

**SHIPPING MATTERS.**

Freight rates on lumber by canal and lake are very strong. Some barges are getting \$2 from the Georgian Bay to Buffalo, while the regular rate from Green Bay is \$1.87½, and from Duluth \$.50. The prevailing rate from North Tonawanda to New York is \$1.75, and to Albany \$1.35.

Freight rates on lumber from British Columbia points rule as follows: To Sydney, 42s 6d; Melbourne to Adelaide, 30s; Port Pirie, 48s 9d; Fremantle, 65s; Shanghai, 50s; Kiao-Chau, 50s; Taku, 55s; Vladivostok, 50s; w.c. South Africa, 52s 6d to 55s; South Africa, 65s to 67s 6d; U.K. or Continent, 75s.

The Timber Trades Journal reports that very few fixtures have been concluded from Canada except re-arrangements on previous contracts. The following are reported: Cape Hopewell to W. C. B., 1,200 stds, 41s; River du Loup to London, 1,200 stds, 45s, July; St. John to U. K., 1,200 stds, 40s, July-August; "Ashmore," St. Lawrence to U. K., 46s 3d, August; two boats, Quebec or Montreal to London, about 1,200 stds each, 46s 3d, re-lets.

The following charters are reported: Str. Dumarec, Montreal to Sharpness, deals, 55s; str. Raithwaite, St. John, N. B., to w.c. England, deals, 41s 3d, July; str. 2024 tons, St. John, N.B., to w.c. England, deals, 40s; barque 845 tons, St. John, N.B., to Santa Cruise, deals, 53s 9d; schr. 252 tons, St. Thomas, Que., to the U.K., deals, £675; schr. John B. Thomas, St. John, N.B., to Bristol Channel, deals, 45s; barque F. D. Lovitt, St. John, N.B., to Irish port, deals, 46s 3d; barque Loreto, St. John, N.B., to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$9.50; ships, Gregorio Bradie and Orient, St. John, N.B., to Melbourne, Aus., deals, 75s and 77s 6d respectively.

**THE BOSTON MARKET.**

The spruce lumber position is still very firm, with logs generally scarce. A good many mills are stopped for want of logs, and some must remain so for some time, or till some rise of water brings down the logs. Meantime, the market shows little change, with prices firm. The demand is in the midst of the hot weather quiet: Ten and 12-inch dimensions, \$18 to \$19.50; 9 in. and under, \$17 to \$18; 10 and 12 in. random lengths, 10 ft. and up, \$17.50 to \$18.50; 2x3, 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 ft. and up, \$15 to \$16; all other randoms, 9 in. and under, 10 ft. and up, \$15.50 to \$17; 5 in. and up, merchantable boards, \$15 to \$17; matched boards, \$17 to \$18; out spruce boards, \$12.50; bundle furring, \$14.

Hemlock remains scarce and, firm with very little change: Eastern boards, \$15 to \$16; random, \$13 to \$14.

Western pine shippers still talk of high prices, and say that the position is very strong. Here the market is quiet, with prices firm: Uppers, 1 in., \$58 to \$62; 1½ to 2 in., \$63 to \$64; 3 and 4 in., \$68 to \$72; selects, 1 to 4 in., \$52 to \$64; fine common, 1 to 3 in., \$45 to \$60; sheathings, \$38 to \$54; barn boards, \$25 to 30; coffin boards, \$23 to \$25.

Hardwoods continue in moderate request. House finishing is not active, and the call for finishing hardwoods is limited. Still prices are well held: Quartered oak, \$65 to \$75; fancy, \$85 to \$90; plain oak, \$35 to \$45; ash, \$38 to \$45; cherry, \$90 to \$130; maple, \$30 to \$40.

Shingles are a little firmer. The sellers of cheap shingles are pretty well sold out, and the trade is in the hands of better holders. Still the demand is rather limited: Extra, \$2.85 to \$2.90; clear, \$2.60 to \$2.65; second clear, \$2 to \$2.25; sap, \$2 to \$2.25; extra No. 1, \$1.60 to \$1.75; British Columbia, 16 in., hvc butts to 2 ins., \$3.15 to \$3.35.

Clapboards continue firm, because scarce. The demand is small, but buyers have to pay full prices: Extra spruce, \$30 to \$32; clear, \$28 to \$30; second clear, \$26 to \$28; extra No. 1, \$18 to \$20; pine, extra, \$36 to \$38; clear, \$36 to \$37; second clear, \$28 to \$30.

Laths are in steady moderate demand, with prices unchanged; 1½ inch, \$2.85 to \$2.90; 1¼ inch, \$2.70 to \$2.85.

**FIRES.**

The lumber yard of William Rutherford & Company at St. Cunegonde, a suburb of Montreal, was partially destroyed by fire on June 30th. Nearly a million feet of lumber was burned.

The planing mill and sash and door factory of McCredie & Hodgins at Shawville, Que., together with a stock of lumber, were destroyed by fire last week. It is understood that there is no insurance.

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