

large orders for stock. There is an unusually brisk demand for British Columbia cedar lath. In Vancouver and Victoria building operations are very active, notwithstanding the high price of building materials. The export trade is good, but freight rates are unusually high.

UNITED STATES.

The lumber market of the United States has developed no features of particular interest during the past week. The movement of stock is rather slow, and few sales from the cargo mills are reported. Retail dealers are showing an indisposition to stock up in the face of slow consumption. Piece stuff has weakened slightly. In Chicago the list was maintained during the winter on a \$16 basis for short lengths, but wholesale dealers are now quoting this stock on a \$15.50 basis. Common inch lumber is a trifle higher than it was one month ago. Buffalo dealers report that the white pine trade is in a peculiar condition. The east is not reconciled to the present asking prices, while there is no hope of wholesalers being in a position to offer them any concessions, as their stock could not be replaced at the prices at which it was purchased. Spruce lumber is maintaining its strength and is held firmly at \$22.50 in the New York market.

The feature of the hardwood trade is an increased demand for maple, which is reported very scarce. The probability is that before dry stock is available maple prices will be further advanced. Elm, basswood, and black ash sell well.

It is probable that there will be a shortage in the supply of shingles this season and that prices will be marked up, as lumber has advanced in price more than shingles. At Buffalo the stock is estimated at 20,000,000. Some dealers are holding red cedar shingles higher than white pine. The demand is almost entirely for 16 inch, which appear to be considered cheaper than 18 inch.

FOREIGN.

An uncertain feeling pervades the British wood market. The consumption of lumber has been diminished by the enhanced prices, and difficulty is being experienced in maintaining the present prices on account of the lessened consumption. On the other hand, the high prices asked by shippers strengthens the hands of holders of stock, who feel that they are not justified in lowering their asking prices. The spruce trade continues to flourish, and large quantities of this lumber are being purchased by the box-makers. In the London market third quality is selling at £10, and it is reported that nearly all the Riga whitewood for early shipment has been sold to France. This further brightens the outlook for spruce, inasmuch as the Riga whitewood is a strong competitor with Canadian lumber. At Glasgow there is a steady demand for first quality pine deals and planks. Spruce in that market is not moving with as much freedom as two weeks ago, but no depreciation in prices is reported. Very little stock is being sold to Ireland.

NEW BRUNSWICK CEDAR SHINGLES.

The shingle situation in New Brunswick is decidedly mixed. So far as we can learn, the members of the new association are rigidly adhering to their price list. On the other hand, outsiders are selling on a basis of \$3.00 to 3.20 for extras on Boston freights. The majority of shingle manufacturers do not seem to realize that there is such a thing as an association, and are willing to accept such figures, with \$3.00 as a minimum limit, as their commission representatives may see fit to name. In some few isolated cases \$3.25 has been readily obtained from the country trade, but the bulk of the orders have been accepted at about the following figures, delivered at Boston rates: Extras, \$3.10 to \$3.15; clears, \$2.70 to \$2.75; 2nd clears, \$2.15 to \$2.20; clear whites, \$2.10 to \$2.20.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

A scarcity of hemlock boards at Boston is reported. No. 1 stock, 10 and 12 inches wide, is sold at \$20.

The property belonging to the estate of the late Thomas Keillor was sold at Dorchester, N.B., last week. Some 340 acres of timber lands was purchased by C. S. &

J. Hickman, lumbermen, of Dorchester, for \$8,190.

Charles T. Monroe has purchased a mill at Douglstown, N.B., and will manufacture cedar shingles.

J. H. Livingstone and J. W. Swan, of Wentworth, Cumberland county, N.S., have purchased a tract of timber land on the Midland railway near Windsor.

The cedar market on the Saginaw river has not materially changed; 25 ft. poles, 6 inches at the top, sell at \$1.25. Oak ties are quoted at 45 cents, cedar ties at 38 cents, and fence posts at 10 cts.

Canadian shippers in a position to handle an order for log run black ash, 1", 1 1/2", 1 3/4", and 2" thick, and of an average of 9 inches in width, with culls and centres out, for export to England, are requested to communicate with the publishers of this journal.

Three timber berths on the Quisbis river in New Brunswick, aggregating 14 square miles, and a 2 1/2 mile berth on Siegar river, were sold at the Crown Lands office, Fredericton, N.B., last week to Randolph & Baker, at the upset price of \$8 per mile.

The cut of logs to come down Salmon Creek to Melbourne, Que., is much smaller than usual, owing to an unfavorable winter. The Tourville Company, of Pierreville, have 40,000 logs, and Williamson & Crombie, of Kingsbury, 55,000 logs. Timber is in good demand. American buyers are offering \$12 per thousand feet for good spruce butt logs, f.o.b. Kingsbury.

