

not yet been broken. The statement of stocks on hand on April 1st is favorable to Canadian lumber. Taking the Surrey Commercial Docks at London for example, it is found that, as compared with one year ago, white pine deals show a decrease of 72,590 pieces, battens of 30,228 pieces, and ends of 39,312 pieces. In spruce deals the decrease is 148,557 pieces, and in spruce battens 199,750 pieces. The stock of spruce in the docks is only about half the quantity in store one year ago. With a moderate consumption, therefore, it should not be difficult to maintain prices at their present basis. The supply of first and second quality pine deals is unusually light, and prices are slightly higher than one month ago. A good movement is reported in Quebec timber, several lots of square and waney pine having recently changed hands at current prices. A quantity of ash timber from Quebec sold at recent public sales at 75 shillings per load of 50 cubic feet.

There has recently been received in London some whitewood from Eastern Europe. It is said to have been purchased by consumers who have found that it takes the place of the more expensive Quebec spruce deals. It is not anticipated, however, that the competition from this source will affect the import from Canada.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The steamer Orange is loading deals at St. John, N. B., for the west coast of England.

During the month of April 53 special licenses to cut timber were issued by the British Columbia Government.

G. L. Burtis, of Thessalon, Ont., has received his first raft of logs from Garden River, containing about 3,000,000 feet.

The base price for hemlock at Buffalo is still \$15.50, with every prospect that this figure will be maintained for some time to come.

No. 1 white pine lath are held in the Chicago market at \$3.50, while No. 2 can be had for \$2.60. The enquiry is largely for No. 2.

J. B. Farwell & Son, of Oswego, N. Y., and Orillia, Ont., lost a considerable quantity of telegraph poles by the recent forest fires north of Peterboro.

M. Ryan, of Smith's Falls, Ont., has secured the contract of supplying the Dominion Government with timber required for repairs and construction work on the Rideau Canal.

The Department of Interior at Ottawa is prepared to receive tenders up to June 10th for a permit to cut timber on berth No 1066 in the province of Manitoba, containing an area of 150 acres.

The schooner Palma is loading lumber at Weymouth, N. S., for Cuba, the shippers being G. D. Campbell & Company. The schooner Lillie is loading at Bear River, N. S., for Cienfuegos.

The New Brunswick Government will sell by auction on May 27th two timber berths, as follows: Three square miles

at head of Tomogonops river, T. W. Flett, applicant; two square miles in Breadalbane Settlement East, Bartholomew river, Michael Buggy, applicant.

The steamer Ella Sayer is loading timber and deals at Montreal for the United Kingdom. The steamer Norfolk is completing a cargo of timber and deals at Chicoutimi for the United Kingdom. The steamer Nordboem loaded at Montreal and is completing cargo at Pierreville.

Messrs. Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., in a recent report, say: There is no change to report in this market for either pine or spruce deals. Pine remains firm at record prices for anything really good, and, of necessity, anything approaching these prices is very hard to obtain for the more numerous parcels which do not fulfill this condition. For spruce the London market is quietly firm without change either way, and should remain so as long as supplies do not increase on the rate of the past twelve months. Birch, elm and ash timber continue in fair demand; but oak has fallen back a little during the month. London seems to be giving up white pine timber altogether. The stock is almost nominal, but there is no change in quotations. The arrivals from New Brunswick have been:

	1903	1902
Pine Deals....	Nil	16,000 pcs.
Spruce Deals..	86,000 pcs.	24,000 "
Birch Planks..	50,000 "	12,000 "

The following prices of Canadian lumber are quoted by Messrs. Farnworth & Jardine, Liverpool, Eng.:

	L. & A.	L. & S.
QUEBEC PINE TIMBER		
Square, per cu. ft.....	0 18 @	0 2 10
Waney, per cu. ft.....	0 26 @	0 3 6
St. John, 18 in. per cu. ft..	0 26 @	0 3 3
Dalhousie, etc., per cu. ft..	0 13 @	0 1 8
Red Pine, per cu. ft.....	0 17 @	0 1 20
Oak, 1st quality, per cu. ft..	0 29 @	0 3 4
2nd quality, per cu. ft. . .	0 16 @	0 2 6
Elm, per cu. ft.....	0 29 @	0 3 6
Ash, per cu. ft.....	0 16 @	0 2 3
Birch, St. John, per cu. ft..	0 15 @	0 1 10
Quebec, per cu. ft.....	0 15 @	0 2 0
Nova Scotia, etc., per cu. ft.	0 12 @	0 1 6
Birch Planks, per cu. ft.....	0 9 @	0 1 0
Spars, Spruce.....	0 0 10 @	0 1 0
QUEBEC PINE DEALS.		
1st quality, per std.....	22 10 @	31 0 0
2nd quality, per std.....	17 0 @	23 0 0
3rd quality, per std.....	11 10 @	12 15 0
SPRUCE DEALS.		
St. John, etc., per std.....	7 7 @	7 12 6
Nova Scotia, etc., per std..	7 0 @	7 10 0
Boards, Spruce, etc., per std.	6 0 @	6 15 0
Oars, Ash, per running ft.....	0 3 @	0 0 5

LIVERPOOL TIMBER STOCKS.

