

enquiries from the east are numerous, whilst the stocks held over are light.

FOREIGN.

The first auction sale of the new year held at London, Eng., by Messrs. Churchill & Sim, was of a character to indicate a fair measure of activity in the lumber trade. Country buyers were present in force and helped to sustain the bidding for pine lots. It is believed that the first month of the year is opening out with signs of improvement in the lumber trade of the United Kingdom, and this view we find is shared by mill men of this country, whose dealings with Great Britain enable them to form an intelligent opinion of conditions of trade there. There is nothing new to report in regard to trade with South America. Australian business continues slow.

HARDWOODS.

Word has not reached us during the week of any shipments of note in hardwoods, though enquiries are growing. Lumbermen, whose trade is in hardwoods, rather than pine, are feeling in good feather, as the want of confidence in business that existed at the close of last year appears to have passed away. The demand for certain grades of wood within the next month or two is likely to be considerable. Black ash is in growing demand. And as we noted before birch is coming rapidly to the front. It can hardly be said that prices are advancing, but they hold firm. Mill men will likely get out rather more than the average stocks this spring, encouraged by the enquiries that are being made at the present time.

SHINGLES.

The trade of the week in shingles has been slow enough, and prices remain unchanged, showing very little indications of improvement.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

CANADA.

Howry & Sons, who are operating large Canadian mills, are banking 1,000,000 feet a day.

Exports of forest products from Canada during December amounted to \$1,052,691, which is not a large figure.

The Chillian barque India is on her way to Valparaiso, with a cargo of British Columbia lumber, 784,000 feet, valued at \$6,200.

There is a brisk demand for spruce lumber in San Francisco and British Columbia dealers are getting some share of the trade.

The cut of lumber on the south-west branch of the Miramichi river in New Brunswick this winter will be about 30,000,000 feet, of which 12,000,000 will be cut by William Richards.

The Amaranth, from St. John, N. B., for Dublin; the Hornet same port, for Bridport, and the Marietta Brayley from Halifax, N. S., are on their way to the United Kingdom with lumber.

The shipments from St. John, N. B., for the week included 1,000,000 feet of long lumber, 3,500,000 lath and over 1,500,000 shingles for United States ports. 250,000 feet of birch planks are included in the cargo of a steamer for London, Eng.

The timber limit in the Parry Sound district purchased some time ago by Barnett & Mackie from Thos. Murray, has been sold to a Bay City, Mich., firm for \$50,000, re-

presenting an advance on the original cost, besides a raft of timber taken off it last winter."

The schooner Beulah is loading lumber at the Brunette saw mills, New Westminster, B. C., for Southern California. She will take away about 400,000 feet of rough and dressed lumber. The same concern shipped the past week two carloads of lumber for Chicago.

Mr. Geo. Gordon, of Sturgeon Falls, and Mr. J. D. Munro, of Pembroke, have formed a co-partnership and purchased a timber limit at Pogamassing lake for \$30,000 and another in the township of Snider for \$40,000. The latter limit has since been sold by Mr. Munro to Booth & Gordon.

The removal of the duty on rough lumber has given encouragement to British Columbia sellers near the international boundary line, and some of the small mills are now selling at very low prices. Sumas ranchers are able to get rough lumber at \$6. per 1000 feet and dressed from \$8 to \$15. Second stock shingles are also sold for 50c. per 1000.

A Canadian concern will, it is said, send 25,000,000 feet of logs from the Georgian Bay district to Michigan the coming season to be sawed. The advantage of the Michigan market in making sales is said to be the influence that has suggested this movement, whilst the cost of sawing is brought down to a minimum.

The big purchase of timber lands in Nova Scotia by a syndicate of United States lumbermen, and noticed in these columns some weeks ago, is expected to be finally completed early in February. One of the properties that will be included in the sale is owned by Messrs. Miller, of St. John, and is in Guysboro county. It has fine timber reserves and mills, and is valued at \$125,000.

The timber limits of the Blind River Lumber Co., on Black river, Georgian Bay, have been purchased by Messrs. Albert Pack, F. W. Gilchrist and Geo. R. Nicholson, of Alpena, Mich., F. R. Gilchrist, of Cleveland, and Mat. Sluss, of Detroit. The purchase does not include the mills or other property of the company, except the standing timber. The price paid was \$93,000. Gen. Alger offered \$125,000 for these limits a year ago.

UNITED STATES.

More activity is shown in box business at Saginaw, Mich., than in any other line.

