

lumber is likely to be made this year. Were it not for this feature, it is believed that there would be a general advance in prices, as there is every prospect of a large consumption of lumber this year for building and other purposes. In the Saginaw valley Canadian stock is held at \$15 to \$18, and box lumber at \$15. Light receipts of spruce at Boston and New York have strengthened that lumber. For 13-foot stock in firsts and seconds \$19.50 to \$21 is being asked in New York. Spruce lath is in excellent demand. Quotations at Bangor, Me., are \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Dealers are booking orders more liberally for hardwoods. Basswood is much enquired for, and soft elm is moving moderately. The former is strong, and is expected to sell at higher prices before long. Box culls are selling in the Chicago market at \$12.50, which represents an advance of 50 cents over recent quotations. Hemlock is being purchased steadily in Buffalo and Tonawanda, chiefly for the Pan-American buildings. The base price is \$13.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Considerable business has been closed recently in pine and spruce for the British market. Agents of Canadian houses have made sales of spruce at the following prices, delivered on vessel at London: 3 x 11 second quality, £10 5s; 3 x 9 second quality, £8 15s; thirds, £9 10s and £8 5s; fourths, £8 5s and £7 15s; 3 x 7 third quality, £7 15s. Such sales as have been made show a tendency towards higher prices, but owing to the somewhat un-

settled condition of the timber market buyers are not disposed to contract very heavily. A report from London states that pine and spruce are being placed quite freely, but it seems that the buying has been largely confined to London, as at Liverpool and other ports trade is quiet. At Glasgow there are occasional enquiries for fourth quality pine deals, which are scarce and strong on the belief that a very limited quantity will be imported this year. The freight market is fairly active, but there is every prospect that rates will be considerably lower than last year. The fixtures already made show a decline of about five shillings.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The total receipts of lumber at the port of New York during 1900 was 1,246,014,604 feet.

W. J. Kemp expects to ship 3,000,000 feet of lumber from Belmont, N. S., this season.

There have been sold from mills around the Duluth bay 55,000,000 feet of the coming season's cut of pine lumber.

The city of Toronto is asking for tenders up to March 6th for the supply of cedar scantlings and Norway pine scantlings.

Smith, Fassett & Company, of North Tonawanda, N.Y., have just made a purchase of 7,000,000 feet of white pine lumber from the Red Cliff Lumber Company, of Duluth.

Tenders are asked by the city of Kingston, Ont., up to March 12th for the supply of 200,000 feet B. M. of 1 1/2, 2 and 3 inch pine plank, and 40,000 lineal feet of 5x4 inch cedar sleepers.

A two mile timber berth on the north branch of the Yoho stream was sold last week by the New Brunswick Government

to A. H. Hilyard & Company, at the upset price of \$8 per mile.

Cameron & Co., of Ottawa, are offering for sale a considerable quantity of white pine mill run boards, shipping cull shorts and dressing sidings, also some brown ash, soft elm, and basswood.

The St. Anthony Lumber Co., of Whitney, Ont., will handle its own cut during the coming season, instead of selling the output to the Export Lumber Company, as was done for several years previous to 1900.

A British firm are desirous of arranging with Canadian manufacturers for the shipment to England of large quantities of sash and doors and unfinished moulding stock. Persons interested are requested to communicate with this office.

A large timber deal was consummated at Halifax, N. S., on February 22nd last, when a syndicate, including W. D. Beardmore, of Toronto, Henry Patton, of Albany, N. Y., and H. R. Wells, of Canton, N. Y., purchased the extensive lumber property of the Young Bros. Company at St. Margaret's Bay and Ingraham River, thirty miles from Halifax. The property includes timber limits on the Indian, Ingraham, East and Hubbard's rivers, and the large mills at Ingraham River, and is one of the most valuable in the province. The consideration is said to have been \$250,000. The new company propose to carry on the business as at present, but will likely increase the output and establish other industries.

The following statement was presented to the Dominion Parliament showing the quantity of saw logs exported from Ontario to the United States during the season of navigation of 1900:

Quantity	Value
Cedar, 15 cords.....	\$ 105
Elm, 10,875,000 feet.....	86,070
Hemlock, 2,638,000 feet.....	12,985
Oak, 142,000 feet.....	3,401
Pine, 30,672,000 feet.....	270,360
Others, 4,835,000 feet.....	27,000

The tenders for timber limits in Algoma district, covering 112 square miles, will be received by the Ontario Crown Lands Department up to March 15th next. Offers will be received at the same time for some lots in the county of Victoria and the district of Nipissing.

LUMBER TRADE ENQUIRIES.

The following were among the enquiries relating to Canadian trade received at the High Commissioner's office in London, Eng., during the week ending February 8th., 1901:

Enquiry is made for the names of one or two reliable firms in Canada who are in a position to ship cut wood for fruit crates to the Canary Islands

A manufacturer's agent in South Africa is desirous of taking up the representation of Canadian hardware, furniture, lumber, rubber and other goods.

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