

even if the demand should fall off to some extent, prices are not likely to weaken. The spruce market has strengthened, owing to the general belief that the cut will fall considerably short of the usual production. In New York city orders are being taken for future delivery at \$22.50 for merchantable spruce. Lath and shingles have not changed. In Chicago dry white pine lath is selling on a \$4.50 basis, but it is not to be expected that this price will hold out throughout the season.

The slow movement of all sorts of lumber eastward is having its effect upon hardwood prices, and the trade are beginning to fear a considerable reduction in values when the sawing season is in full swing. At Boston one inch elm brings \$32, and three inch \$34 to \$36; maple, one inch, \$28 to \$29, one and one-quarter inch \$29, one and one-half inch \$30, two inch \$31, three inch \$34, and four inch \$36; white ash, one-inch \$46 to \$48, one and one-quarter to one and one-half inch \$50, two inch \$52 to \$54, and three inch \$60.

FOREIGN.

The only unfavorable factor in the British market is the decreased consumption. In other respects the outlook for the season's trade is hopeful, and prices are maintaining their strength. At a recent auction sale first quality pine, 3 x 11 x 12, sold at £24. Third regulars brought £10 5s to £10 10s, and second quality spruce £10 5s. Considerable spruce has been sold to east coast buyers, where it is competing favorably with whitewood. The price of 3 x 8 and 3 x 7 second quality Riga whitewood (equal to third spruce) is £8, delivered at Humber port, while £11 10s to £12 is the asking price for 3 x 11 inch delivered at Hull. Concerning the Liverpool market, a correspondent of the Timber Trades Journal says: "The spruce market continues to be as firm as ever for future delivery, and those who hold stocks here and at the adjacent ports should be in good position to make profits. So far as can be gathered, prices are likely to be maintained at about their present level for some time to come. The parcels of spruce per liners from Halifax and St. John, with irregular specifications, are readily sold on the basis of £7 17s 6d c.i.f. Operations in the Bristol channel are on a parity with this, for we hear of 700 standards from Annapolis, N. S., having been placed at £7 17s 6s c.i.f., and a quantity from Halifax at £7 17s 6d to £8. Shippers from Miramichi are asking £8 5s c.i.f. for cargoes for spring shipment. For Irish ports, with the usual large preponderance of 3 x 9, such prices have been paid as £8 10s and £8 12s 6d per standards, and these for sailers running up to 700 standards in capacity.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

E. Brownell, of Sheet Harbor, N. S., took out about 5,000,000 feet of logs during the past winter.

The S. S. Stevens Co. cut this winter two and one-half million feet of lumber south of Kingston, N.S.

A.H. Hough, of Renfrew, Ont., has had 20,000 logs taken out for him by jobbers. He has also purchased a quantity of logs from farmers.

The steamer Wrestler recently sailed from Victoria, B. C., for Melbourne, Australia, lumber laden. The Creedmoor left same port for the United Kingdom.

The Orillia Export Lumber Company have just started their saw mill at Orillia, Ont., and will cut 500,000 feet of hardwoods and a quantity of pine, hemlock, etc.

The contract for piling for the Connors' elevator at Montreal has been secured by J. & B. Grier and James Shearer & Co. The contractors for building the elevator are Stewart & Co.

D. J. Buckley, of Rogersville, has a portable saw mill on the Canada Eastern railway, between Chelmsford and Blackville, in New Brunswick, and will saw about 1,500,000 feet of birch planks.

It is estimated that there has been taken

out during the past winter, on the Ontario Peninsula, north of and adjacent to Warton, about 40,000,000 feet of logs, chiefly hardwoods. The six mills at Warton alone have taken out from 16,000,000 to 18,000,000 feet.

LOG AND LUMBER PRODUCTION.

LOGGING OPERATIONS OF THE PAST WINTER.— PROSPECTIVE OUTPUT OF THE MILLS.

Statistics have been collected by a Saginaw correspondent of the American Lumberman bearing upon the extent of the log production in Ontario during the past winter, and the prospective lumber cut for the coming season. Although the figures cannot be taken as exact, they are of some interest to the trade.

According to the figures published, the quantity of logs that will be taken to Michigan this season will not exceed 60,000,000 feet. It is estimated that about 20,000,000 feet will be rafted to Cheboygan by Pelton & Reid; 8,000,000 feet, bought of Booth & Company, will be taken to Bay City by Pitts & Company; the Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company will take over 20,000,000 feet, and the Hitchcock Lumber Company about 7,000,000 feet.