So far as there is any difference in lumber business at Buffalo hardwoods have the preference.

B. Robinson, of Grand Rapids, Mich., says that Grand Rapids will be a big buyer of hardwoods shortly.

Deals for spring sawing at Manistee Mich., are said to be offered quite freely, and some have already been placed at figures above the average obtained last season.

A. W. Comstock gives the estimate of timber lands yet in Alpena county, Mich., to be 40,000 acres, mostly covered with maple and beech. The elm and ash are estimated at 75,000,000 feet.

All grades of spruce have advanced in the New York market. Narrow stuff calls for \$15 to \$15.75, and \$16 is needed for wider. Lath at this market continues to rule low, \$2 being the limit on cargo sales.

J. A. Spaulding, Philadelphia, Pa.: "Stocks are moving slowly. Only fair

stocks on hand in this district. Common grades are in largest demand. Prices firm with advance hoped for. Fair trade expected, but it may be March before it shows up."

Certain Canadian lumbermen have purchased at Manistee, Mich., 400,000 deals, which will be carried over there. The price paid was about \$1.00 in advance of last year's figures. The purchasers have a yard in Glasgow, where the product will likely be stored.

FOREIGN.

Red myrtle, from Tasmania, is being shipped to England in the hope that it will make a place for itself there.

A trial shipment of timbers, comprising 20,000 feet of cedar iron bark, tallowed wood, black butt, mahogany, beech and red bean has been sent forward from Sydney, N. S. W. to Great Britain.

A report from Glasgow, Scotland, says that pine timber of first quality commands a firm price. Waney is most sought after, but the limits being fixed pretty high, square pine will also have a look in. Secondary waney and common square pine are now in request. Deals of all kinds are moving pretty freely.

At the sale of Foy, Morgan & Co., London, Eng., business opened with Canadian goods as follows: 4x9 3rd spruce ex Deptford, which were sold at £6 15s. per std. Ex Arlon @ Quebec, the 3x9 2nd spruce made the fair figure of £7 to £7 5s. Ex Rosarian @ Quebec, the 13 ft. 3x9 3rd spruce were knocked down at the uniform price of £6 10s. Ex Bruxelles @ Quebec, 3x11 lath pine at £8 is a good price as things go.

The hardwoods of Queensland are likely to be placed in large quantities on the English market, owing to the demand for railway sleepers, for which these woods are said to be the most suitable on account of their durability; they are reported to last three times as long as the Baltic pine. Their cost, including carriage, would probably be three times as great, but their use would avoid the frequent inconvenience to traffic occasioned by relaying the less durable pine.

Timber, of London, Eng., says of Liverpool trade: "The import of timber has again been practically nil, as only one cargo of flooring boards has come forward during the week. There are not many sales to report, but there are numerous enquiries for fairly large lines in the market, amongst others being that of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Co., who are inviting tenders for 100 logs of hewn pitch pine, 500 of sawn, some Quebec waney pine, birch and whitewood and that of the Mersey Dock and Harbor Board for 160 logs of sawn pitch pine, 1,500 ft. elm, 2,000 ft. hewn pitch pine, 65 stds. spruce deals, and a quantity of spruce poles.

Allison, Cousland & Co., of Glasgow, Scotland, say that throughout 1894 prices were very steady, for Canadian goods especially, and the tendency at present is towards higher values. Canary white wood, birch planks, and spruce deals are weak on heavy imports and stocks. Sawn pitch pine stock is excessive, and should go lower in price; the wonder is how shippers can put the wood on our market at such prices as have been current. Complaints have been rife of the standard of the culling of Quebec 1st pine

deals and boards, and they have not been without good cause. Ship building was brisk, 340,885 tons were launched as against 280,160 tons last year. The work on hand is estimated at 225,000 tons as compared with 170,000 tons a year ago. Our staple industries are in a healthy condition, locomotive builders, house builders, and cabinet makers are busy, and with plenty of work on hand, the ensuing year promises to be no less satisfactory than that just finished.

PRICES IN WINNIPEG.

