

other markets. This is probably due to the fact that the manufacturers of sash, doors, blinds, and other woodwork have been working up their old stock and have not purchased much lumber at prevailing prices. They have, therefore, been in a position to sell their goods at a relatively low cost, but when they are compelled to replenish their stock of raw material it will be necessary to advance the prices of woodwork. Hardwood lumber has shown more strength of late than pine. Prices on all hardwood stock are strong, and in some kinds there will be a famine before next spring. Unless present indications are misleading higher prices will be the ultimate result.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Spruce lumber was never stronger than it is to-day. Any stocks for sale are rapidly picked up, the demand from the United States being so large as to consume almost the entire available supply for that market. Clapboards are entirely out of the market. Prices are fabulously high and promise to remain so throughout the winter. Most of the mills are still in operation. Every effort will be put forth to continue as late in the fall as possible, and it is probable that very few logs will be carried over until next spring. Operations in the woods this winter will be on an average scale—some operators may increase their output, but others, feeling that prices may not hold next season, will not operate as extensively as usual. A weakening in values would, in view of the excessive cost of logging operations, be a matter of serious consideration. Thus the more conservative lumbermen are disposed to proceed cautiously.

UNITED STATES.

The lumber market has lost none of its strength. Although in some districts trade has fallen off somewhat, stocks are so small that prices have not been affected, nor are they likely to be in the near future. East of Buffalo and Pittsburg there is an active demand for all kinds of lumber. Buffalo and Tonawanda dealers have advanced the price of barn boards 50 cents per thousand, while sales of No. 1 inch cuts are being made above \$40, which was the price through the summer months. The high prices have met with some opposition from consumers, but as there seems no prospect of a break in the market it is anticipated that there will be active buying during the next two months. Chicago reports a steadily increasing volume of trade, much of the demand coming from the country. It would appear that farmers, having their crops safely housed, are now giving attention to farm improvements. Hemlock has shown wonderful strength of late. In the east the higher lists have been maintained and there is likely to be a still further advance. No doubt this class of lumber is being purchased for some purposes for which white pine would be used excepting for the abnormally high price. Hardwoods compare favorably in point of strength with pine and hemlock. Wisconsin reports a slow demand for inch soft elm and a scarcity of two inch rock elm, while at Buffalo good grades of hardwood lumber are in short supply and commanding high prices. The supply of basswood is still so short as to curtail the volume of trade. Fewer shingles are being received in the east from the Pacific coast. This has brought about a hardening of white pine shingle prices. Lath is about as scarce as ever, and brings \$4.25 at Buffalo for first-class white pine.

GRAND BRITAIN.

There is a decided firmness in lumber prices throughout Great Britain. Trade is moderately active, stocks are not excessive, and it does not seem that anything is likely to occur to disturb the market. Spruce seems to be about the finest class of lumber and c. i. f. quotations are now considerably higher than they were a few weeks ago. It is understood that shippers are asking £9 15s. c. i. f. London for regulars, 12 to 13 feet, 3rd second quality, and £9 5s. for third quality. Spruce battens are quoted at £7 17s. 6d. c. i. f. for seconds and £7 7s. 6d. for thirds. Even at these prices shippers are refusing to contract excepting for immediate delivery, the tendency being towards a further advance. Some of the large importers of spruce at Liverpool are practically sold out for this season. Pine is almost as strong as spruce. First quality deals are exceptionally scarce. The complaint is again made that the grading of pine deals is not satisfactory to British buyers, and that much of what has been placed on the market as first quality is no better than second class. Third and fourth quality pine deals have been graded more satisfactorily, but the demand for them is only fair.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

In the Chicago market 8-inch extra white cedar shingles sell at \$2.80, and 10 inch at \$2.85 to \$2.90 by water. Lath are holding up well. Sales of No. 1 mixed have recently been made by water at \$3 and of No. 2 by rail at \$3.75.

Prices of tight barrel cooperage stock have lately advanced. In Chicago lard tierces range from \$1.15 to \$1.17½; oak pork barrels, \$1; ash pork barrels, 87½ cents; tierce staves, \$23 to \$24; pork staves, \$19 to \$20; tierce heading, 16 to 16½ cents; pork heading, 12½ cents.

The New Brunswick Government will sell by public auction on October 8th timber berths No. 21, south of Enoch Baker Lake, 3 miles; No. 22, Parishes of St. Francis and Clair, 7½ miles; No. 23, River St. Francis, 7½ miles; No. 24, Cains river, 2 miles; and No. 25, head of Little River, 2 miles.