WINNIPEG LUMBER PRICES.

Following are wholesale prices, delivered at Winnipeg, for pine lumber:

TIMBER AND DIMENSION—Timber 4x10 and 12, 6x10 and 12 and 8x8 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$19.50; timber 6x6 to 6x8, 4x4 to 4x8 and 3x6 to 3x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$18; dimensions, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 feet long, \$17; dimensions 2x4, 10 feet long, \$17.50; dimensions, 2x8 to 2x12, 10 feet long, \$17; dimensions, 2x6, 10 feet long, \$17; dimensions, 2x4, 10 2x12, 6 and 8 feet long, \$14.50; cull plank, all widths, \$14.50; cull plank, re-sawn, \$11.50. \$1 per M. advance on each inch over 12 in. in depth and width. \$1 per M. advance on each 2 feet over 16 feet.

BOARDS—First common boards, red pine, 10 to 18 feet, \$22.50; second common, 10 to 18 feet \$17.50; third common 10 to 18 feet, \$17; culls, 10 to 18 feet, \$15; 1-2 inch sheathing S. I. S., 10 to 18 feet, \$13.50; second common stock, 12 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$19; second common stock, 8 to 10 in., 10 to 18 feet, \$18; No. 1 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$27.50; No. 2 wide box boards, 10 to 18 feet, \$20. \$2 per M. less for 6 and 8 feet. Re-sawing boards \$1 per M. extra.

SHIPLAP—Shiplap, 8 and 10 in., \$18.50; shiplap, 6 in., \$17.50; shiplap, culls, 8 and 10 in., \$16; culls, 6 in., \$13. \$2 per M. less for 8 feet and under.

FLOORING, SIDING AND CEILING—Flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in., \$19.50; flooring and siding, 8 and 10 in. culls, \$16; flooring, siding and ceiling, 4, 5 and 6 in., first white pine, \$35.50; do., second white pine, \$31.50; do., third white pine, \$24.50; do., 5 and 6 in., first and second red pine, \$27; do., 4 in., first and second red pine, \$25.50; do., 5 and 6 in., third red pine, \$22; do., 4 in., third red pine, \$21; do., 5 and 6 in., fourth red and white pine, \$19; do., 4 in., fourth red and white pine, \$17; do. 4, 5 and 6 in. culls, \$15. \$2 per M. less for 8 feet and under, \$1 per M. advance for dressing two sides 1-4 and 1-2 in. flooring, \$1 per M. advance over 1 in. Bevel siding, No. 1, 1-2 in. x 6 in., \$21; bevel siding No. 2, 1-2 in. x 6 in., \$18.

FINISHING—1-4, 1-2 and 2 in. first, second and third clear white pine, \$45; do., select white pine, \$35; do. shop, \$30. \$5 per M. advance on 2 1/2 in. and thicker. 1-4, 1-2 and 2 in. clear red pine, \$31; do., select red pine, 26.50; 1 in. first and second clear white pine, \$47.50; do., third clear white pine, \$36.50; do., B. select white pine, \$30; do., C. select white pine, \$25; No. 1 stock white pine, 12 in., \$41.50; do., 8 and 10 in., \$39.50; No. 2 stock white pine, 12 in., \$36.50; do., 8 and 10 in., \$34.50; No. 3 white and red pine, 12 in., \$29.50; do., 8 and 10 in., \$27.50; 1 in. clear red pine, \$31; do., select, \$26. Selectee widths, \$2 per M. extra.

MOULDINGS—Parting strips, per 100 lineal feet, 40c; window stops, 50c; door stops, 75c; quarter round and cove, 50c; 4 in. casing, \$1.60; 5 in. casing, \$2; 6 in. casing, \$2.40; 8 in. base, \$3.25; 10 in. base \$4. All other mouldings 50 per cent. discount off universal moulding list. Lath, per M, \$3.50; pine shingles, 6 in., clear butts, per M, \$1.75.

THE AUSTRALIAN MARKET.

The last monthly report of Fraser & Co. reviews the timber market of Australia as follows:

The market generally has been in good condition during the past few weeks, almost every class of timber being in demand, and rates obtained in a great proportion of business fixed show some slight increase in values upon those ruling at the time our last circular was issued. Although some sales in business "to arrive" have been done in Baltic flooring, lining, and weather boards upon the last basis of prices, local stocks of the same have been sold at increased figures, while Oregon is now firm at £7 per 1000 feet super, and it is probable that shortly higher rates will be required and paid for the latter lumber. For mostly other kinds of timber importations prices have been more fully maintained, and as the markets from which we receive our supplies indicate rather an upward than a downward tendency, both in respect to f.o.b. and freight quotations, and as the actual consumption appears to be on the increase in this colony, we feel justified in saying that the improvement now manifested will be continued during the course of the present year.

