

STOCKS AND PRICES.

For box lumber about \$15 is asked at Chicago. There is little Norway stock in first hands and it is held at \$14 and higher.

The barque Frederica sailed from Digby, N. S., for Havana, Cuba, last week, with 450,000 feet of lumber, shipped by Pickels & Mills.

The Gravel Lumber Company, of Etchemin, Que., have chartered the brigantine Bahama to carry box shooks to the Canary Islands.

The quantity of logs cut on the Tobique river, in New Brunswick, during the past winter was 15,000,000 feet, compared with 22,000,000 feet one year ago.

Hemlock piece stuff is quoted in Chicago in cargo lots at \$9.25 to \$9.50 for short and \$10.50 to \$11 for long; white pine piece stuff carrying 8 per cent. of 12 inch at \$13.

It is understood that the Parry Sound Lumber Company will operate their mill at Parry Sound day and night during the coming season, and that 35,000,000 feet is the anticipated cut.

The Rat Portage Lumber Company, of Rat Portage, Ont., have over 50,000,000 feet of logs for the coming season's sawing operations. Of this quantity 25,000,000 feet were cut on the American side.

White pine lath are scarce and firm in Chicago, the quotation being \$3.40 to \$3.50 for No. 1, and \$2 to \$2.25 for No. 2, delivered. White cedar shingles are selling in cargo lots at \$2.30, f.o.b. Chicago.

The barques Antuco and Falls of Garry and the ship Prince Albert are loading lumber at the Hastings mill, Vancouver, B. C., for foreign destinations. The ship Anna is loading at Moodyville, and the barque Passe Partout at Barnet, B. C.

The Pigeon River Lumber Company, of Fort Arthur, Ont., have purchased from the American Realty Company, of Milwaukee, \$17,000 worth of pine timber limits on the Pigeon River north-east of Duluth. The timber will be sawn at their mill at Port Arthur.

Wholesale quotations for shingles in the Saginaw valley are as follows: Pine, 18 inch, \$3.50 to \$3.75 for xxxx grade, \$2.50 for clear butts; 16 inch, xxxx grade \$3.00, extra A, \$2.15; clear butts, \$1.75; 16 inch cedar, \$2.35; extra A, \$2.10; 16 inch clear butts, \$1.50.

The H. A. Clemens Company, of Guelph, Ont., have recently contracted with mills on the Georgian Bay for over 1,000,000 feet of dry white pine lumber and several thousand feet of hemlock. The Clemens Company are given greater attention to the wholesale trade.

F. H. Todd & Sons, of St. Stephen, N. B., lost a large number of logs by the breaking of a boom last week, when the St. Croix Valley experienced one of the greatest floods known for years. Some of the logs were recovered, while others were carried out to sea.

Simme Bros., of Little Current, Ont., took out a considerable quantity of white and red pine during the past season from the R. C. Lippincott limit which they purchased last fall. They have arranged to have the white pine sawn by J. & T. Condon and the red pine by A. A. Ryley.

At an auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., on April 3rd Canadian spruce brought the following prices: Quebec spruce—10-13 ft. 3x7-11 in. unsorted, £7 10s per std; 10-14 ft. 2x7, £8 5s; 12-14 ft. 3x9 third quality, £9; St. John spruce—9-23 ft. 3x7 in. unsorted, £7 15s.

Canadian lumber manufacturers who are in a position to cut stock for the British market are asked to communicate with the importers and brokers whose announcements appear in the weekly edition of the CANADA LUMBERMAN. Many importers and brokers are desirous of importing direct from the manufacturers.

Concerning the demand for Canadian timber, Messrs. Denny, Mott & Dickson, of London, England, say: The demand for the first three months of the year has been quiet, but prices of waney pine, oak and elm have all markedly advanced, owing to the small stocks in Canada having enabled shippers to command their own terms for the inadequate quantity which can be spared for this year's shipment to Europe. Merchants here have no alternative but to submit, or step aside from trading in Canadian woods. It is, however, fairly certain that if Canada and America require these for their home consumption, Europe will have to be contented with cheaper substitutes.

