

Duluth and Ashland No. 1 is bringing \$3.75, and No. 2 \$3.25 in large quantities, and 25 cents more in car load lots. Shingles are firm in price, and the demand is increasing. It is predicted that extra A red cedar shingles will bring \$3 in the Minneapolis market before the close of this year. The present price is \$2.65. Clear white pine shingles are bringing \$3.40 in Chicago.

GREAT BRITAIN.

We cannot report a material improvement in the British timber market. Very little buying is being done by importers, as there is an impression that the prices which shippers are asking are too high, and that sooner or later they must be adjusted to the level of the market. The consumption is moderately active, but dealers are obtaining their requirements from the stocks now landed, which in most cases can be bought on more liberal terms than in the case of new stock to arrive. First quality pine deals of broad average are inquired for, and recent sales have been made at high prices. The lower qualities are less firm. The outlook for spruce does not seem to be as good as it was two months ago. Prices at auction sales have shown weakness, 3 x 7 unassorted selling as low as £7 5s, and a small lot of third quality Quebec spruce, 3 x 11, at about £8 10s. The stock of waney timber at Glasgow and Liverpool is small and there has been some activity in demand. Messrs. Denny, Mott and Dickson state that the attempt to substitute swamp elm for Canadian rock elm has caused much friction and dissatisfaction to dealers and consumers in Great Britain.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Mill culls are held as high as \$15 by some Buffalo dealers. The range of box lumber is from \$17 to \$25.

Butler Bros., of Woodstock, Ont., have recently made an extensive purchase of shingles in British Columbia.

John Cameron, of Watson's Corners, Ont., has sold 100,000 feet of pine lumber to H. S. Toffey, of Portland, and 50,000 feet to T. B. Caldwell, of Lanark.

R. A. Brown, of Grand Forks, B. C., is taking out 2,700,000 ft. of logs on the north fork of the Kettle river, to be manufactured at the mill of Lequime & Powers on Smelter Lake.

W. H. McAuliffe, of Ottawa, has purchased 2,000,000 feet of dry lumber, the cut of A. Lumsden's mill at Temiscaming.

Some of the lumber will be shipped to the United States and the balance sold in the local market.

It is estimated that the cut of logs during the past winter on the Cannan river in Queen's county, N. B., was about 5,000,000 feet. Of this quantity West Bros. got out over one million, the Sussex Mercantile Co. one million, and H. B. Heatherington over one and a half million.

The recent mild weather has been a drawback to logging operations. The Parry Sound Lumber Company have their logs cut in their own camps about all watered, but some of their jobbers are behind with their work. Hamill Bros. have 20,000 pieces yet to water, and McCormick & McLeod have 100,000 logs to draw. The William Peter Estate have made good progress with their logging operations.

Quotations at the Chicago yards for No. 1 pine piece stuff range from \$16 to \$20 for short and from \$18 to \$26 for long, the latter quotation being 3x12-30. No. 1 boards are quoted at from \$25 to \$26 for 12 inch, \$21 to \$22.50 for 10 inch and \$22.50 for 8 inch. No. 2 boards are based on \$22 to \$23.50 for 12 inch, \$19.50 for 10 inch and \$18.50 for 8 inch. No. 3 boards sell at \$16.50, \$17 and \$17.50 for 8, 10 and 12 inch respectively.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company in their report of March 1st, say of the Barbadoes market: "The arrivals have been the 'Mercedese,' from Belliveau Cove, N. S., and the 'Hattie P,' from Annapolis, N.S. The cargo of the former was sold for another market; that of the latter, consisting of 40,000 feet white pine, 44,000 feet spruce and 5,000 plain hemlock, has been sold at \$20.05 shipping. \$14.50 second quality white pine; \$17.05 shipping, \$13.05 second quality spruce; \$11 hemlock. It is reported that other cargoes are on the way, and the market is heavily stocked. No receipts of shingles have taken place.

There are in the St. John river above and below the Fredericton booms and at Grand Falls, N. B., about 30,000,000 feet of loose logs which have come down from the drives and are now in the ice. At a meeting of representative lumbermen held last week, tenders were opened for delivering the logs at the different mills, but as they were considered too high, it was decided that the lumbermen should do the work themselves, under the direction of J. Fraser Gregory. The logs are so situated that should the ice suddenly run the logs would be in danger of being carried out to the sea.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

The spruce lumber market is firmer, with a better demand. The departure of the snow has started up building operations, or would have but for the transportation strike. But that is now over. Meantime advices from the northern and eastern spruce mills say that the snow is

about all gone, and that the cut of spruce logs has been considerably shortened. Lumbermen also fear that the drives must be hung up for the want of water. Orders are better, but full prices have to be paid: Ten and 12 inch dimensions, \$20; 9 inch and under, \$18; 10 and 12 inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$19 to \$19.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$16 to \$16.50; all other randoms, 9 in. and under, 10 feet and up, \$17 to \$17.50; 5-inch and up merchantable boards, \$15 to \$16; matched boards, \$18 to \$19; cut spruce boards, \$13, bundle furring, \$16 to \$17.

Hemlock is fully sustained at the recent advance: Boards, 12, 14 and 16 feet stock, \$15 to \$15.50 for good eastern; Pennsylvania, No. 1, \$16 to \$17; No. 2, \$14.50 to \$15.

White pine is firmer and higher, with advices of a still further shortened supply, from which there is never to be any relief: Uppers, 1-in. \$75 to \$80; 2 1/2 and 3 in. \$80 to \$85; 4-in. \$85 to \$88; selects, 1 to 1 1/2 in. \$65 to \$68; 2-in. \$69 to \$70; 2 1/2 to 3 in. \$74 to \$76; 4-in. \$79 to \$80; fine com-

mon, 1-in. \$56 to \$58; 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 in. \$62 to \$66; 2-in. \$68 to \$70; 2 1/2 and 3 in. \$69 to \$71; 4-in. \$80; barn boards, \$23 to \$33; coffin boards, \$27 to \$32.

Hardwoods are steady, with a quiet request: One-inch, whitewood, \$38 to \$40; thicker, \$39 to \$42; 1/2 inch, \$30 to \$35; saps, inch, \$25 to \$30; common, \$23 to \$25; quartered oak, \$56 to \$65; fancy, \$70 to \$75; plain oak, \$40 to \$47; black ash, \$40 to \$50; white ash, \$45 to \$55; cherry, \$90 to \$130; maple, \$32 to \$40.

Shingles are in short supply: Extra cedar, \$3.30 to \$3.35; clear, \$2.90 to \$3; second clear, \$2.35 to \$2.50; sup. \$2.10; extra No. 1, \$1.75 to \$1.90; Washington and British Columbia red cedar, 16-inch, five butts to 2 inches, \$3.45 to \$3.50; 18-inch, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

Clapboards continue scarce and fancy prices are paid: Extra spruce, \$38 to \$40; clear, \$36 to \$38; second clear, \$33 to \$35; extra No. 1, \$24 to \$26.

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