Several Michigan firms will this year manufacture on the Ontario. The W. & A. McArthur Company, of Cheboygan, purchased the McKinnon & Walsh saw mill at Little Current, Algoma, and have 20,000,000 feet of logs for the season's work. The Moulthrop Lumber Company, of Bay City, have purchased the old Moiles saw mill on John's Island, in Georgian Bay, and will operate there. E. Hall, of Detroit, is removing the old Minor saw mill from Alpena to the Spanish river, and expects to cut 10,000,000 feet of lumber this season. The Edmund Hall Lumber Company, of Detroit, has commenced the erection of a saw mill at Sarnia, Ont., and expect to commence sawing operations by the middle of July. The cut this year, if expectations are realized, will be 12,000,000 feet.

Of logging operations the writer says: Joseph Turner has put in 25,000,000 feet and has bought 10,000,000 feet. The Central Lumber Company of Saginaw has 10,000,000 feet of old logs put in a year ago and about as many put into Blind River the present winter. The Arthur Hill Company has put in 20,000,000 feet, which are to be manufactured at Midland; J. & T. Charlton are handling 32,000,000 feet from the Spanish river, Wahnapiatae and White Fish; Pitts & Charlton, from the White Fish, 12,000,000; Saginaw Lumber and Salt Company, from the White Fish, 15,000,000 feet; Thomas Pitts, from Spanish river, 12,000,000; the Spanish River Lumber Company, from that stream, 18,000,000 feet; John Waldie, Victoria Harbor Lumber Company, from the Spanish and French rivers, 30,000,000 feet; The Georgian Bay Lumber Company, from the Wahnapiatae and French rivers, 35,000,000 feet. There will be 19,000,000 feet to come out of the Misseauga river, 5,000,000 from the Thessalon, 14,000,000 from Root river and other points in the Sault region.

The following estimate of the probable output of the mills for the season is given:

	Feet.
Cutler & Savidge Lumber Co., Cutler.....	22,000,000
Cook Bros., Limited, Sprague.....	2,000,000
Spanish River Lumber Co., Spanish River.....	18,000,000
Moulthrop Lumber Co., Johns Island.....	20,000,000
Blind River Lumber Co., Blind River.....	10,000,000
N. Dymont, Thessalon.....	16,000,000
Conlon Bros., Little Current.....	18,000,000
W & A. McArthur, Little Current.....	20,000,000
E. Hall, Spanish River.....	16,000,000
Ontario Lumber Co., French River.....	15,000,000
Holland-Emery Lumber Co., Byng Inlet.....	40,000,000
Wm. Peter, Parry Sound.....	25,000,000
Conger Lumber Co., Parry Sound.....	27,000,000
Slush & West, Parry Sound.....	8,000,000
E. Hall Lumber Co., Sarnia.....	12,000,000
Parry Sound Lumber Co., Parry Sound.....	25,000,000
Mills at Midland.....	67,000,000
Victoria Harbor mills.....	50,000,000
Waubushene mills.....	30,000,000
Beck Lumber Co., Penetanguishene.....	25,000,000
J. & T. Charlton, Collingwood.....	15,000,000
Toner & Gregory, Collingwood.....	10,000,000
D. G. Coope, Collingwood.....	4,000,000
Collins Inlet Lumber Co., Collins Inlet.....	25,000,000
Total.....	515,000,000

It will be observed that the cuts of several large firms, such as Mickle, Dymont & Son, M. Brennan & Sons, the Huntsville Lumber Company, and others, are not given in the above table.

Regarding the market for the lumber, it is stated that W. B. Mershon & Company, of Saginaw, have purchased the logs of the Arthur Hill Company, about 20,000,000 feet, and that this stock will be manufactured at Midland and taken to Saginaw. William Schuette & Company, of Saginaw, have purchased 5,000,000 feet from Joseph Turner, and L. C. Slade has purchased 2,000,000, of the Midland stock, all of which will be taken to Michigan. The Brewer Lumber Company, the Booth & Boyd Lumber Company, and

Bliss & VanAuken, all of Saginaw, are said to have made purchases in the Georgian Bay district, so that probably 125,000,000 feet of the Georgian Bay cut will go to the Saginaw river. The cut of the Peter mill will be taken to Toledo, and the Holland & Emery cut to Buffalo.

