

**STOCKS AND PRICES.**  
CANADA.

Willard Smith, of St. John, N. B., has purchased a large lot of hemlock, birch and spruce logs from John A. Humbell.

Sch. Aida has sailed from Vancouver, B. C., for Shanghai with 637,000 feet of rough lumber and 2 spars, valued at \$6,600.

Graham, Horne & Co., Fort William, Ont., will cut about 10,000,000 feet of lumber this year, and will look to the east for a market for most of the product.

The Moiles mill at John Island, Georgian Bay, owned by James Colclough, of Saginaw, Mich., has contracted to cut logs the rest of the season, for the Spanish River Mill Co.

At a recent sale of Fox, Morgan & Co., London, Eng., a large line of 3x9 3rd spruce, Canadian, made, with two exceptions, 66 10s, which is a slight improvement on the two previous sales.

Exports from St. John N. B., for the past week were as follows: To British ports nearly 3,000,000 feet of deals, etc., and two United States ports over 4,500,000 feet of long lumber, nearly 5,500,000 lath about 2,000,000 shingles, and over 700 cords of wood.

The Liverpool correspondent of Timber, current issue, reports the arrival of a large parcel of pine deals, ends and boards, from Montreal, for Robert Cox & Co.: large parcels of similar goods per the Laurentian, for other purchasers, and a parcel of spruce deals from Quebec, for Lightbound, Rigby & Co. The Balasore from St. John, N. B., is discharging spruce deals and birch logs, the cargo recently sold by auction by Messrs. A. F. & D. Mackay. The Ulando, from Halifax, has also sold a part cargo of spruce deals and birch timber, the former for Messrs. Pierce, Watts & Co., and the latter for Joseph Owen & Sons.

Exports from St. John, N. B., are as follows: Per ss. Coquet, for Glasgow, Scotland, by W. M. Mackay, 1,980,527 deals and battens, 1,266 scantling, 113,865 ends; per bark Antoinette, for Limerick, Ireland, by W. M. Mackay, 779,802 deals and battens, 26,559 ends; per sch. Clifford C., for Plymouth, England, by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 500,000 boards, 64,998 plank, 300,000 shingles, 30 hemlock boards; per sch. G. H. Perry, for Vineyard Haven, Mass., by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 156,823 plank; per sch. A. Gibson, for Boston, by A. Cushing & Co., 85,580 plank, 34,000 deals, 30,577 plank; per sch. Uranus, for Boston, by John E. Moore, 492 plank; per sch. William Wilson, for New York, by Dunn Bros., 35,279 plank, 111,986 deals, 843,900 laths.

UNITED STATES.

Col. A. T. Bliss, of Saginaw, Mich., has sold 1,000,000 feet of lumber, log run, to L. C. Slade, Saginaw.

At Cheboygan, Mich., Pelton & Reid have sold, it is said, 3,000,000 feet of log run to eastern parties at \$16 straight.

C. White, of Cheboygan, Mich., has sold 1,000,000 feet of hemlock logs to W. P. DeKlyne, which will be towed to Buffalo.

S. O. Fisher, of Bay City, Mich., has sold a body of timber near Saginaw, to J. Hurst. It is estimated to cut 25,000,000 feet.

The Guelph Cask Co., an English syndicate, has purchased 3,500 acres of

hardwood timber near Traverse City, Mich.

Duncan, Brewster & Co., of Duluth, Minn., have sold 400,000 feet at last year's prices for late shipments, and Loper & Rumery have sold 1,500,000 for early shipment, both lots to eastern parties.

A sale of spruce logs was made last week at Bangor, Me., embracing about 3,500,000 feet of spruce logs, at \$13.50 at the boom, which the Northeastern Lumberman says, is the highest price yet made this season.

Geo. Van Dyke, a spruce lumber king, has made an offer to buy 30,000,000 feet of number two spruce boards, standard quality, at \$14 per thousand feet, Boston delivery, less 5 per cent commission and guarantee.

**THE SITUATION.**

REFLECTED THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE OF "WEEKLY LUMBERMAN."

Robert Watt, Warton, Ont.: "We have no reason to complain of trade, stocks are moving actively, with a particularly good demand for basswood. Among recent shipments from here has been a vessel load of basswood, by J. Kidd. Of stocks held in this locality, hemlock is very large, and there is a tendency to cut prices. Otherwise prices for hardwoods are firm."

Mickle, Dymont & Co., Gravenhurst, Ont.: "No large activity in stocks is to be noted in this district. Bill stuff, pine and hemlock are in greatest demand. What trade is doing is almost entirely in single car lots. Fairly heavy stocks are held here. Prices are firm."