Following are the prices of lumber, as fixed by the Winnipeg Lumber Association, at the yards in Winnipeg.—

DIMENSION AND TIMBER.																																																		
SIZES.	12ft.	14ft.	16ft.	18ft.	20ft.	22ft.	24ft.																																											
2x4 to 2x12	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$20	\$21	\$27	\$23																																											
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6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8	20	20	20	21	22	23	24																																											
8x10 to 12x12	21	21	21	22	23	24	15																																											
2x4-10 a	\$21.00																																																	
2x6 to 2x12-10	at \$18.00																																																	
Dimension,	26ft.	28ft.	30ft.																																															
Timber, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft.,	\$26.00.	\$26.00.	\$26.00.	\$21.00																																														
advance on each inch over 12in. depth and width.																																																		
Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M. less than pine. Call plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M.																																																		
BOARDS.—1st common dressed,	\$25.50.	2nd common dressed,	\$20.00;	and common rough,	\$19.00;	3rd common dressed,	\$18.00;	3rd common rough,	\$17.00;	culls rough,	\$14.00.	spruce dressed,	\$18.00;	spruce rough,	\$17.00;	\$2.00 per M. less for 8 to 10 ft. and under; culls No. 2, \$2																																		
SIDING, FLOORING AND CEILING.—1st. 4. 5 and 6 inch, white pine,	\$41.00;	2nd, 4. 5 and 6 inch white pine,	\$36.00;	3rd, 4. 5 and 6 inch, white pine,	\$30.00;	1st, 4. 5 and 6 inch, red pine,	\$36.00;	and, 4. 5 and 6 inch, red pine,	\$32.00.	3rd, 4. 5 and 6 inch, red pine,	\$28.00;	4th, 4. 5 and 6 inch, red and white pine,	\$23.00;	B. C. No. 1 fir,	\$35.00;	B. C. No. 2 fir,	\$32.00;	4. 5 and 6 inch spruce,	\$23.00;	8 and 10 inch pine,	\$25.00;	Cedar siding,	\$36.00;	\$1.00 per M. advance for dressing both sides.																										
BEVEL SIDING.—No. 1 white pine,	\$26.00.	No. 2 red and white pine,	\$23.00.																																															
SHIP LAP.—6 inch,	\$19.00;	8 and 10 inch,	\$12.00;	spruce, 8 inch x 10 inch,	\$20.00;	spruce, 6 inch,	\$18.00.																																											
SHINGLES.—B. C. cedar per M.	\$3.25;	No. 1 pine, per M.	\$2.75;	No. 2 pine, per M.	\$2.25;	No. 3 pine, per M.	\$2.00.																																											
LATH.—Pine lath per M.	\$3.00.																																																	
COMMON STOCK BOARDS.—1st, 8 to 10 and 12 inch,	\$26.50;	2nd, 12 inch,	\$21.00;	2nd, 8 to 10 inch,	\$20.00.																																													
FINISHINGS.—1 1/2 inch, 1 1/2 inch and 2 inch White pine, 1st. and 2nd, clear,	\$65.00;	white pine, 3rd, clear,	\$55.00;	white pine, selects,	\$45.00;	white pine shops,	\$36.00;	red pine, clear,	\$40.00;	red pine selects,	\$30.00;	B. C. cedar clear,	\$55.00;	B. C. fir clear,	\$50.00.	\$5.00 per M. advance on 2 1/2 and thicker.																																		
One inch. White pine, 1st. and 2nd, clear,	\$60.00;	white pine, 3rd, clear,	\$48.00;	white pine, selects,	\$38.00;	red pine clear,	\$40.00;	red pine, selects,	\$30.00;	B. C. cedar clear,	\$55.00.																																							
OAK, RED AND WHITE.—1st. and 2nd,	\$35 to \$60.;	common	\$35.																																															
MOULDING AND BASE.—Parting strips, per 100 feet lineal,	60c.;	lattice, 1/2 by 1 1/2, 100 feet lineal,	76c.;	window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal,	\$1.25;	window and door stop, 2 inch lineal,	\$1.50;	1/2 round and 7/8 cove,	75c.;	1 1/2 round mould,	\$1.50;	2 round mould,	\$1.75;	2 1/2 round mould,	\$2.00;	3 round mould,	\$2.25;	4 1/2 round mould,	\$2.50;	4 round mould,	\$2.75;	4 1/2 round mould,	\$3.00;	5 round mould,	\$3.25;	6 round mould,	\$3.50;	5 round window stool,	1 1/2, \$4.50;	6 round window stool,	1 1/2, \$5.25;	4 round casings,	\$2.50;	5 round casings,	\$2.75;	6 round casings,	\$3.25;	1 round base,	\$4.50;	10 round base,	\$5.50;	hard rail 2x4,	\$5.00;	wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch,	\$2.50;	wainscot cap, 3 inch,	\$2.75;	paper mould,	7 1/2.	Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent. 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings & moulding to detail at special prices. All stock work at special net prices.