

STOCKS AND PRICES. CANADA.

The bark Alice is loading deals at Port Medway, N. S., for a British port.

Tenders are invited by the city of Montreal for the supply of lumber for the year 1898.

Chew Bros.' mill at Midland, Ont., is expected to commence operations about May 10th.

W. Buchanan, of Thamesville, Ont., is shipping several carloads of white ash logs to Great Britain.

The town of Owen Sound, Ont., wants tenders by the 30th inst. for supplying a quantity of 2 inch pine plank.

Clarke Bros., of Bear River, N. S., recently loaded two vessels with lumber for Cienfuegos, each with 300,000 feet.

The Gall Lumber Co., of Toronto, announce that they are in the market for dry oak lumber, 1 to 2 inch, and soft elm 1 to 3 inch.

R. F. Reid, of Georgetown, recently sold to Mr. Gordon, lumber dealer, of Stratford, 100,000 feet of maple, rock elm and basswood lumber.

The city of Winnipeg is prepared to receive tenders up to Wednesday, May 4th, for the supply of from 500 to 1,000 cords of cedar paving wood.

George Stephens & Co., of Chatham, Ont., will add sash, doors and dressed lumber to their business, and now require several carloads of this stock.

The town of Barrie, Ont., has accepted the tender of Mickle, Dymont & Co. for pine lumber at \$11.75 per M, and that of W. D. Vansickle for cedar and hemlock, at \$11 and \$8 respectively.

The Assiniboine Lumber Company, of Brandon, Man., have 1,000,000 feet of logs on hand for spring sawing, in addition to 8,000,000 feet of logs cut during the past winter, which will reach the mill at an early date.

J. D. Shier, of Bracebridge, Ont., has 3,000,000 feet more logs than can be handled by his Bracebridge mill. He is said to be negotiating for the sawing of this surplus timber at Mickle, Dymont & Co.'s mill at Gravenhurst.

The attention of mill men and lumber buyers is directed to the "Wanted and For Sale Department," in which will be found advertisements of persons in need of certain kinds of lumber, as well as of manufacturers having stock for sale.

W.P. DuBois, of Robert P. Sizer & Co., lumber dealers, New York, recently visited St. John, N. B., for the purpose of purchasing lumber. His firm deal chiefly in spruce and laths. Mr. DuBois states that West Virginia spruce is used to a considerable extent in New York, coming in competition with the spruce lumber of the maritime provinces.

Stream driving in New Brunswick is now under way. W. A. Anderson, of St. John, has nearly 2,000,000 feet on the South Branch. Smith Bros. have their Shin creek drive out. Alex Gibson & Son last week despatched a crew of 250 men to the head water of the Nashwaak, and Welsh & Lynch sent a crew of 180 men to the Miramichi. The Nashwaak and tributaries have been clear of ice for a couple of weeks and the river is reported to be in good condition for stream driving.

The annual report of the Department of Interior states that during the year 1897 34,376,599 feet B. M. of lumber were manufactured from timber cut under license in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the railway belt in British Columbia, and 32,894,251 feet B. M. were sold. The quantity of lumber disposed of in Manitoba, and at points as far west as Regina in the Territories, was as follows: Canadian pine from the Lake of the Woods, 45,000,000 feet; Canadian pine from points between the Lake of the Woods and Port Arthur, 10,500,000 feet; Canadian spruce, manufactured in Manitoba, 14,241,909 feet; United States pine and hardwood, im-

ported from the state of Minnesota, 16,871,104 feet; British Columbia products, 6,000,000 feet.