The Dominion Government is asking for tenders up to October 15th for a license to cut timber on Berth No. 309 in the Province of British Columbia, comprising two blocks. Block No. 1 was formerly known as Timber Berth No. 62 and contains an area of 3,638 acres. Block No. 2 contains an area of 2,080 acres. Offers will be received up to same date for a timber license on Berth No. 307, containing 80 acres.

A number of logs belonging to Hale & Murchie upon which the Boom Company's tolls had not been paid were sold by auction recently at Fredericton, N.B. There were first offered the logs now in the boom at Lincoln, and they were sold as follows: 79,036 feet of merchantable and 1,288 feet of batten spruce to J. R. McConnell at \$11.05 per thousand; 2,340 feet of pine to Hilyard Bros., at \$7.75 per thousand. The next sold were those logs now at St. John, in the hands of James Holly & Sons, subject to their tolls, about 5 cents a thousand. The spruce, 16,248 feet of merchantable and 7,336 feet of battens, was bought by Hilyard Bros., at \$11.75 a thousand, and the same firm bought 2,300 feet of pine at \$7.50.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company,

under date of September 13th, say of the Barbadoes market: "We have placed for the Government 215,000 ft. white pine boards, about one half each shipping and seconds, at \$24.25 and \$18 respectively. The stock of shippers is moderate, but owing to the export demand being entirely checked, and that locally at this time of the year very small, there is no life whatever in the market. We confirm our previous valuation of \$19 to \$20 for a small cargo of spruce. No shingles have arrived, but a couple of cargoes of Gaspe are on the way. Stocks of Cedar Laying will be augmented, no doubt, by the lot in Government hands, some 1,500,000, for which tenders are invited.

BRITISH TIMBER SALE.

Only a small quantity of Canadian lumber was offered at the auction sale of Foy, Morgan & Company, London, on September 17th. The result was as follows:

PINE—Ex. Huéiva, from Québec—12-16 ft. 3x12-20 in. first quality, £15 10s per std. Ex. Forest Holme, from Botwoodville—10 ft. 3x11 in. first quality, £19 5s; 9-11 ft. 3x12-16 in. second quality, £10.

SPRUCE—Ex. Belgian, from Québec—12 ft. 3x9 in. third quality, £9 10s; 12-13 ft. 3x9, £9 10s. Ex. Norden, from St. John, N. B.—17-30 ft. 4x6 in. unassorted, £7 10s. Ex. Cresyl, from Québec—6-22 ft. 2x8-12 in. unassorted, £7 10s.

BIRCH TIMBER—Ex. Carlisle City, from Miramichi, N.B.—9-7 ft. 4 1/5 5-15 inch, 15 1d per cubic ft; 6-15 ft. 4x11-15, 15 1d; 5-18 ft. 4x9-10, 15 2d; 3-18 ft. 4x4-8, 15 1/2d, 6-20 ft. 3x7-13, 15 1d; 3-18 ft. 2x8-14, 15 2d; 3-17 ft. 2x7, 15 1/2d; 3-17 ft. 2x4-6, 15.

OAK TIMBER—6 logs, 13-20 inch, 22-28 ft. second quality, 62s per load of 50 cubic ft.

TIMBER LIMIT TRANSACTION.

Several important sales of timber lands along the line of Lake St. John and Québec Railway, in Québec, have lately taken place. Harold Kennedy, of Québec, has purchased for \$20,000 the property of Colin Campbell on the Jacques Cartier river.

George Gordon & Company, of Pembroke, Ont., have purchased from J. & T. Conlon, of Thorold, 108 miles of timber limits in Hawley, Appleby and Jennings townships. Much of the timber is along the Veuve river and convenient to the Cache Bay mill of George Gordon & Company.

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Theo. P. Burgess, president and general manager of the Burgess Sulphite Pulp Company, of Berlin Falls, N. H., has closed a deal with the Department of Lands, Forests and Fisheries, Québec, for the purchase of six hundred square miles of timber limits on the Upper St. Maurice River. The Company intend bringing their pulpwood down the St. Maurice to the St. Lawrence, opposite Three Rivers, where they have secured two miles of deep-water beach, and will ship to their mills in Berlin Falls over the Grand Trunk Railway.

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A saw mill at Chester, N. S., owned by John Stamford, was destroyed by fire last week.

The Government saw mill on Mill street, Montreal, was almost totally destroyed by fire recently, the loss being \$10,000.

John J. Gärtshore, 83 Front Street West, Toronto, has purchased the logging railway formerly operated by Holland & Graves at Wahnapiatae, Ont., and is prepared to dispose of the same in quantities to suit customers. The material is all in good condition.

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