The stocks of timber, deals, etc., in Liverpool, Birkenhead, Garston, Saltport and Runcorn on 30th April for two years were as follows:

	1901	1902
Quebec Square Pine, cu. ft.....	66000	30000
Quebec Waney Pine, cu. ft.....	70000	35000
St. John Pine, cu. ft.....	3000	Nil
Outer Ports Pine, cu. ft.....	2000	Nil
Red Pine, cu. ft.....	12000	3000
Pitchpine, Heva, cu. ft.....	25000	130000
Pitchpine, Sawd, cu. ft.....	87000	660000
Pitchpine, Planks, cu. ft.....	218000	555000
Oregon Pine, cu. ft.....	12000	81000
Californian Redwood, cu. ft..	78000	Nil
Danzig, etc., Fir, cu. ft.....	22000	16000
Swedish and Norway Fir, cu. ft.	Nil	Nil
Oak, Canadian and U. S., cu. ft.	140000	67000
Oak Planks, cu. ft.....	120000	80000
Oak, Baltic, cu. ft.....	Nil	Nil
Elm, cu. ft.....	28000	40000
Birch, cu. ft.....	32000	25000
Ash, cu. ft.....	24000	52000
East India Teak, cu. ft.....	179000	107000
Greenheart, cu. ft.....	120000	156000
H.B., etc., Pine Deals, std.....	19800	9750
Quebec Deals, etc., std.....	5670	12180
Baltic Deals and Boards, std.	28400	4910
Norway, etc., Flooring Boards, std.	4940	4370

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

A late revision of the price lists on the market page shows an all-round advance in shingles. Stock for present disposal is scarce and the demand high. Pine shingles, clear butt 18-inch, have advanced to \$2.50 and \$2.75, XXXX 18-inch to \$3.50 and \$3.75, and XX 18-inch to \$1.25 and \$1.75.

In lumber proper, pine sidings show an advance to \$16 to \$20. Other lines continue firm at prices previously quoted. The market is strong and stock scarce.

Shipments for the past week have been interfered with to a considerable extent by the labor troubles in New York city. The struggle between capital and organized labor has reached a stage where building operations in Greater New York are at a stand-still. Local lumber shippers have been advised to withhold for the present lumber intended for New York, as it is found impossible in that city to unload and place the lumber. Until building operations are resumed there will be a dullness in the forward movement of lumber from Ottawa.

The lumber destroyed in Sunday's fire in the J. R. Booth's yard in the west end of the city consisted principally of shorts and box stuff, aggregating in all about sixteen million feet. From the nature of the lumber destroyed it can be seen that there will be no hole in the stock of high grade stuff, although the impression has got abroad that the fire in diminishing an already inadequate supply, would advance prices. The mere fact that the lumber was all sold and awaiting shipment would tend to prove the fallacy of this report of a probable advance in price. The insurance experts place Mr. Booth's loss at \$220,000, on which there is \$160,000 insurance, leaving a loss of \$60,000.

The papers throughout the Province have come to the assistance of Ottawa with the advice that the lumber piles be moved to the country. The Council has taken the matter up, and in view of the fact that this is the second time the city has suffered within a comparatively short time it is likely that the piles, or at least the greater part of them, will go. Mr. Booth has threatened to remove his mill from the city if he is compelled to seek piling grounds outside its limits.

While the lumber piles were the primary cause of Sunday's fire, it must be borne in mind that the complete collapse of the waterworks system for forty minutes permitted the fire to gain a headway it would not have otherwise secured.

The camp supply number of THE LUMBERMAN excited favorable comment from the Ottawa district subscribers. The letter press and illustrations were both voted creditable in a high degree to the publisher and editorial staff.

The McGillivray Company of Ottawa has purchased the King mill at Parry Sound, with a daily output of 30,000 feet.

Reports from the Georgian Bay district show that the saws are doing their level best to put out a record cut of lumber. The mills at Blind River and other points were in full swing by the first of the month. It is reported that the Michigan Land and

Lumber Company has sold its mills and mill site at Blind River to Dobson & McKeown, of Bay City. At Spanish Station the Mississauga Lumber Company is building a new mill with a daily output of 125,000 feet.

Reports as to the progress of the drives are conflicting. From the Kippewa and Temiscaming districts come reports of rains which will gladden the hearts of the lumber operators and incidentally help the drives along. It is rumored, however, that McLachlan Bros.' drive from the Petawawa limit recently purchased by that firm, has been "hung up." This report cannot be confirmed. If true it would mean a serious set-back, as the logs were intended for this season's cutting. On the Coulonge and Gatineau the logs also seem to be moving freely enough.

The supply of manufactured lumber in the Georgian Bay district is small and steadily decreasing. Even before the mills had entered on the cutting of the present season's lumber the boats were loading for Bay City and other points with the stock standing from last season. A new \$12,000 dock is being built at Blind River by the Dominion Government. When completed this will greatly facilitate the movement of lumber.

OTTAWA, May 18, 1903.

TRADE OPENINGS.

The following were among the enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the Canadian Government Office in London during the week ending 8th May, 1903. The names of the parties may be obtained from the publishers of this journal.

A wholesale seed firm requiring large supplies of wooden boxes, cut to specified sizes, have asked to be placed in touch with Canadian shippers of box shooks.

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