents, export 13 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Boston and Portland and common points, local 2 1/2 cents, export 2 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Portland, &c., 15 cts.; Arnprior to Portland, 17 cts.; Ottawa to Burlington, 6c. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 10 cts. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Albany, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Albany, 17 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Scranton and Wilkesbarre, Pa., also Binghamton, N.Y., 13 cents per 100 lbs. from Arnprior 15 cents, from Parry Sound 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to St. John, N.B., and common points, 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Halifax, N.S., and common points, 21 cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight for shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 30,000 lbs. Rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs.; when quoted per M ft., minimum carload will be 10 M ft., lumber not exceeding 3,000 lbs. per M ft. Lath minimum carload 50 M pieces, not exceeding 600 lbs. per M pieces. Ottawa rates apply on shipments from Rockland and Hawkesbury.

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