TIMBER LIMIT SALE.

The timber limits of R. H. Klock & Co., situated on the Ottawa river and its tributaries in the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, were offered for sale at the Board of Trade, Toronto, on Tuesday last. There was an average attendance of lumbermen from the Ottawa Valley and Georgian Bay district. Notwithstanding the persuasive powers of the auctioneer, Mr. Peter Ryan, the bidding was slow, and only one parcel was disposed of. This was a limit of 100 square miles on the Ontario side of the river and including the Rocky farm, the purchasers being McLachlin Bros., of Arnprior, at the price of \$105,000. The other limits were withdrawn.

After this sale Mr. Ryan put up a timber berth of 80 square miles in the township of Mackenzie, Georgian Bay district, the property of the Delta Lumber Company of Detroit. This limit was also withdrawn.

BRITISH TIMBER PRICES.

At a recent auction sale held by Foy, Morgan & Co., London, England, the following prices were realized for Canadian goods:

PINE—Ex-Milwaukee, from Quebec—9 ft. 3x11 in., third quality, £10 15s; 13 ft. x 3x9 in., third quality, £8 15s. Ex-Ailsa Craig, from Quebec—4-8 ft. 3x9 in., second quality, £12.

SPRUCE—Ex-Lady Gladys, from Trois Pistoles—12 ft. 3x9 third quality, £9 15s; 13 ft. 3x9, £9 15s; 9-14 ft. 3x9, £9 10s. Ex-Sylvania, from St. John—9-18 ft. 3x10-14 in. first, second and third quality, £9 10s; 9-19 ft. 3x9, £9 10s; 9-19 ft. 3x8, £9; 9-19 ft. 3x7, £9; 9-21 ft. 2 1/2 x 7, £9; 3-8 ft. 2 1/2 x 7-9, £7 10s. Ex-Dalton Hall, from Quebec—12 ft. 3x9, second quality, £10 and £10 5s; 13 ft. 3x9, second quality, £10; 15 ft. 3x9, £10; 10-13 ft. 3x9, £10s. Ex-Zanzibar, from Quebec—11 ft. 3x9 in. first quality, £10 15s; 9-10 ft. 3x9, £10 15s. Ex-Werneth Hall, from Quebec—12 ft. 3x9 in. third quality, £9 5s and £9 15s; 9-16 ft. 2x5 in. third quality, £7 10s. Ex-Kinsale, from Quebec—13 ft. 3x9, second quality, £10.

BIRCH PLANKS—Ex-Halifax City—300 ft. 3x10 in., 1s 2d per cubic foot.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The Timber Trades Journal reports the following charters: 1,000 tons, Pugwash, N.S.,

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LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

CANADA ATLANTIC RAILWAY.

Lumber freight rates on the Canada Atlantic Railway are as follows: Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft.; Ottawa to Syracuse, 9 1/2 cents per 100 lbs. Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Montreal, for export only \$1.10 per M ft., domestic 4 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec, \$2.10 per M ft., domestic 8 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Montreal, for export only \$1.60 per M ft., domestic 6 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec, export \$2.60 per M ft., domestic 10 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Pembroke to Montreal, for export only \$1.85 per M ft., domestic 7 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Quebec for exp. it only 2.85 per M ft., domestic 11 1/2 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, all rail, 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to New York, 17 cents per 100 lbs.; Pembroke to New York, 18 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to New York and points within regular lighterage limits of New York Harbor, seasoned pine lumber, lots of 60 M feet and up, via Williams large line from Albany, \$3.25 per M feet, lath 65 cents per M pieces, logs 25c M pieces and over; from Arnprior, seasoned pine lumber \$3.75 per M feet, lath 75 cents per M pieces; from Douglas, Eganville and Pembroke, seasoned pine lumber \$4.00 per M feet, lath 80 cents per M pieces, Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14c. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Boston and common points, local 15c., exports 13c. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Boston and common points, local 17 cents, export 15 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Boston and Portland and common points, local 21 1/2 cents, export 20 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Portland, &c., 15 cts.; Arnprior to Portland, 17 cts.; Ottawa to Burlington, 6c. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 10 cts. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Albany, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Albany 17 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Scranton and Wilkesbarre, Pa., also Binghamton, N.Y., 13 cents per 100 lbs. from Arnprior 15 cents, from Parry Sound 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to St. John, N.B., and common points, 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Halifax, N.S., and common points, 21 cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight for shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 20,000 lbs. Rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs.; when quoted per M ft., minimum carload will be 10 M ft., lumber not exceeding 3,000 lbs. per M ft. Lath minimum carload 50 M pieces, not exceeding 600 lbs. per M piece. Ottawa rates apply on shipments from Rockland and Hawkesbury.

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