

hands. None of the present season's cut is ready to ship yet, but with the turn of the summer it will be on the move. Stocks in the States are very low, and must necessarily be replenished ere long. Continued labor troubles across the border have held back the lumber business, and, of course, the old fauiliar bugbear, Presidential election, has played a similar part. Once Uncle Sam gets away from these there should be resumed activity in the lumber business, and an increased demand for Canadian stuff.

Men are already being hired for early operations on the limits. Wages are lower by \$2 to \$3 a month, and a further decline is looked for from the high figures that have held good for the past three years.

In a recent issue of THE LUMBERMAN, mill cull sidings were quite as being \$1 higher than ten inch mill culls. According to a local manufacturer the situation should be reversed.

All the logs are now on the Ottawa and its big tributaries. The rush of logs is so great that hundreds of thousands are being held back on the tributaries. For instance, on the Madawaska, Mr. J. B. Booth is holding 400,000 awaiting the time when the booms on the main Ottawa will be relieved of their present congested condition. So great was the crush of logs that the Upper Ottawa Improvement Company found it necessary to put in a new boom on the Ottawa at Rocher Capinonal about twenty miles above the Des Joachims boom near Pembroke.

The rapid fall of the unprecedented high water on the Gatineau, left about 80,000 logs stranded along the low lands. Men are now at work getting these back into the main streams.

TIMBER OPERATIONS AT TEMISKAMING

Following is a statement of the total quantity and value of timber cut and sold by settlers in the Temiskaming District during the past winter. The purchasers were J. R. Booth, E. H. Eddy Company and the Rideau Lumber Company.

TIMBER	QUANTITY	VALUE
Pine	2,604,394 ft B. M.	\$26,043 94
Spruce	4,000,000 "	32,712 00
Timber	483,924 " Lineal	16,937 04
Cedar	3,641,212 "	91,030 19
Pulpwood	13,233 Cords	36,348 00
Tamarac Ties	292,000	24,243 28
Cedar Ties	15,555	1,465 10
Jack Pine Ties	4,055	285 19
Cedar Posts	10,572	634 32
		\$132,788 10

There were nearly 300 settlers cutting timber, therefore the average amount paid to each settler would be nearly \$800. There was also about 750,000 feet of pine cut by the mills for local supply only.

COOPERAGE STOCK.

Messrs. Sutherland, Innes & Company, Chatham, Ont., say: "Until recently the weather has been very unfavorable for summer logging, there being so much rain that the woods are still very wet, and hardly anything has been done in the way of hauling. The consequence is that a great many mills are shut down, having cut out the logs they got in during the winter months, and until we get a dry spell they will not be able to commence running again. The majority of the mills, however, are still running, although some of them only from hand to mouth, and the

coopers are being fairly well supplied with material. In fact, we believe we may safely say that this is the first time for nearly 12 months that coopers have been able to get an adequate supply of material to keep them going. This month, however, will deplete the stocks on hand very considerably, and there is likely to be some delay in shipments going forward.

"We, ourselves, are anticipating a rush for apple barrel stock and are keeping a small stock on hand at every mill possible for emergency. The outlook for the apple crop is excellent, and probably more apple barrel stock has been already placed this season than was ever known before in the history of the cooperage industry, as the coopers are determined not to be caught short this year as they were last. There is no doubt there will be quite a scarcity of apple barrel stock later on, but we are in hopes there will be enough to go around to take care of the trade. The demand for flour barrel stock continues good, although it has eased off slightly, while the demand for all other classes of stock continues brisk, and the cement mills are now running stronger than they have done for months.

"Prices for all classes of stock remain firm; if anything there is a slight upward tendency in hoops and heading from a month ago, although it is not very appreciable. The larger manufacturers have been persistent in their prices since the new stock came in, the cheap stock which was offered on the market being made by the smaller manufacturers and in some cases it was considerably off grade. Some of the small mills turn out very good stock indeed, while others turn out very poor stock. We do not mean to say by any means that the large manufacturers are the only parties who turn out good stock.

"Sizing up the whole situation, we should think it was satisfactory both from

the manufacturers' and coopers' standpoint, from the manufacturers' standpoint because they are getting a fair profit on the goods they manufacture, and from the coopers' standpoint because they are getting the stock which they require, and are able to get a fair price for their barrels.

"A great many of the apple packers have already contracted for apple barrels ahead at prices which are remunerative to the coopers so as not to experience what they did last year, when they had to pay more for the barrels than they could afford to.

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