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LUMBER HANDLERS' SCALE AT BUFFALO.
On account of the difierences existing between the grain shovellers and freight handlers at Buffalo, the lumber contractors took advantage of the situation and made a claim for an ad. vance in the price for unloading forest products, also for stowing on the docks After zonsul. tation, the stevalore committec of the Buftalo Iumber Exchange aceeded to their demands. The following prices have therefore been agreed upon for unloading, effective May 22 : Leg run white pinc, including strups and mill culls, 26 cents a thousand; shorts, 44 cents; 14 inch strips in lots in hold, 36 cents; Norusy; 1102 inches, not over is rect, 26 cents; Narway bill stuff, 3,4 and 5 inclics, 22 cenis ; hemnlock same as for Norway. This is an advance of 4 conts per thousand all round. Laith, $71 /$ cents a thousand, an adrance of If cent : shingles, is inch, $41 / 5$ cents; 16 inch, $31 / 5$ cents, an adtvance of 3 s cent; cedar posts, I cent cach: hasswcod, 30 cents a zhousand ; clin, 40 cents; ash, maple and aak, 45 cents. This is an advance of 5 cents on hasswood, is cenis on clm, and 10 ecnts on 2sh, maple and oak. The prices for stowing on dock remain the same.

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CURRBNT TRADE CONDITIONS.

## ontakio.

If the lumber situation has undergone any ciange within the past week, it has bsen 17 the direction of further improve. ment. Mills are busy shipping out stock, and orders now placed cannot be filled for weeks to come. Each day brings its business, and the volume of trade contin. ues to swell. As building operations for the season have only fairly commenced, the lumber requirement for this purpose, for one month at least, is likely to expard rather than decline. There may be a falling off in trade during the summer months, but no one beheves that the demand will slacken to any extent, as consuming industries have light supplies on hand and must contunue to add to their stock. All grades of pine find a ready market, while pine lath is scarce and advancing in price; the wholesale price in Toronto is $\$ 1.60$ for No. 1 and $\$ 1.25$ for No. 2. Pine shingles, 16 inch $\mathcal{N X X}$, sell at $\$ 2.40$ wholesale, and $X X$ at $\$ 1.50$. Dealers still report a great scarcuty of hardwoods. Prices have been well rraintaned senerally, although maple is not being purchased to any extent, and consequently there is a possibility of weakening values. Manufacturers are asking $\$ 12$ for mill run maple, a price which dealers believe to be out of proportion to the other woods, in view of the available supply. Soft elm, mill run, is selling in Tcronto at $\$ 16$ to $\$ 18$ for inch and inch and one-balt, and $\$ 17$ to $\$ 19$ for two to three inch. There has been an advance of about five dollars per thousand in quartered oak, which nows sells at $\$ 50$ to $\$ 60$ in Toronto.
guebec asid new brunswich.
The lumber trade in Montreal is somewhat unsetticd owing to the recent failures. The business conducted by John A. Balmer \& Cc. was quite extensive, the liabilities being over $\$ 2 \infty, 000$. No sooner had this assignment become generally known than the embarrassment was announced of A. PMcLaurin \& Co. In both of these falures a number oflumber. men, in city and elsewhere, are interested. These occurrences are but another indica. non that lumber is being sold on a margin of profit altogether too small. So far as export irade is concerned, business is in good shape, and quite a large number of vessels have been chartered for June and july leading. The iendency of prices is to arvance.
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The strike in the building trade at

Winnipeg has been setled, and lumber is likely to move actively in the near future. Trade at present is rather quiet both on city and country account, but the season promises well and dealers are pleased with the prospects. Tee production of lumber this year by the Like of the lVonds mills will be greater than ever before. In Bruish Columbia the mills are unable to supply the demand for lumber, and as a result building operations have been kept back. Every day new building projects loom up, and it is feared that some of the cities will be overdune in this respect. Foreign trade is in a prospernos condithon, but vessels are scarce.