The importation of oak planks into Liverpool, Eng., during March was 203,000 feet, and the consumption 191,000 feet, leaving a stock of 150,000 ft., compared with 91,000 ft. on March 31st of former two years. Elm is held on a very much larger scale than usual, and there has been only a moderate call for it. The consumption of birch logs exceeded the importation by 5,000 ft., but the stock is too large, viz., 109,000 ft., seeing that 58,000 ft. and 75,000 ft. were the last two years' holdings in that market. The stock of birch planks is 167,000 feet.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The Williams Line, of Albany, has announced its opening rate on lumber at \$2.50 from Ottawa to New York, which is a reduction of 50 cents from the closing rate last fall.

The following charters are reported: Barque Africa, Bear River, N. S., to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$11; Rosaria, \$12; barque Lillian, Tusket Wedge, N.S., same destination and terms.

The Timber Trades Journal reports the following charters: Mavisbrook, Campbellton, N. B., to Tyne, Sunderland or

West Hartlepool, deals, 48s 9d, June loading; 1,700 stds, Miramichi, N. B., to Liverpool or Manchester, 48s 9d; 1,850 stds, Quebec or Montreal to e. c. England, deals, 47s 6d, timber 70s; 600 tons, Pughwash, N. S., to U. K., 50s; 307 tons, Cape Tormentine to w. c. England, 47s 6d, or e. c. Ireland 50s.

FIRES.

The large saw mill of the Conger Lumber Company at Parry Sound, Ont., was destroyed by fire on April 10th. The brick boiler house and some of the tramways were saved. The loss is \$50,000, partially covered by insurance.

WHITE PINE PRICES.

While there has been on the whole a steady market in cargo lots of white pine at great lake manufacturing points, the last two or three weeks, says the American Lumberman, have been the first to demonstrate a positive and marked advance in the price of lumber. Now it is stated that in the Ashland and Duluth districts actual selling prices are from \$1 to \$1.50 higher than last fall, thereby justifying the owners of these stocks in the policy they adopted of holding their lumber rather than sacrifice anything in price. This \$1 or \$1.50 amply repays them for their investment and risk and carrying charges.

This actual advance in values comes as a result of a long period of steady though rather quiet buying which has pretty nearly cleaned out the available stocks on Lake Superior and at other points, and has made great inroads on the product of the coming sawing season. Buyers have awakened to the fact that dry lumber is practically out of the market and that the field for buying operations hereafter has been decidedly narrowed by the heavy purchases and contracts that have been made. Within the last two or three weeks a number of complete cuts have been contracted for, the most part by people who want the lumber and will not put it on the market in round lots, except possibly as to certain portions which they may not need. In this advance the lower grades have been the chief gainers and even mill culls have steadily gained in value.

The interior mills of Wisconsin and Minnesota are showing the effect of the good winter's trade. This is particularly true of Wisconsin, where it is said piece stuff is getting decidedly scarce, so much so that isolated manufacturers find it almost impossible to fill some of the orders they get, while those at recognized milling points are able to do so only by piecing out with their neighbors. But even so it is going to be difficult to buy assorted carloads of piece stuff.

Under these conditions it seems likely that the anticipations of the manufacturers of a further increase in price before the new cut shall be ready for the market will

be realized, yet a conservative policy will be pursued, and in white pine as in yellow pine probably the official lists will not more than keep pace with the natural movement, and there will be no radical advances to frighten buyers and check consumption.

Better grades of hardwoods, says the American Lumberman, are selling more freely at North Tonawanda than the inferior items, the latter of which are reported somewhat short owing to unusually good sales earlier in the season. Sales of quartered oak, which had been small for a month or more, are picking up again. Prices are holding firm along the line with a rising tendency.

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