

der the Edward Hines Lumber Company will send 40,000,000 feet to its yards in Chicago. It is estimated that fully 120,000,000 feet will be sawed too late in the season to be available as dry lumber, so that the surplus stock at the beginning of this season is the lowest on record.

Messrs. Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., say: "There has been more selling of pine deals in London than for some time past. The specifications have been miscellaneous and the prices on the whole as good as could be expected. The drop is, of course, considerable from the nominal quotations for good regular deals, but compared with other things the level of price continues high, affected doubtless by the manifest impossibility of buying any cheaper ahead. The consumption has, however, not been on a satisfactory scale. Spruce deals and battens have also been freely sold at reductions. The consumption of these has brightened up a little, and the market is safeguarded by being very unattractive for further supplies. Oak has been a little more enquired for in a retail way and also white pine timber, but birch, elm and ash have been quite out of favour."

LUMBER PRICES AT LONDON.

The following prices were realized for Canadian deals, etc., at an auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, England, on April 13th:

PINE.—Ex. Prome, from Quebec—14-16 ft. 3x11 in. 4th quality, £8 5s per standard. Ex. Avona, from Quebec,—9-14 ft. 3x11 in. 5th quality, £4 10s.

SPRUCE.—Ex. Atbera, from Saguenay,—9-16 ft. 3x11 in. unassorted, £9 7s; 13 ft. 3x7, £7 10s. Ex. Drot, from Montreal—9-16 ft. 3x11 in. 2nd quality, £8 10s; 10-16 ft. 3x7-11, £8 10s; 10-16 ft. 3x7-11 in. 3rd quality, £8. Ex. King David, from Montreal—6-12 ft. 3x11 in. 2nd quality, £8; 12-13 ft. 3x10-13, £8 10s; 6-12 ft. 3x11 in. 3rd quality, £8; 12-16 ft. 3x8, £7 15s; 12-13 ft. 3x7, £7 5s; 12-13 ft. 3x10-14, £8 5s; 12-13 ft. 3x7-8, £7 10s. Ex. Milwaukee, for Quebec—14-16 ft. 3x9 in. 2nd quality, £8 15s. Ex. Lake Michigan, from Quebec—13 ft. 3x9 in. 3rd quality, £8 15s and

£9. Ex. Durham, from Montreal—11 ft. 3x9 in. 2nd quality, £8 5s. Ex. Nyanga, from Quebec—12-17 ft. 3x8 in. 4th quality, £8. Ex. Hedwig, from Miramichi—17-21 ft. 3x7 in. unassorted, £7. 10s.

CANADIAN LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

From Halifax, N.S.: Steamer Florence, for London, 655 pieces hemlock sleepers, value \$220, 10,815 ft. hemlock deals, value \$91. Barque Nora Wiggins, for Buenos Ayres, 484,803 ft. spruce lumber, value \$5,486.

From St. John, N.B.: Schooner Eric, for City Island, 171,607 ft. deals. Schooner E. H. Foster, for Boston, 105,901 ft. boards, 14,060 ft. deals. Steamer Bavarian, for Liverpool, 1,044,535 ft. deals, 139,518 ft. scantling, 47,463 ft. ends, 48,895 ft. boards, 129 tons timber, 8,910 ft. birch squares, 312 pieces maple lumber, 2,750 bundles maple flooring. Schooner Fanny, for Hingham, 15,052 ft. plank, 49,593 ft. scantling, 513,000 cedar shingles. Steamer Wyandotte, for Cape Town, South Africa, 100 crates shingles.

HOO-HOO CONCATENATION AT CHATHAM.

Mr. Walter C. Laidlaw, Vicegerent Snark for Eastern Canada, has made arrangements to hold a Hoo-Hoo Concatenation at Chatham, Ont., on the evening of Friday, April 23th. Mr. Charles Hedley is chairman of the local committee. A large contingent from Toronto will go west to participate in the proceedings, and as the hospitality of the "Maple City" is well-known, an enjoyable time may be expected.

THE WHITE PINE TRADE.

A good share of the pine trade being received by wholesalers indicates that dealers are only sending in for stock to fill orders secured from their customers. For the last two years the retail lumbermen have been letting their stocks run down and to-day there is less lumber piled in their yards than at any time during the last ten years. The fact is generally admitted that if all the retail lumbermen in the northwest would put in a stock equal to the amount they carried two years ago, says the Mississippi Valley Lumberman, there would not be sufficient left in the wholesale market to take care of the local retail trade. While all the wholesale companies are desirous of increasing their business none of them seem disposed to make any undue con-

cessions in order to stimulate trade. An air of confident security seems to pervade this branch of the lumber industry. Even those with comparatively large stocks apparently feel no uneasiness as to their ability to market it all at present values. They insist that stocks are light and no more than sufficient to take care of trade certain to develop in the next few months. The amount to be manufactured this coming year is going to be very much less than any former season, which still further convinces them of the advisability of holding on to what stock they have on hand. The majority of manufacturers are in easy circumstances financially and others have no difficulty in getting what accommodation they need.

So far the low price made on yellow pine has not materially affected either the sale or value of dimension, although it may do so later. The demand is principally for No. 1, 2 and 3 boards and their products. Few wholesalers have any considerable amount of No. 4 and 5 boards on hand and No. 3 is not plentiful. Some buyers are negotiating with the mills with a view to contracting for a supply of low grade boards to be sawn and delivered later. The high price demanded by the mill men has resulted in few sales being made. There is considerable demand for odd sizes in timber for immediate delivery. There is comparatively little long timber on the market and as the mills have not generally resumed sawing, this class of stock is difficult to secure. The urgent demand for immediate shipment specified in some of the orders being received is quite encouraging. Occasionally some dealer will send in orders of this character without first getting quotations and asking to be given a fair chance price, but to be sure to hurry the lumber along. When such

orders include one hundred pieces of No. 2, 6 and 8 inch drop siding, it illustrates very fully the depleted condition of the retail stocks. Usually dealers order straight cars of this class of material.

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