

Coast product has somewhat unsettled the shingle market, although increased sales are reported and it is believed that the season will be a good one. White pine hold steady, while white cedars have advanced.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**

The British market continues somewhat perplexing. Some importers claim that weakness is in course of development, while others contend that the market is maintaining stability even in the face of very light buying. Agents of shippers report that it is most difficult to close contracts, but add that it will be absolutely necessary for importers to arrange for supplies at a very early date. In respect to Canadian lumber it can be said that first quality pine deals are now almost unobtainable, and sales of third quality have been made at £12 10s. to £12 15s. per standard of 1,980 feet. For fourth quality there is little demand. Quebec spruce deals have recently been sold in London at £9 5s. for 9-inch third quality, and £9 2s. 6d. for unassorted. For New Brunswick spruce, per regular liners from St. John, the price is £7 7s. 6d. to £7 10s. per standard. The imports by the liners have been small, but stocks at Liverpool, Manchester and other ports are somewhat heavy. Liverpool brokers are said to have made good sales of spruce on the Continent and in Ireland.

At a recent auction sale 2x11 Quebec spruce brought £12 per standard. A single lot of first quality white pine from Montreal, comprising 3x11, 3x10 and 3x6 and 7, sold at £13 10s., which was considered much below its value.

**STOCKS AND PRICES.**

Martin O'Donohue has opened a lumber yard at West Selkirk, Man., with 700,000 feet of lumber in stock.

Oliver & Beaton, of Fort William, Ont., cut over 20,000 ties at English River during the past winter.

Laths in Chicago are held at \$3.50 for No. 1 white pine, \$2.75 to \$3 for No. 2, and \$3.25 for No. 1 hemlock or Norway.

There is between 210,000,000 and 250,000,000 feet of logs to come out of the Spanish river and tributaries this season.

Tenders are invited up to April 28th for supplying the Works Committee of the City of Winnipeg with lumber required during the current year.

A. R. Mann, of Winnipeg, has ceased logging operations in the vicinity of Fort Francis, Ont. During the past winter he took out over 350,000 ties.

Sales of about 3,000,000 feet of No. 3 and better lumber were made at Duluth last week at prices distinctly in advance of the average for the past two weeks for both the narrow widths and the board.

Skillings, Whitney & Barnes, of Boston, have contracted for over 30,000,000 feet of lumber to be cut this season at Cutler, Ont., by N. N. Wright & Company. The total cut of the Cutler mill will be about 40,000,000 feet, all of which has been sold.

Gilroy & Humber, of Mableton, N. S., were heavy losers by a recent freshet. Of their season's output of logs boomed

above the water mill, amounting to 12,000, not more than 4,000 now remain. The balance are strown along the river and will have to be collected and rafted down to a convenient place for booming and sawing.

Chicago reports a weak market for cooperage stock. Tierce hoops which a few weeks ago were worth \$15 now range from \$11 to \$12. There is practically no demand for staves, hoops or heading. Buffalo jobbers quote first-class elm staves at \$9.25 to \$9.50; basswood heading, 6 to 6½ cents; coiled hoops, \$10 to \$10.50 for 6-foot and \$9.75 to \$10.25 for 5½ foot.

A despatch from Fredericton, N. B., states that driving operations have commenced on most of the streams. R. A. Estey, Hillyard Bros., Murchie & Sons and others who operate on the Tobique river have engaged crews for driving. Donald Fraser & Sons started operations last week and expect to get about 12,000,000 feet of logs. J. A. Patterson, who operates on the Salmon river, and J. H. Sawyer, on the Gulmac river, have made excellent progress with their drives. On the Restigouche the ice has been slow in melting.

**THE OTTAWA VALLEY.**

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

With log driving well in hand on several streams, the lumbermen are now turning their attention to the mills. Preparations are well advanced for a good season's cut. The cool spring presages a steady movement of logs, as the larger streams will be fed gradually from their tributaries during the late spring and early summer. The ice is not expected to move out of the more northerly creeks for another fortnight.

The first mill in the Ottawa district to resume operations was that of the Hawkesbury Lumber Company, at Hawkesbury, Ont. The strike declared on Good Friday paralyzed operations, but it was of short duration.

The Booth mill at Ottawa is running night and day, and will soon be employing between 1,500 and 1,800 men and boys, in the mills and yards. The Mason mill at Hintonburg, secured by the Shepherd & Morse Company, with its new equipment, is about the only new thing outside the establishment of the Fraser mill at Deschenes, and Davidson & Thacker's new mill at Davidson, Que., the new lumbering village in the Pontiac district.

