

review of the shingle market. Some of the dealers report a large stock on hand, while others have a very small supply and are in the market to buy all they can find. An advance of 15 cents over the July price list is announced, which places 18-inch at \$3.85 and 16-inch at \$3.40. Red cedar shingles are selling about 20 cents per thousand less than pine.

FOREIGN.

The imports into Great Britain from Canada have been heavy of late, but from the north of Europe ports the reverse is the case, due to the extraordinary position of the freight market. A state of things similar to that now existing has not been known for years. Every class of vessel has been called into requisition to supply the demand, and the natural result is high rates of freight. This has caused a further strengthening of the lumber market. At a recent sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., waney pine timber sold at high values, but square pine and birch planks scarcely realized average quotations. Spruce deals are experiencing a steady consumption. At Manchester £7 2s 6d to £7 5s is being asked for large lines ex ship, and there is every prospect of a further increase in price. Concerning the Liverpool market a correspondent writes as follows: "The spruce market is very stiff, and no signs of relaxation are apparent up to the present time; nor do we see why any such hopes should be entertained. The season for shipping from the St. Lawrence ports is drawing to a close, and with it the rates of freights and insurance will increase. This serves to strengthen the position of shippers.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

G. Elias & Bro., of Buffalo, are said to be negotiating for the purchase of a hardwood limit in Canada.

The city of Toronto recently invited tenders for the supply of a quantity of oak and elm timber. Only one tender was submitted, and the council have not yet let the contract.

Prices at Philadelphia have advanced within the past fortnight. Hemlock sells at \$14 to \$14.50, 8 and 9 inch spruce at \$17 and \$19, and 8 inch and under boards, up to 20 feet, at \$17.

The Bonny River Lumber Co., who recently acquired the Todd property at Bonny river, Charlotte county, N.B., expect to get out this winter about 5,000,000 feet of logs. The mill, which has been idle for some years, is now being repaired.

Very little lumber is on the wholesale market at Duluth. A price of \$9.25 is said to have been refused for some No. 4 boards, but the greatest advance pertains to lath. One year ago lath was selling in the Duluth market at 75 cents and \$1. To-day quotations are \$1.60 and \$2.

A report from Ottawa, dated Aug. 21st, stated that there were at the Cascades, on the Gatineau river, about 15 miles from Ottawa, the largest number of logs that has ever been got together in one mass. Owing to the lateness of the spring and consequent high water, the lumbermen of the Gatineau could not start their run until very recently. When they did start they placed 240,000 logs in the river within ten days, with the result that there gathered at the foot of Little Cascade rapids 130,000 saw logs, 70,000 railway ties, 7,500 pieces of cedar, and 5,000 pieces of timber. The logs were 25 tiers deep, and beneath these runs the river at the rate of 25 miles an hour. It is proposed to use dynamite to break this jam.

It was recently recorded that the Saginaw Lumber & Salt Co. had purchased 3,000,000 feet of Canadian logs cut on exempted limits. It is now learned

that the company has purchased 2,000,000 feet more, making a total of 5,000,000 feet to be rafted to the Saginaw river this season. The price paid for these logs was the highest ever given for Canadian logs.

Following is a comparative statement of timber, &c., measured and culled at Quebec to August 29th, 1899:

Table with 3 columns: Species (Waney white pine, Square white pine, Red pine, Oak, Elm, Ash, Bluestem, Lutternut, Tamarac, Birch and Maple), 1897 volume, 1898 volume, 1899 volume.

There promises to be great activity in logging operations in the districts north of Bobcaygeon and Lindsay. M. M. Boyd & Co., of Bobcaygeon, will operate on about the same scale as last year, and will have one large camp on their Glamorgan township limits. McCormack & McLeod will have two gangs on Trout creek, Muskoka, and are already cutting cedar in Haliburton county. The Dickson Co., of Lakefield, will make a large cut on the old Scott limits in Cavendish and Anstruther. The Gilmour Company have sent a gang of men into Harvey township, about eight miles from Bobcaygeon. It is the intention to clean up this limit, taking off all the pine, cedar, hemlock, birch and elm. Turner & Fisher, of Saginaw, will have four camps in Muskoka and Georgian Bay limits, and the Rathbun Company will operate extensively in Muskoka and Haliburton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LUMBER SHIPMENTS.

