

facturers are said to be occasionally offering slight concessions to buyers. This is probably in sympathy with the trend of the United States market, as eastern dealers contend that they can purchase to better advantage in the Lake Superior district than at the Ontario mills. The local consumption, however, is now and promises to be an important factor in the demand. Hemlock lumber and timber meets with ready sale, and on this class of stock there has been no shading of prices. For 2-inch hemlock, 4 to 10 inches wide and 10 to 16 feet in length, the average price at the mill is \$12.50. Lath, with the exception of No. 1 4-foot pine, are slightly weaker, although prices are not notably changed. Shingles are about holding their own, but with some difficulty.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Spruce lumber has been affected somewhat by the rainy weather during the past week, but still the demand locally and for export to the Eastern States has been fair. There is no material change in quotations. The outlook for clapboards is bright and price changes during the summer months are likely to be in the direction of an advance. Lath prices are still weak, but as the production promises to be light a recovery sooner or later seems assured. Extras and clears in cedar shingles are in good demand, while the lower grades are quiet.

Reports from the drives are more encouraging than last week. Of a total cut of between sixty and seventy millions on the Miramichi river, about eight millions are likely to be hung up. The quantity of stranded logs on the St. John river is now estimated at forty millions. Kilburn's drive of twelve millions for Murray & Gregory, McAllister's drive of ten millions for Cushing & Company, and Cunliffe's drive of fifteen millions for W. H. Murray, are all reported in "sale" waters. It is estimated that there is in the vicinity of ninety million feet of logs in the booms at Douglas and Lincoln.

UNITED STATES.

There has not been a great deal of activity in lumber circles during the past week, but sufficient buying has been done to hold prices firm. The stocks carried by dealers are considerably lighter than one year ago, as the fear of a quiet summer, partly on account of the forthcoming presidential election, has caused buyers to pursue a conservative policy. Retail dealers in the Eastern States are simply buying for requirements. There does not seem to be any pressure to sell, however. The common grades are held very firmly. It is estimated that eighty-five per cent. of the box lumber to be manufactured in the vicinity of Ashland, Wis., this season, has already been sold. No. 4 boards are held

at \$12 and No. 5 at \$6.50 to \$7.50. Norway pine, which has been weak for some time, is slowly recovering and the price is now within fifty cents of that which ruled last fall. The hardwood demand has not improved as was expected. Sales are only moderate, while the quantity of stock offered by the mills is increasing, and at some points prices are said to be a little easier. Plain sawed oak is now in more urgent request than quartered sawed stock. Birch is in steady request for interior finish. There is a better tone to lath and shingles. The former are now selling readily at Duluth at \$2.60 for No. 1, and \$2.10 for No. 2. At Boston lath are selling at \$3.10 for 1 1/2 inch, and \$3.25 for 1 3/4 inch.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Any change in the British lumber market seems to have been in the direction of an improvement. The opinion is gaining ground that the bottom has been touched in the matter of price, and dealers are showing more disposition to purchase stock for contracts entered into some time ago. They recognize that a costly mistake may be made by neglecting to purchase the necessary supplies at the present low figures. The consumption of lumber also is more active, building operations in the London district and suburbs being on quite a liberal scale. The Timber News reports the purchase of a quantity of first quality broad pine deals at between £34 and £35 per standard c. i. f. London, and some 11 inch at \$31, all wintered deals, also a quantity of this season's production at practically the same figures. The second and third qualities are moving very slowly. Pine shorts and ends are in light stock, and there is but a small supply of 3 x 7-10 inch in the first and second qualities. There has been some contracting of late for spruce deals, but a number of the largest dealers have not yet arranged for their requirements. Prices are about £8 15s per standard for best quality Quebec spruce.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The contract for the supply of lumber for the city of Winnipeg has been awarded to D. E. Sprague.

Up to the close of last week 74,700 saw logs had this season been delivered at the mouth of the Gatineau river.

The city of Victoria, B. C., recently received tenders for supply of paving blocks, the quotations being \$19.75 and \$16.66 per thousand for two sizes.

Morris S. M. Long, wholesale lumber dealer, Hamilton, Ont., is supplying the hemlock lumber for a large foundry being erected in Port Colborne.

The first cargo of cedar shingles cut by Alexander Gibson, Marysville, N. B., this season reached St. John last week. The

cut of this mill is handled exclusively by J. Willard Smith, of St. John.

The Moulthrop Lumber Company, John's Island, Ont., will cut about 20,000,000 feet of lumber this season, in addition to 5,000,000 feet which will be cut at Thessalon. A portion of this has been sold.

The Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway Commission are asking for tenders up to June 17th for the delivery of 75,000 ties at points on the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway approved of by the chief engineer. Tenders are to be addressed to P. E. Ryan, secretary-treasurer, Toronto.

Under date of May 21st, Messrs. S. P. Mussion, Son & Company refer to the Barbadoes market as follows: Arrivals during the fortnight have been the Coronia from Shelburne, N. S., with 64,000 feet white pine, 17,000 feet hemlock, and 4,000 feet spruce, and the Catherine from Meteghan with 230,000 feet spruce. The cargo of the latter has been sold locally at \$20.60 for merchantable and \$17 for second quality. Stocks of white pine have been greatly reduced, and we value next arrival at \$26 for shippers and \$21 for second quality. The Ocamo, on 12th inst., brought 74,000 Gaspé shingles, and the market for these being extremely bare, they were sold at \$7.31 per thousand. Should no large arrivals take place, these prices would probably be maintained, but as soon as any appreciable quantity is available, we are sure that values will decline to about \$6. Dimension are also much wanted and would realize excellent prices. Cedar Laying are not in any great demand, and we only value these from \$2.15 to \$2.20 according to quality.

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