Reference to the market page will show an advance in several lines of high grade stock. Even as a futurity it is exceedingly scarce, and it is figured that over one-half of the 1903 mill cut has long ere this passed from the manufacturer to the British and American buyers. Local dealers are experiencing considerable difficulty in securing stock to supply the local market.

The first logs of the season are reported at the Coulonge boom, near the juncture with the Ottawa. The logs are part of a bunch of 100,000 cut for Davidson & Thacker's new mill at Davidson station.

Mr. W. H. McAulliffe, the well known local lumber dealer, has purchased an additional block of land in the Chaudiere

district adjoining his present extensive piling and sorting grounds. He will erect a planing mill, and thus add an additional branch to his rapidly growing business.

Messrs. Hurdman & Elmitt, one of Ottawa's aggressive lumber firms, have secured territory for piling grounds convenient to the city and in touch with the different lines of railway.

Mr. E. A. Chamberlain, formerly of the James MacLaren Lumber Company, Buckingham, has accepted a position on the construction work at Mr. Alex. Fraser's new mill at Deschenes, near Ottawa.

Mr. W. P. Hinton, general freight and passenger agent of the Canada Atlantic Railway, was at its last meeting elected President of the Canadian Freight Agents Association. Mr. Hinton well deserves the honor, a point on which his friends in the lumber trade of Canada and the United States will agree. Although one of the youngest, he is one of the best informed railway men in America.

OTTAWA, April 20th, 1903.

**TRADE OPENINGS.**

The following were among the enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the Canadian Government Office in London during the week ending 3rd April, 1903. The names of the parties may be obtained from the publishers of this journal.

Inquiry has been made respecting the suitability of Canadian hemlock for railway ties, and the supplies of this timber available.

The names of users of spool-wood and "Excelsior" packing are required by a party in Canada who is taking up the manufacture and export of these goods.

**BRITISH TIMBER SALE.**

The following prices were realized for Canadian pine and spruce lumber at an auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., on April 8th:

PINE.—Ex. Langford, from Quebec—7-22 ft. 4x8 in. unassorted red, £9 per standard; 12-22 ft. 4x7, £8 10s; 9-20 ft. 4x6, £8 5s; 12-21 ft. 3x8, £8 10s; 10-20 ft. 3x7, £8; 12-18 ft. 2½x8, £8 10s; 12-18 ft. 2½x4-6, £7; 9-18 ft. 2x11, £12; 9-18 ft. 2x4-8, £7 5s; 10-18 ft. 1½x4-11, £6 5s. Ex. Aquila, from Montreal—12-16 ft. 1x10 in. first quality red, £13 15s; 15-16 ft. 1x8, £12 10s; 15-16 ft. 1x7, £12 15s.

SPRUCE.—Ex. Carlisle City, from St. John—4-24 ft. 1x8-10 in. first, second and third quality, £7 5s. per standard; 6-24 ft. 1x7, £7. Ex. Hermann, from Saguenay, Que.—10 ft. 3x8 in. unassorted, £8 15s; 9-10 ft. 3x8, £8 15s; 10-15 ft. 3x7, £7 15s. Ex. Avona, from Quebec—10-15 ft. 3x11 third quality, £9 10s; 10-19 ft. 3x7, £7 10s; 9-11 ft. 3x7-9, £7 15s; 9-18 ft. 3x6-12, £8; 4-8 ft. 3x7-12, £7 10s. Ex. Lycia, from Quebec—12-13 ft. 3x5 in. third quality, £6 15s; 12-13 ft. 3x4, £7.

A saw mill in Kings County belonging to S. B. Benjamin, of Wolfville, N.S., was destroyed by fire on the 16th inst. The mill was just starting on the summer cut, the pond being full of logs. The property was insured for \$14,000.

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The following charters are reported: Steamer, Dalhousie, N. B., to London, deals, 379 6d. May; "Pocasset," St. John, N.B., to U.K., 875 standards, 33s; Tara Kobb, St. John, N.B., to w.c. Eng. and, 339, 500 birch, 154 3d per load, May; Miramichi, N.B., to Mersey, 520 standards, 45s; steamer, 1,300 standards, Montreal to London, deals, 36 3d, May-June; steamer, 650 standards, Quebec to Waterford, 40s, May-June.

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