

other foreign countries, if the trade was properly cultivated. Fraser & Co.'s last Australian circular states that stocks in that colony are sufficient for some time, and there is not likely to be any change in prices. An exception may be made in spruce deals, for which there is a good prospective demand.

**STOCKS AND PRICES.**

The mills of Miller & Woodman, at Spar Cove, and Charles Miller, at Pokiok, have closed for the season.

The lumber cut on Salmon river, N. B., this winter, will fall short of the usual cut by about two-and-a-half millions of feet.

Mr. Wm. Barnes, of Kings Co., N. B., has 100,000 ft. of spruce lumber, which he intends shipping to St. John as soon as hauling will permit.

The portable mill of White, Fownes & White, St. Martins, N. B., is getting a new boiler and will saw during the winter for Mr. Joseph H. Bradshaw.

Lumbering operations will be conducted by Alderman McMulkin back of South Bay, Que. A gang of 10 or 12 will be sent out shortly to get out cedar timber.

The new mill in the Eastern Townships, owned by Mr. Geo. Van Dyke, Hon. W. B. Ives and Hon. R. H. Pope, will be ready to turn out lumber when the season opens.

Messrs. Seale and Boyle have a contract to get out a million feet of logs for G. O. Buchanan at Lardo, B. C. The steamer made a special trip from Kalso to take over their supplies and men.

The Rathbun Co.'s cut of ties and posts for the season was 100,000. When shipping from their mill they loaded at the rate of over 5,000 ties per day, and during the week about 100 carloads were sent out.

Three timber berths were sold at the crown lands office at Fredericton, N. B., last week. Competition for two of them was quite sharp. A berth on Little River, Sunbury county, went to John Young at \$78 per mile, and another on Canaan river, to Randolph & Baker, for \$76 per mile. Fred Hale secured a berth at Newburg at the upset price.

A very large business is expected on the DuMoine this winter. There are a number of shanties in operation at Big Lake which require a large amount of supplies to be teamed in. The Hawkesbury Lumber Co. have three shanties and quite a number of jobbers on their extensive limits. Bronson & Weston, Booth, Eddy, and Mason & Son, also have shanties.

Gilmour & Hughson, lumbermen, of Hull, are said to have already withdrawn more than one hundred employees from their camps in the Upper Gatineau. Reports from the shanties say that the cut so far has been unusually large, and that already enough logs are taken out to keep the mills running next season, as their cut is likely to be even smaller than this year unless market conditions take a turn for the better. Operations in the woods began very early this year, and to this fact is due the present advanced state of the work up the river.

**LONDON, ONT., NOTES.**

W. H. Winnett has had a successful trade the past year and has made large sales of bill stuff. General house purpose

pine is in good demand and spring will open briskly.

R. Sutherland has a large stock of pine which the spring trade will soon clear out. Trade has been good.

**BRANTFORD NOTES.**

Messrs Schultz Bros., who do the largest planing mill, retail and wholesale lumber business in Brantford, tell us that they have had one of the most successful seasons in years. They do a contracting business and have supplied and built some large buildings this year, among the largest being the new Expositor building and Mr. Wm. Schultz's residence. Prices have been low both for lumber and contracts, as the smaller contractors have a mania for cutting prices to secure a job. They think it a little early to predict what spring will bring forth, but hope for the best.

E. Todd, manufacturer of and dealer in lumber of all kinds, reports the past season good. Prices, though not high, were fair. He has shipped 500,000 feet of choice white and red oak, pine and basswood lately to American markets. Pine is in good demand. Choice rock elm for bicycle rims has a good market. Red birch brings a good price. Mr. Todd will put in a large stock of hardwood logs if the winter proves suitable.

Wm. Edwards reports that business has been very good in the retail department and fair in the wholesale trade. He has the city contract for lumber for sidewalks and supplied 400,000 ft. this year. He supplied the dyke last year with heavy timbers. Prices have been very fair. Trade is quiet now. Good pine sells at \$15. Mr. Edwards buys standing timber, sends portable mills into the woods and cuts the lumber there, and ships it in car lots to American dealers. His business is increasing every year. Spring trade will be brisk.

J. R. Van Fleet reports prices good, trade a little slow now, but his business increasing yearly. The season's trade has been good, mostly in pine and hemlock. He has just made a very large sale to one of his regular customers outside the city. Spring trade will open as well as last year and much building is talked of.