The shipments of lumber, etc., from St. John, N.B., for the week ending April 23rd were as follows: For Boston, per sch. Hattie Muriel, 8,403 feet ends, 6,465 feet boards, 20,002 feet scantling, 614,000 cedar shingles, by Stetson, Cutler & Co.; 350,000 cedar shingles, Chas. Miller. For Pawtucket, per sch. Thos. B. Reed, 141,594 feet hemlock boards, by A. Cushing & Co. For New York, per sch. Nellie J. Crocker, 980 pieces piling, by John E. Moore. For Vineyard Haven, per sch. Canary, 632,000 laths, by Murray & Gregory. For City Island f.o., per sch. Alaska, 24,746 feet plank, 124,081 feet deals, 8,628 feet scantling, by A. Cushing & Co. For Salem, per sch. Mary George, 548,000 laths, by W. H. Murray. For Boston, per sch. L'Edna, 26,542 feet plank, 28,756 feet deals, 33,052 feet scantling, by A. Cushing & Co. For Providence, per sch. Thistle, 126,878 feet plank, 11,828 feet deals, 15,794 feet scantling, 156,500 laths, by A. Cushing & Co. For Boston, per sch. Georgia E., 120,190 feet boards, by Miller & Woodman. For Beverly, per sch. Walter Miller, 132,031 feet boards, 65,106 feet plank, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. For City Island, per sch. Maggie J. Chadwick, 328,495 feet deals, by Stetson, Cutler & Co. For Washington, per sch. Annie Bliss, 1,950,000 laths, by Miller & Woodman. For Glasgow, per s.s. Concordia, 4,176 bds. box shooks, 149,711 feet deals. For London, per s.s. Cheronea, 18 elm logs, 2,300 maple blocks, 933 bales pulp, 1,304,648 feet deals. For New York, per sch. Alfaretta S. Snare, 740 pi e. piling, by J. E. Moore. For Boston, per sch. Silver Wave, 120,000 feet plank and scantling, 50,000 laths, by G. R. McDonough; per sch. R. Carson, 500 pieces piling, by R. Carson.

FOREIGN.

The cut of logs on the St. Croix river last winter was about 20,000,000 feet.

It is said that quotations have been asked for several large quantities of box shooks for the West Indies, and that from Mexico and South America good sized contracts have been placed during the past two weeks.

Spruce prices at Boston remain unchanged. In hardwoods there is a decided scarcity, and the demand is improving for oak, ash and maple, as the furniture and piano manufacturers have been putting in a good supply.

The Pacific coast mills have advanced the price of red shingles, stars now being held at \$1.35 to \$1.50 at the mills. The advanced price is said to be due to the increased value of cedar logs. Fir lumber is firmer than it has been for three or four years.

At Albany there has been some enquiry during the past week for good 3 and 4 inch pine, but there is very little in the market. Prices on uppers are not as firm as on the common grades of pine. All kinds of dressing lumber are scarce, as well as 1 inch good lumber, but there is plenty of 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch stock.

Messrs. W. B. Mershon & Co., of Saginaw, Mich., advise us that they are very busy in their packing box department, and the call for box shooks seems unprecedentedly large. A slackening up is noticed, however, in the demand for lumber for building purposes, and undoubtedly there will be little call for it until the war is over.

Messrs. McDowall & Nielson held an auction sale of timber and deals at Greenock, Scotland, on April 7th. The principal goods sold were the following:

Table with 2 columns: Description of lumber (e.g., 40 logs waney boardwood, 20 " and class, 40 " Quebec rock elm) and Price (Per c. Ft. or Per Foot).

WINNIPEG LUMBER PRICES.

The following are the retail prices for lumber in Winnipeg, according to the new list which took effect on April 1st:

1st common boards, red pine, \$25; 2nd common boards, \$18.50; 3rd common boards, \$16.50; No. 1 cull, pine or spruce, \$13; No. 2 cull, pine or spruce, \$9; spruce boards, \$16.50; \$1 per M extra for stock boards; \$2 per M less for 6 to 8 ft. and under; \$1 per M less for 10 ft.; No. 1 box boards, 14 in. and upward, \$30; No. 2 box boards, 14 in. and upward, \$23; Extra dressing per M \$2.

DIMENSION AND TIMBER.

Table with 2 columns: Dimension (No. 1 - Sizes 12 ft. to 24 ft.) and Price (\$18.50 to \$25).

No. 2 dimension \$2 less than No. 1; dimension, 26 ft., 23 ft., 30 ft., \$26; timber, 26 ft., 28 ft., 30 ft., \$28. \$1 per M advance on each inch over 12 in. in depth and width. Tamarac dimensions same price as pine; spruce dimensions at \$2 per M less than pine; cull plank, all widths, at \$12 per M; B.C. fir dimension up to 21 feet at \$28 per M; 33 to 40 ft., \$30; 41 to 60 ft., \$36; \$1 per M extra for each 2 in over 12 in. in width or depth

SIDING, FLOORING AND CEILING.