Coming to the Ottawa Valley district, the following estimate is given: The J. R. Booth Company expect to cut 110,000,000 feet of lumber this year, which exceeds by ten million feet the cut of last year. One-third of this season's cut will be sold for domestic consumption, and the balance exported in about equal proportions to the United States and Europe. The W. C. Edwards Company will cut 60,000,000 feet, 15,000,000 feet of which is for home use, 20,000,000 feet for export to the United States, and 25,000,000 feet to the British market. Last season this firm cut 70,000,000 feet. The Hull Lumber Company expects to cut 40,000,000 feet, an increase of 15,000,000 feet over last year. Twenty per cent. will be for domestic use, twenty-five per cent. for the American market, and the remainder for trans-Atlantic shipment. Gilmour & Hughson will cut about the same quantity as last season, 30,000,000 feet, which has been sold to an American company. The Hawkesbury Lumber Company will cut 50,000,000 feet, which is the same as last year, and has been sold for export. The cut of McLachlin Bros., of Arnprior, will be 65,000,000 feet, which has been purchased by E. Lemay, of Montreal, and the bulk of which will be exported to the United States and other foreign markets. The Ottawa Lumber Company will manufacture 12,000,000 feet, of which 50 per cent. will be exported to Europe and the balance in equal proportions for domestic use and export to the United States. This is a decrease of about 3,000,000 feet as compared with last year, but the company have contracted for several lots of sawn lumber. The Gillies Bros. Company, of Braceside, will manufacture about 35,000,000 feet, which is an increase over last year of about 20,000,000 feet. Most of the output of the Ottawa Valley mills is now in second hands, having been sold in advance of sawing—probably 50 per cent. for the British market, and the balance, largely box and box lumber, such as 6, 8 and 10 inch boards, for the United States and local trade.

ENQUIRY FOR HICKORY SQUARES.

The publishers of the CANADA LUMBERMAN would be pleased to learn of Canadian manufacturers who are in a position to supply hickory squares for the British market. The dimensions of these squares should be 44" x 7/8" x 7/8". The stock must not be too springy, and must recover its straightness after bending. Manufacturers in a position to supply the above are asked to send their address to this office.

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

The market report of Clairmonte, Man & Co., dated March 17th, thus refers to the Barbados lumber market:

There has been one arrival with spruce lumber during the fortnight, which met a good market, and realized \$20 61 for first quality. There has also been one arrival of white pine, which sold at \$22.57 for first quality, and \$16 for second quality. Our yards are rather bare of both white pine and spruce, and dealers are now laying in supplies of spruce for the crop season.

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The arrivals were: Brig "I. V. Dexter," from Liverpool, N. S., with 123 M feet white pine, \$22.70; 18 M feet spruce, \$20.50; 4 M hemlock, \$16. Schr. "Herbert Rice," from Meteghan, N. S., 15 M white pine, 58 M shingles. Schr. "F. A. Rice," from Weymouth, N. S., 139 M feet spruce, sold at \$20.61. SS. "Duart Castle," from St. John, N. B., 65 M long Gaspé cedar shingles, stored; 48 M do., 6-inch, \$6.51; 22 M do., 5-inch, \$5.51; 18 M do., 4-inch, \$3.60; 10 M do., 3-inch, \$2.60.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

Sail tonnage for lumber to the River Plate continues to be enquired for, but current rates are not sufficiently attractive to call forth any considerable offerings. Shippers would pay \$13 to \$13.50 from the Gulf to Buenos Ayres, \$11 and \$12 from outside provincial ports, \$10 from Portland and \$9.50 and \$10 from Boston.

Following are current freight rates on lumber from British Columbia points: Sydney, 53s; Melbourne or Adelaide, 58s 9d to 60s; Port Pirie, 56s 3d to 57s 6d; Freemantle, 68s 9d to 70s; Shanghai, 60s to 61s 3d; Kiaochau, 61s 3d to 62s 6d; Tientsin, 67s to 68s 9d; Vladivostok, 55s to 56s 3d; w. c. South America, 57s 6d to 60s; Pisagua Range and Callao Range, 58s 9d to 61s 3d; South Africa, 72s 6d to 75s; U. K. or Continent, 80s to 82s 6d.

In the New York market there is an unusual scarcity of spruce ceiling lath. Two cargoes sold recently on the market therefor \$3.40, while the price one year ago was \$1.80.

J. F. Stengel, of Buffalo, is said to have purchased about 8,000,000 feet of pine in Ontario, and is also buying considerable hardwood. He does not maintain a yard, shipping direct to customers.

The Saginaw river lumber market, according to the American Lumberman, is dull in wholesale lines, no transactions having been recorded during the past week. Buyers are making some contracts for future delivery, and interior mills are being visited and contracts made for stock to be cut. Prices are steady, ranging from \$17 to \$20 for log run, \$14 and \$15 for box lumber, and \$12 to \$14 for piece stuff. Hemlock piece stuff is quoted at from \$10 to \$12. Mill culls are worth \$12 and some are asking still higher prices.

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