

prices are quite stiff. Maple flooring has also improved. Basswood is looking up and promises to recover from its recent lethargy.

The scarcity of white pine lath in the Lake Superior district, of which previous mention was made, continues, and prices are slightly higher. Mixed lath are more plentiful and proportionately easier in price. Red cedar shingles have recovered in a remarkable manner. Dealers now fear a shortage in the supply and are paying a premium of 10 to 15 cents for prompt delivery. This is partly due to the difficulty in securing transportation, the railroads being overwhelmed by the wheat traffic.

GREAT BRITAIN.

We do not care to state emphatically that the corner has been turned in the depression which has characterized the British lumber market for the past year, but indications undoubtedly point in that direction. On account of the near approach of the close of the importing season, buyers are disposed to close contracts whenever they are offered any inducement. Up to the present time consignment cargoes have been feared, but as freight rates have advanced, the market is not likely to suffer much from this cause. Notwithstanding the present inactivity, the opinion is almost universally held that buyers of deals at present prices will be enabled to realize considerable profit before another importing season is reached. Pine is steady, as practically no stock is being thrown upon the market unreservedly, and there is an increasing demand for the regular lines of spruce. The latest sales of spruce have ranged from £6 5s to £6 12s 6d c. i. f. London, according to specifications and stock. A small cargo of Halifax spruce is reported to have been sold for Manchester delivery at £6 10s c. i. f.

At an auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., on September 28th, what was termed first quality pine, from Montreal, sold at £16 10s for 10-16 feet, 1 1/2 x 7 inch, to £19 15s for 2x11 inch, while second quality 3x9 inch brought £13 10s. A small quantity of unassorted spruce from West Bay, N. S., brought from £6 to £6 10s.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The barque Ilos has finished loading lumber at Windsor, N. S., for Buenos Ayres.

The John Harrison & Sons Company, of Owen Sound, Ont., are supplying 450,000 square feet of timber for the new breakwater at Meaford.

Graham & Horne, of Fort William, Ont., have contracted with X. St. Jaques, a contractor from West Superior, to put in 15,000 pieces of piling at Black Bay.

The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission are asking for tenders up to November 4th for the delivery of 225,000 ties along the right of way north of New Liskeard of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. Information may be obtained at the office of the chief engineer at North Bay, and tenders are to be addressed to J. W. Pearson, secretary-treasurer, Toronto.

Following is a comparative statement of timber, etc., measured and culled at Quebec up to October 5th, as reported by the Supervisor of Cullers:

	1902	1903	1904
	Cu. Ft.	Cu. Ft.	Cu. Ft.
Waney White Pine	1,815,920	1,618,920	2,020,160
White Pine	393,800	399,720	275,160
Red Pine	71,160	59,520	13,920
Oak	618,180	655,920	247,560
Elm	561,880	417,800	254,120
Ash	79,280	57,200	14,640
Basswood		160	
Butternut		40	40
Tamarac		40	
Birch and Maple	164,800	196,700	114,680

The following report of the Barbados lumber market is furnished by Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company: "There have been no receipts of either white pine or spruce since our last fortnightly report, neither have we heard of any further transactions. The cargo of white pine which we advised as having sold to arrive should be here shortly. A prompt arrival of spruce would probably bring \$22, as dealers are partly bare. The "Success" has arrived from Paspebiac, Que., bringing 1,300,000; of these 969,000 were Long Gaspe cedar, which were placed at \$5.76 to \$6.27; a small quantity of Dimension brought \$4.25, \$6.35, \$7.35 and \$7.50 for 4, 5, 6 and 7 inch respectively. A lot of 113,000 Cedar Laying were sold at \$2.20; this sale cannot be considered as a criterion of the market, as it was made to an outsider and could not be repeated."

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN)

OTTAWA, October 7, 1904.—The summer lassitude in Ottawa district lumber circles promises to be followed by a fall and winter activity. While trade is quiet as yet, prices are holding firm. There seems to be but little surplus stock, and holders are not willing to shade. There is a considerable movement of lumber, but it is confined to the American market. The dullness in the English market continues, and the high-priced Canadian stuff is being displaced by the cheaper Baltic production. The Ottawa district operators are of the opinion that the depression in the Old Country market has about reached its height, and that an improvement must soon follow.

Already manufacturers and dealers are talking next year's prices, and one expressed the opinion that the present season's prices would hold firm, although there might be some shading from the extra high prices. Any break that may occur will, it is believed, be confined to the Georgian Bay district.

Everything points to a shortage in the lumber cut of the present season. While it may not be much less than last season, it certainly will be considerably short of previous seasons.

There is certain to be a large shortage in the output of logs in the Ottawa district this fall and winter, and consequently a corresponding shortage in the lumber cut next summer. Both the Hull Lumber Company and the Estate of Robert Hurdman have decided not to manufacture logs, and other firms will reduce their cut. The freedom with which the logs came down stream this summer promises a big supply for early sawing next summer.

While the Ottawa river is full of logs, there is seemingly great difficulty in getting them down stream. On account of scarcity of logs, the Shepard & Morse Company has found it necessary to shut down its mill at Ottawa.

McLachlan Bros., Arnprior, W. C. Edwards Company, Rockland, and the Hawkesbury Lumber Company, Hawkesbury, all gave their employees their annual treat this year by a visit to the Ottawa Exhibition. The expenses were all borne by the companies.

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From Halifax, N.S.: Steamer Gulf of Anecd, for London, 111,781 ft. birch deals, value \$1,229; 227,976 ft. hemlock deals, value \$1,997, by Furness, Withy & Co., agents. Steamer St. John City, for London, 29,700 ft. spruce deals, value \$386, by Furness, Withy & Co., agents. Str. Yordbocu, for Bordeaux, France, 2,573,734 ft. spruce deals, value \$20,000. Barque Alma, for Pawick, Eng., 423,979 ft. spruce deals, value \$4,000. Barque Kathleen, for Dublin, 431,114 ft. spruce deals, value \$4,000. Steamer Damara, for Liverpool, 14,073 ft. birch deals, value \$155; 29,740 ft. spruce deals, value \$386, by Furness, Withy & Co., agents. Barque Kong Sverne, for Wisbec, 409,691 ft. spruce deals, value \$4,616, by A. Dickle, agent.

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