2nd 4, 5 and 6 in. white pine, \$36; 3rd 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28; 1st and 2nd 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30; 3rd 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25; 4th 4, 5 and 6 inch red and white pine, \$20; cull siding, red and white, \$16; B.C. No. 1 and 2 edge grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inch, \$32; B.C. No. 3 flat and edge mixed, 4 and 6 inches, \$25; B.C. No. 1 and 2 flat grain flooring, 3, 4 and 6 inches, \$25; B.C. No. 3 flat grain flooring, 3 inches, \$22; 1 1/2, 1 1/2 and 2 inch, \$1 per M more than 1 inch; B.C. No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling, 1 inch, \$28; B.C. No. 3 fir ceiling, 1 inch, \$25; B.C. No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling, 3/4 inch, \$25; B.C. No. 3 fir ceiling, 3/4 inch, \$23; B.C. No. 1 and 2 fir ceiling, 3/8 inch, \$21; B.C. No. 1 and 2 fir siding, 6 inch, \$28; B.C. No. 3 fir siding, 6 inch, \$25; B.C. spruce No. 1 siding, flooring and ceiling, \$36; B.C. spruce No. 2 siding, flooring and ceiling, \$30; B.C. cedar siding No. 1, 10 to 16 ft., \$39; B.C. cedar siding No. 1, 6 to 9 ft., \$34; B.C. cedar ceiling No. 1, 10 to 16 ft., \$42; B.C. cedar ceiling No. 1, 6 to 9 ft., \$35; B.C. cedar ceiling No. 1, 3/8 inch, 10 to 16 ft., \$35; B.C. cedar ceiling, No. 1, 1/2 inch, 10 to 16 ft., \$32; 4, 5 and 6 inch native spruce, \$20; cull spruce, \$16; \$2 per M advance for dressing both sides.

BEVEL SIDING.

No. 1 white pine, \$26; No. 2 red and white, \$23.

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Pine, 8 and 10 inch, \$20; pine, 6 inch, \$18; spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19; spruce, 6 inch, \$18; pine or spruce cull shiplap, 8 and 10 inch, \$17; pine and spruce cull shiplap, 6 inch, \$14.

SHINGLES.

B.C. cedar, per M., No. 1, \$2.75; B.C. cedar, per M., No. 2, \$2.50; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4; B.C. cedar, dimension, band-sawed, \$5.

FINISHINGS.

1 1/4 inch, 1 1/2 inch and 2 inch. - White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65; white pine, 3rd clear \$55; white pine, selects, \$45; white pine, shops, \$36; red pine, clear, \$40; red pine, selects, \$32; B.C. cedar, clear up to 12 inch \$50; B.C. cedar, clear over 12 inch, \$55; B.C. fir, edge grain No. 1 stepping, \$45; B.C. fir, edge grain No. 2 stepping, \$40; B.C. fir, flat grain No. 1 stepping, \$37; B.C. fir, flat grain No. 2 stepping, \$32.50. B.C. fir finishings, up to 12 inch, \$37.50; B.C. fir finishings, over 12 inch, \$42.50. \$5 per M. advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One Inch. - White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$55; white pine, 3rd clear, \$48; white pine,

selects B; \$38; white pine, selects C, \$30; red pine, clear, \$40; red pine, selects, \$30; B.C. cedar, clear, \$50; B.C. fir finishings, up to 12 inch, \$37.50; B.C. fir finishings, over 12 inch, \$42.50.

LATH.

Pine lath, per M., No. 1, \$3; pine lath, per M., No. 2, \$2.50.

OAK, RED AND WHITE.

1/4 sawed, \$85; 1st and 2nd, \$55 to \$65, common, \$40.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The ocean freight rates from Montreal and the rest of the Canadian ports are on the increase, owing to the demand from United States points, and there is no question that the St. Lawrence fleet will have to be augmented by a great many additional steamships this season if the freight business is to be taken care of. Some of the steamship lines engaged large quantities of lumber in the season, but are now offered much better rates for carrying grain.

The following charters are reported: Sch Carlotta, Crandall, Florida, to Grenada, \$8; ship Lennie Burrill, Portland to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$8.50; bark Alberta, Yarmouth to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$9 (Rosario, \$10). barques Africa, New York to Montevideo \$10, lumber, \$8.50; Flora, Shediac to e.c. Ireland or w.c. England, deals, 46s. 3d., Spanish steamer Riojana, 3,172 tons, St. John, N.B., for Liverpool, timber 21s. 3d., deals 43s. 9d., June-July loading.

Freight rates from St. John, N. B., to British ports range from 42s. 6d. to 43s. 6d., although it is reported that a charter has been made at 45s. A telegram received recently from New York announced that from 3s. 9d. to 3s. 10 1/2d. was being offered for steam tonnage to load grain at New York for the United Kingdom. This is equal to 55s. on deals from St. John, so that everything points to stiffer rates.

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