Geo. Thompson, Wingham, Ont.: "Not very much movement of stocks at present, hemlock being in most demand. Stocks generally are small, especially hemlock. There was not much hardwood taken out last winter. Prices for soft elm seem to be stiffening."

The Pembroke Lumber Co., Pembroke, Ont.: "Stocks in this district are going out with encouraging activity. Our specialty is dimension timber, which is in good demand. Recent sales include shipments to the British markets of squares and 3-inch red deals. Prices are advancing."

Huntsville Lumber Co., Huntsville, Ont.: "Stocks are moving with fair activity, the greater demand being for bill stuff. Current sales are of a mixed character, and prices firm. About the average quantity of lumber is held here. There is a shortage of pine shingles. We consider the outlook promising."

Duff & Stewart, Bluevale, Ont.: "Business in lumber in this neighborhood is slow, but we are getting a good many enquiries which indicate that lumber is wanted, and will have to move shortly. The Union Furniture Factory, of Wingham, recently burned, is likely to be rebuilt, and will be a help to the lumber trade."

Seaman & Newman, Warton, Ont.: "Stocks are moving fairly well, with hemlock and cedar bill stuff leading. We have just delivered 700,000 feet of crib timber for the approaches of the Sault St. Marie canal. Stocks are very large in this section and of a better quality than last season. Prices are advancing slowly."

**QUEBEC CONDITIONS.**

(Special correspondence WEEKLY LUMBERMAN.)

I have made particular enquiry respecting the Quebec timber market, as it is at the present time, from a party whose information can be relied on. The timber business of Quebec is in a depressed state, owing to the over stocked market and low prices in England. Very few timber contracts have been made compared with former years, particularly in deal trade. Shippers on this side have curtailed their business considerably. The

following prices will show the present state of the market:

Oak, dull and in poor demand, 49c in dram for best parcel is about the value, but no transactions.

Oak, low grades, difficult to place even at 40c.

Red pine, poor demand, no change in value.

Elm, no change in value and in fair demand.

Ash, not wanted, small wood 22c and large about 30c.

White pine, first-class and superior wood fully maintains its value and seems likely to do so both in square and waney best; for coarse and inferior there is no market at remunerative prices.

Deals, first quality, dull and depressed; other qualities unchanged.

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**EASTERN STATES LUMBER MARKETS.**

At Tonawanda, good lumber is being called for in fair quantities and prices are held firm on most grades.

Activity in building circles at Philadelphia is having a satisfactory influence on the lumber trade, especially hardwoods. Oak is leading. Architects say that cherry is coming into favor again. Maple is in good demand and going into consumption about as quickly as shipments arrive.

At Albany, where trade has been slow, there was quite a spurt last week, lumber waiting to be loaded and boats scarce. Arrivals of new lumber from the west are slow. The yards show little accumulation, as the programme calls for constant reshipment of stocks. The amount received up to date is less than for the same period in many years.

Business in New York is of an uncertain character. A rush comes at times, and again remarkable dullness prevails. It is believed, however, that a healthy improvement will be manifest in the near future. Transactions of fair size are reported. White pine is among the slowest of products. Yellow pine is not taking on any great share of strength. Spruce is in the best condition of any lumber.

Despite the stories of depressed trade the record of some Buffalo houses will show a good season's business up to the present date, and the opinion is entertained that the lumber trade is developing strength more rapidly than many suppose. Large quantities of lumber are reaching this point from Duluth. Stewart Bros. are loading 1,000,000 feet at Duluth and the Holland mill will bring down an equal amount soon. Hardwood factories in the Buffalo district are very busy.

**COOPERAGE.**

Sutherland-Innes Co., Ltd., of Chatham, Ont., say that while no speculative contracts are being made, a large amount of stock is being ordered from the different leading centres for actual consumption. Large shipments of Canadian staves are now being sent by vessel to Duluth and Minneapolis. The demand for heading in Canada is limited, and ridiculously low prices are ruling. In this connection, it is stated, that for some time past, heading has been sold at considerably less than the actual cost of production, and this is not only true of Canada, but also of the United States. The low prices that have been ruling for all kinds of cooperage material means that the manufacturers have been working without profit. Many manufacturers have got discouraged, and have made no special effort to put in any large quantity of timber. No. 2 staves have, for some time, been a drug in the market, selling at considerably less than the actual cost of production. Consumption of tight barrel stock in Canada and the United States shows some slight improvement.

**SHIPPING MATTERS.**

The American sch. R. W. Bartlett, is loading lumber at Vancouver, B. C., for San Pedro, Cal.

Lumber shipments by water from Alpena, Mich., are running into large figures this season.

A raft of 3,500,000 feet is now on its way from Canada to the mills of Bliss & Van Auken, Saginaw, Mich.