The Waterous Engine Works Co.'s new buildings are being rapidly completed under the direction of Mr. Brick, supt. of construction. The firm will move into their new quarters in January. The buildings will accommodate 500 men and can be easily enlarged.

**A DUTY ON LUMBER.**

On Thursday last, as a temporary measure, to provide revenue, the House of Representatives at Washington passed a bill, fathered by Hon. Geo. M. Curtis, of Iowa, a sash and door maker, re-imposing a duty on lumber. If the Senate passes it and the President gives it his sanction, it will become law at once. It provides that there shall be levied and paid on lumber and other articles designated in paragraphs 674 to 683 of the act of 1894, a duty equivalent to 60 per cent. of the duties imposed by the act of 1890, and subject to all the conditions and limitations of said last named act, but pulp wood shall be free, and in the event of any country imposing an export duty on logs, stave bolts, pulp wood, etc., the full

duties provided by the act of 1890 shall be levied. Wool shares with wood this re-imposition of duty.

As will be seen, the duty is lower than that under the McKinley act, but if Canada, in retaliation, imposes an export duty on logs, the full duties provided for by the McKinley act will be put on.

**THE GREAT LUMBER COMBINE.**

The Central Lumber Company, of San Francisco, the big combine recently organized, includes most of the mills on the Pacific coast. The value of the mills which have joined is estimated at \$75,000,000. Thirty-one red wood mills in California, with a capitalization of \$10,000,000 have recently been acquired, so that the company controls the world's output of red wood.

The only mills in the Northwest that did not join are those owned by the Bellingham Bay Improvement Co., with a capacity of 200,000 feet a day; W. A. Woodlin, of Everett; West Side Mill Co. and Olympic Mill Co., of Olympia. The Chemainus mill and some of the smaller British Columbia mills are not included in the following list which have joined the combine.

|                                       |         |
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| St. Paul & Tacoma L., Tacoma.....     | 250,000 |
| Tacoma Mill Co.....                   | 250,000 |
| Stetson & Post Mill Co., Seattle....  | 60,000  |
| A. S. Kerry.....                      | 50,000  |
| L. Burlingame Co., Fremont.....       | 80,000  |
| Port Blakely Mill's Co.....           | 300,000 |
| Stimson Mill Co., Ballard.....        | 150,000 |
| Puget L. Co., Port Gamble, 4 mills... | 500,000 |
| Port Discovery Mill Co.....           | 100,000 |
| Paulson & Drum, Victoria.....         | 60,000  |
| Brit. Columbia Mills, Vancouver ...   | 150,000 |
| Moodyville Sawmill Co.....            | 60,000  |
| M. M. Boyd Co., Cowichan.....         | 60,000  |
| Brunette Mills, New Westminster...    | 100,000 |
| Northwestern L. Co., Hoquiam.....     | 140,000 |
| Weatherway L. Co., Aberdeen.....      | 100,000 |
| West & Slade Mill Co., Aberdeen...    | 60,000  |
| E. K. Wood Lumber Co., Hoquiam...     | 100,000 |
| Gray's Harbor Com. Co., Cosmopolis    | 100,000 |
| Northwestern L. Co., South Bend....   | 100,000 |
| Pas. Empire L. Co., South Bend....    | 50,000  |
| Northwestern L. Co., Knappton....     | 60,000  |
| Sunshine Mill Co., Sunshine.....      | 60,000  |
| Clatsop Mill Co., Astoria.....        | 80,000  |
| *Inman, Paulsen & Co., Portland...    | 140,000 |
| *North Pacific L. Co., Portland....   | 140,000 |
| *Williamette Mills, Portland.....     | 140,000 |
| Gardner Mills Co., Coos Bay .....     | 80,000  |

Total Daily Output..... 3,520,000  
\*Oregon Pine Lumber Co.

**SHIPPING MATTERS.**

Schooner Irene has been chartered to load lumber at Harvey for Boston at \$2.75.

The brigantine Buda, owned by Mr. J. H. Oliver, of St. John, N. B., lumber laden, has been wrecked and her crew, eight in number, are all supposed to be lost.

The total shipments of lumber from British Columbia for the nine months of the year to October 1st amounted to 43,646,469 feet, of which 30,792,010 was foreign and 12,874,459 coastwise. There were 36 vessels engaged in the foreign trade and 27 in the coastwise.