The shipments of lumber from British Columbia to foreign countries up to July 31st of this year were as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Name of Vessel, From, For, Cargo-Ft. Lists various ships like John Smith, Coloma, W. F. Witzemann, Louisiana, etc., and their destinations and cargo volumes.

THE AUSTRALIAN LUMBER MARKET.

Messrs. Fraser & Co., of Melbourne, in their last monthly report, review the Australian market as below:

Sales of timber during the past four weeks have been of a moderate character, few important operations having been made from stocks in the yard and "ex wharf." In no line, however, has there been a decline upon last rates; while in some instances slightly better prices have been asked and secured, and for several descriptions of lumber there are indications of better value being shown at no distant date. There are signs of an improvement in the demand from the country districts when the spring season opens, also at which time there will most probably be an increase in the town and suburban orders, as many contracts for building requirements have lately been arranged to commence operations very shortly; and as further local contracts are now in view to be concluded within the next few months, we are, therefore, hopeful of seeing in the near future a much improved demand for all classes of timber, and for an actual consumption of the same.

SPRUCE AND BALTIC WHITE DEALS.—Imports: Nil. Some further business, but of a limited extent, has been done in stocks at

2 3/4d per foot of 9 x 3 for an assorted specification.

OREGON PINE.—Imports: Nil. The trade having been well supplied out of the last cargo from Hawaiian Isles, consequently there has been but little business done in the past four weeks. Some small sales have been concluded at from £6 to £6 5s per 1000 feet super., which basis the market is firm for the remainder of supplies at the wharf.

SHELVING AND CLEAR PINE.—Imports: Nil. £8 10s is now required for shelving, at which figure some sales have been concluded. Michigan clear pine is in poor demand at £14 10s per 1000 feet super.

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

CANADA ATLANTIC RAILWAY.

Lumber freight rates on the Canada Atlantic Railway, according to the summer schedule effective April 1st, are as follows. Ottawa, Rockland, Hawkesbury and intermediate points to Toronto, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Toronto, pine 10 cents, hardwood, 11 cents; Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft.; Ottawa to Syracuse, \$2.20 per M ft. (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Ottawa to Montreal, \$1.00 per M ft., lath 20 cents per M pieces; Quebec, \$2.00 per M ft., lath 40 cents per M pieces; Arnprior to Montreal, \$1.50 per M feet, lath 30 cents per M pieces; Quebec, 12 cts.; Pembroke to Montreal, \$1.75 per M ft., lath 35 cents per M pieces; Quebec, \$2 75 per M ft., lath 55 cents per M pieces; Ottawa to New York, \$3.00 per M ft., lath 55 cents per M pieces; Arnprior to New York, \$3.50 per M ft., lath 65 cents per M pieces; Pembroke to New York, \$3.75 per M ft., lath 70 cents per M pieces; Parry Sound to New York, \$4.00 per M ft., lath 80 cts. per M pieces; Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Boston and common points, local 15c.; exports 11c. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Boston and common points, local 17 cts., export 15 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Boston and Portland and common points, local 21 1/2 cts., export 20 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa, Rockland and Hawkesbury to Portland, &c., 15 cts.; Arnprior to Portland, 17 cts.; Ottawa to Burlington, 6c. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 20 cts. per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Albany, 12 cts. per 100 lbs.; Parry Sound to Albany, 17 cts. per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Scranton and Wilkesbarre, Pa., also Binghamton, N.Y., 23 cents per 100 lbs., from Arnprior 15 cents, from Parry Sound 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to St. John, N.B., and common points, 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Halifax, N.S., and common points, 21 cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight for shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 30,000 lbs., and rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs., except

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