

THE LOG PRODUCTION.

The following letters regarding the production of logs this winter have been received, in addition to those published in the March number:

LEWIS BROS., Midland, Ont.: "Last season we took out a little less than two million. While this year it will be a little over six million, we are not certain that we shall get them all out, as we still have quite a number to draw; we have had a long draw for about one-third of this quantity, from five to seven miles, and owing to the unusually stormy winter and great depth of snow, we have been delayed some. However, if weather holds good for another ten days or so we think they will all come out."

J. J. WENLOCK, Connor, N.B.: "Our cut of lumber last season was less than the previous year, on account of the dry season and low water, a part of the logs were hung up. All the mills have been shut down in this vicinity this winter. There is a large cut of logs on the upper St. John river this season. The weather and conditions have been favorable in this section, and if there is a good year for driving there will be a large quantity of lumber to market. It looks as if the price of lumber will not be any higher."

TRACADIE LUMBER CO., Sheila, N.B.: "Our cut will slightly exceed that of last winter. We expect to have about eleven million feet available for this season's cutting, exceeding last year by about 10 per cent. The winter, while very cold, has been favorable for logging. Wages have been nearly 25 per cent. higher than previous years and cost of logs must be much higher than ever before."

N. & A. DYMENT, Thessalon, Ont.: "Our cut of logs this winter has been about the same as last year, if anything a little less. We have had a great deal of difficulty lumbering this winter on account of the excessive depth of snow. It came very early and prevented the freezing of the roads in the low places, and required a great many extra men and teams to keep the roads plowed out and the snow shoveled off the skid-ways, and latterly has caused some trouble on the lakes by the water rising over the ice on account of the heavy weight of snow. We think these conditions have been pretty general all along the North Shore."

THE GLASGOW MARKET.

Messrs. Edmiston & Mitchell, of Glasgow, Scotland, under date of 29th February, say that business so far this year may be described as having been rather disappointing, and the feeling of dullness which has characterized the market unfortunately shows very little evidence of undergoing a speedy alteration in this respect. The future is very much dependent upon shipbuilding and housebuilding,

and the prospects for these industries, we regret to say, are by no means reassuring. No doubt there have been several orders placed recently with shipbuilders, but these have been mostly for tramp steamers requiring very little timber.

A few shipments of pine and spruce deals and birch planks have come to hand during the past two months via St. John and Portland, and were for the most part disposed of from the ship's side. There has not been so much business June this year as last in contracting for delivery during the coming season, the Quebec shippers finding buyers unusually unresponsive to their offers, which may be explained partly on account of the high asking prices and partly because merchants see no evidence of trade improving to justify purchasing - particularly at such high prices. It is understood a fair business has been done in sidings on a basis of prices similar to those ruling last year.

In American hardwoods a steady business is going on, and values of high grade poplar and oak lumber are well maintained, but there is more pressure to sell the lower grades, with a consequent weakening of values.

Deliveries from stock have been fairly well maintained for the two months this year, though there has not been the same activity as existed at same period last year.

WHITE PINE.—Since the beginning of the year there has been no movement in waney or square timber, with the exception of a small parcel of fresh waney arriving via St. John, which was sold "ex quay." Stocks are moderate and prices firm.

QUEBEC RED PINE.—There is nothing new to report. There has been no further import, and the present small stock is sufficient for the demand.

OAK.—Enquiries for this class of timber are few, and except for one or two small retail sales, there has been nothing doing. Stocks are heavy.

ELM.—There has been a fair business

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done during the month, and some good lines of rock elm have been disposed of at satisfactory prices. The stock of this class is small, with prices tending upwards. Second class is moving off slowly, and the stock is still heavy.

QUEBEC BIRCH.—There has been no import this year, so far, of either logs or planks, and for all the demand which exists it is perhaps as well, as some of last year's import of Quebec logs still remains unvoid. Shippers are quoting higher prices for delivery during the coming season, but it is understood that little, if any, business has been done in this market, the furniture trade being too dull to encourage buying - particularly at an advance on last year's prices.

LOWER PORT BIRCH.—The import during January and February has been about 150 loads from St. John and Halifax, some of which has been sold "ex quay" and some stored. There is still a considerable quantity of old Pictou birch in the market, which is being offered at about a penny over the inch, but the demand is very slow. One or two lots of planks changed hands recently at about £7 5s. per standard.

ASH.—There is nothing of importance to advise, there being no stock of good logs in the market, and only an occasional enquiry for small quantities. There have been a few transactions in States logs and planks at prices ranging from 1s. 9d. to 2s. for the former, and from 2s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. for the latter. One exceptionally good lot of 3-inch planks brought 2s. 9d.

DEALS, &c.—Business during the month has been quiet. The import has been small, consisting almost entirely of spruce deals, part of which have been disposed of "ex quay," but the greater portion has gone into store. Pine deals and sidings are difficult to move. Prices, however, are firm. Current values are as under: Broad first pine deals, £32 to £34; 11-inch, £29 to £31; ends and non-dimensionals, £22 to £24. Second pine deals, 11-inch and up, £19 to £21; ends and non-dimensionals, £13 to £14 10s. Third pine deals, 11-inch and up, £12 to £14 10s.; ends and non-dimensionals, £9 10s. to £11. Red pine deals, 9 and 11-inch, £11 to £12 10s.; narrows, £8 10s. to £9 10s. First pine sidings and strips, 9 to 10-inch, £24 to £24 10s.; 11 to 12-inch, £25 to £26; 13 to 14-inch, £27 to £28. Spruce deals, 9-inch and up, £8 10s. to £9 5s.; 7 and 8-inch, £7 5s. to £8 5s.

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