The American schooner Nellie Clark, which sailed from St. John, N. B., on Christmas eve for Stamford, Conn., is ashore at Petit Manan and will probably be a total wreck. Her cargo consists of 42,089 feet deals and 50,470 feet scantling, shipped by Messrs. Stetson, Cutler & Co.

The ss. Anolic, which has just taken on a cargo of timber and deals at St. John, N. B., is a tramp steamer of modern style. Though her registered tonnage is only 1850 her carrying capacity is 4,450 tons. She is owned by Rickinson & Son, of West Hartlepool, who have a fleet of ten steamers. Her commander, Capt. Brackenburg, is only 26 years of age.

Much of the lumber which Mr. Dudley, of Portland, Me., has shipped in the past from

his mills in the Eastern townships via the C.P.R. to St. John, on the Richelieu by canal and Lake Champlain. This is a cheap route, as shown by the fact that contracts were made for the shipment from the mills by the R.C.N. Lake Champlain to New York at \$2.50 per thousand feet.

The Nor. bark Prince Victoria, Victoria, B. C., Dec. 21. for Valparaiso, with a cargo of 79 feet, valued at \$245, and the Nor. ss Florida, for Port Elizabeth, South Africa, with 2,500,000 feet valued at \$21,500. The Nor. ship Prince Albert arrived Dec. 10, to load for Cork, for orders. A large steamer is reported under charter to load at Burrard Inlet.

The Central Lumber Co., the new Pacific coast combine; has, it is said, called upon all the mills in the combine to name the carriers for all cargo orders now in hand by the 20th inst. As a result of this action all the available tonnage near by and even some a long way off has been fixed to fill this unusual demand. A general advance in prices being the principal object of the combine, they have taken this measure to guard against any of the members defeating the end in view, by afterwards stating that they have orders in hand which were contracted for at the old figures.

**BUSINESS CHANGES.**

W. B. Joheson, saw and grist mills, Hemmington and Barrington, Que., is dead.

Blue & Fisher, saw mill owners, Rossland, intend opening a branch at Midway, B. C.

Messrs. Robinson & Crate take possession of the Wood mill at Smith's Falls on Jan. 2nd.

The Hub, Spoke and Bent Goods Manufacturing Co., Samia, Ont., are applying for incorporation with a capital stock of \$50,000.

Perron, Desbiens & Cie., St. Jerome, Que., are applying for incorporation with a capital stock of \$10,000, to manufacture lumber, etc.

The New Richmond Lumber Co., Limited, has been granted a charter, with a capital of \$10,000. The members of the company are:—William Yuile, manufacturer; John Winer Wardrope, accountant; David George Wardrope, accountant; William Frederic Thomas Storey, clerk, all of Montreal, and William Lough, lumber merchant, of Ottawa.

The Pine and Hardwood Co., of Toronto, has been incorporated to carry on business as lumber dealers and manufacturers. The incorporators are Wm. Robinson, of Mildmay, lumberman; Marshall T. Smith, of Port Arthur, sawmiller; Robt. Fleming, contractor, Thos. R. Glover, accountant, John White, gentleman, and John Foster, gentleman, all of Toronto. The capital stock is \$40,000, divided into 800 shares of \$50 each.

**FIRES.**

The Sutherland Lumber Co.'s mill at Ashland, Wis., has been burned and three men lost their lives.

Cassady's saw and shingle mills at Vancouver, B. C., were destroyed by fire on the night of 23rd Dec. The dry kiln of Spicer's mill was also burned and considerable damage done to the British Columbia Cooperage Works, which had just been rebuilt after a recent fire. The blaze originated from a coal oil lamp explosion in the engine room, and there being a high wind, spread rapidly. Loss about \$50,000; partly covered by insurance.

**LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.**

Lumber freight rates on the Canada Atlantic Railway are as follows:—Ottawa to Toronto, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft., (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Ottawa to Montreal, \$1.35 per M ft., (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Arrprior to Montreal, \$1.75 per M ft., (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Ottawa to Quebec, \$2.25 per M ft.; Arrprior to Quebec, \$2.75 per M ft.; Ottawa to Buffalo, 24 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 24 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, 3 cents track delivery 17 cents per 100 lbs. lightered; Arrprior to New York 17 cents track delivery 9 cents lightered; Ottawa to Boston, Portland and ocean ports, local 25 cents; exports 1 1/2 per 100 lbs. Arrprior to Boston, Portland and ocean ports, local 17 cents; export 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Burlington, 4 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 20 cents per 100 lbs.