The sch. Pandora is on her way from Bay City, Mich., to Sarnia, with 300,000 feet of lumber, which, it is said, was cut from logs brought from Canada.

Bark Angiolina is loading deals at Miramichi, for Marseilles, France, at 55 francs, and bark Keandra, lumber, at the same place, for Buenos Ayres at \$7.

A schooner has been fixed to load lumber on the south shore of Nova Scotia, for New York, at \$3, a marked improvement on the figures that have prevailed for some time.

The Canadian steamer Jack, which ran into and broke the Welland Canal locks about three weeks ago, ran into and sank the steamer Norman on Lake Huron some days ago, and afterwards sank herself. She was loaded with lumber.

A firm of ship owners, writing to an English lumber journal, say that Miramichi is one of the most undesirable ports in Canada. "Stevedoring alone costs over 6s per standard. The depth of water only averages 18 feet, and with other disadvantages the rate of freight should be considerably higher than current quotations."

The following shipments were made from the port of Montreal during the week ending June 10th: SS. City of Kingston, T. F. Vipond & Son, 3,692 boards to Jamaica; ss. Warwick, Dobell, Beckett & Co., 5,209 pieces of deals, to Glasgow; ss. Siberian, Imperial Lumber Co., 537 pieces of deals, to Glasgow; ss. Siberian, W. & J. Sharpless, 5,968 boards, to Glasgow; ss. Lake Ontario, J. Burstall & Co., 221 pieces birch, to Liverpool; ss. Lake Ontario, W. & J. Sharpless, 6,047 deal ends and 1,480 boards, to Liverpool; ss. Lake Ontario, D. W. Campbell, 6,058 boards, to Liverpool.

**BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES AND CHANGES.**

Fires have been discovered on the limits of J. R. Booth, near Lamab Creek.

R. Atkinson, of Brandon, Man., is going into the lumber business at Griswold.

J. R. Booth, of Ottawa, Ont., has decided to rebuild his mills at Burlington, Vt., which were burned several months ago.

Messrs. Golwin have removed their rotary mill from Beaver Brook, N. B., to New Horton, where they have 800,000 feet of logs to saw.

W. H. Murray, D. B. Warner, C. P. Woodman, F. Stetson, and G. E. Barnhill, well-known New Brunswick lumbermen, held a conference in Bangor, Me., a week ago, with Bangor and New York lumbermen, when the idea of establishing in New York a commission house, handling lumber shipments from St. John and Bangor, was discussed. The plan is to form a joint stock company, composed of millers and shippers at both places, with an office in New York, in charge of a responsible party. Nothing definite has yet been reached.

**LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.**

LUMBER freight rates for pine on the Grand Trunk Railway have been made a fixture, as below. Of any intended change due notice will be given lumbermen.

General instructions in shipping by Grand Trunk are embodied in these words in the tariff schedule: On lumber in carloads, minimum weight, 30,000 lbs. per car, unless the marked capacity of the car be less, in which case the marked capacity (but not less than 24,000 lbs.) will be charged, and must not be exceeded. Should it be impracticable to load certain descriptions of light lumber up to 30,000 lbs. to the car, then the actual weight only will be charged for, but not less than 24,000 lbs. The rates on lumber in the tariff will not be higher from an intermediate point on the straight run than from the first named point beyond, to the same destination. For instance, the rates from Tara or Hepworth to Guelph, Brampton, Weston or Toronto, would not be higher than the specific rates named from Warton to the same points. The rates from Carleton Place and Southampton to points east of Listowel and south and west of Stratford will be the same as from Kincardine, but in no case are higher rates to be charged than as per mileage table published on page 9 of tariff.

Rates from leading lumber points on pine and other softwood lumber, shingles, etc., are as follows: From Glencairn, Creemore, Aurora, Harrie and other points in group B to Toronto, 6 1/2c; Collingwood, Penetang, Coldwater, Waubaushene, Sturgeon Bay, Victoria Harbor, Midland, Fenelon Falls, Langford, Gravenhurst and other points in group C, to Toronto, 6 1/2c; Brace, Bridge to Toronto 7c; Utterson, Huntsville, Navor, Emdale, Katrine to Toronto, 7 1/2c; Burk's Falls, Berrieland and Sundridge, to Toronto, 8c; South River, Powarsen and Callender to Toronto, 9c; Nipissing Junction and North Bay, 10c. Rate from Goderich, Kincardine and Warton to Toronto, 6 1/2c. These rates are per 100 lbs. Rates from Toronto east to Belleville are 7 1/2c. per 100 lbs.; to Deseronto, 9c.; to Brockville and Prescott, 10c.; to Montreal and Ottawa, 11c. The