## united states.

The transactions of the past week show conclusively that the lumber market of the Unted States is steadily improving. Prices at the mills have been matntained, and wholesale prices, which have been the weak spot in the trade, are getting into line. There has been a heavy movement of stock to the eastern markets, where trade has picked up wonderfully withn the past month. The improvement is not confined to pine and hardwoods, but extends to all classes of lumber, and particularly to hemlock, which has undergone another advance of 75 certs per thousand. At New York the scarcity of dry lumber is becoming more marked day by day, and with a large amount of building arranged for, a season of great activity is assured. A scarcity of lath and shingles is still reported at Buffalo, although these are being received freely by vessel. The are being received freely by in hardwoods is still the feature of that trade. In many markets green lumber is being sold to consumers at practically the prices formerly prevailing for dry stock. As the season advances the upinion is gaining ground that there will be no weakening in haidwond prices this sum mer, espectally as muctio of the production of this year is already contracted for. Several furniture manufacturers in the east are said to have ceased turning out certain lines of their output, simply because they cannot obtan the lumber necessary for their production.

## yorrign.

The impression, prevalent inthe British market eatlier in the season, that the supplies forthcoming would prove the heaviest for some years, has been con siderably modified, and instead merchants now entertain the possibility that the production at the various mills abroad may urn out to be quite limited. This fact is having an effect upon prices of both Ballic and Canadian stock. In Baltic whitewood a firming tendency is reported, and there seems a probability that prices may so 5 s. higher before long. Spruce deals are also strengthening, and some con tracts have recently been made at con stdetably advanced prices. At Liverpool
some stock: from Sliednac have sold at 2685 gd c.l.f., and ouhers in proportoon. A point on which merclannts are not unanimous is the course which spruce prices ate likely to take later in the season. There ane a few who believe that values will not so beyond therr present basis, but those most closely in touch with the trade believe that the hiphest point has not yet been reached. The demand is so good at presemt that all the first imports will go direct into consumptom. There is no material change in the pine market, white hardwoods are inclined to strengethen.
inclined to strengthen. tion, but buyers in France are exhibiting much cauturn. A number of vessels have been chartered to load at mantume province ports for Cuba and other West India Islands, where trade is steadily reviving.

## StOCKS AND PRICES.

Sprague's saw mill at Wimnipeg resumed operations last week, the first drive of logs having arrived.
The barque Cedar Croft cleared fom St. John, N. B., last week for Rosario, wihh 955,914 feet of dry lumber, shipped by $\Lambda$. Cushing \& Co.

The Assiniboine Lumber Company, of Brandon, Manitoba, are reported to have sold their mill, lumber in stock, and logs cut last winter, to John Hanbury, of that place.
The Department of Interior at Ollawa invites tenders up to June 261 h for a license to cut timber in British Columbia on berths containing an area of 60 square miles.
It is reported that J. \& T. Conlon, of Little Current, Ont., have disposed of all the lumber now in their yard, and that their mill will resume operations at an early diate.
The logs cut on the St. Crox river, in New Brunswick, last winter, will contain aiout $13,000,000$ fect. The owners are James Murche \& Sons. H. F. Eaton \&
Sons, Granville Chase and F. H. Todd $\& 2$ Sons,
Son.
Raft towing from the Georgian Bay district to Michigan has commenced. It is now esumated that not over 75,000 ,000 feet of Canadian logs, rut prior to April 30,1898 , and on exempted lands, will be taken across the lake this season.
At Toledo, Ohin, a noticeable feature is the increased demand for good lumber. Shop and better, and $8 / 4$ and $6 / 4$ shop, are scarce, and $4 / 4$ shop, dry, is about out of the market. No. 3 and No. 4 boards have advanced considerably,
owing to short supply and large derand.
The Newfoundland Iron Ore Co., Limited, of Workington, Newfoundland, invite tenders for the delivery at Old Perlican, Trinty Bay. Nfd, of a large quarn. tity of 10 and 12 inch square spruce timber. particulars may be obtained from the superintendent, Mr. S. Herbert Wiliams.

The Newville Lumber Co. have chartered the schooners Avin, Susan, Annie, Hatty Mckay and Sarah F. 10 load lumberat Pirrsborn, N. S, for the Enited States. When these vessels are loaded it will make nine cargoes shipped by the above firm to the United States, bestdes a cargo to I'ort of Spain, Trinidad.

Maple lumber, log run, is being sold at about $\$ 16$ on the Chicago market. There isaprobability of somewhat lower prices for birch this season than existed carlier in the year. Supplies have been considerably augmented during the past season, and dry stocks have not run down to the low point observed in other kinds of hard. wood.
Lath is in much demand at Buffilo, while as 3 et there is but a meagre supply. l'ine lablh sells at about $5=25$. Shingles are being ececived more ripidly than tumber, which is an indication that trade is strong. Clear buts sell at $\$: 10$ and upwards. Mixer \& Co. recently received two carsoes, contining about 4,0co,000 shingles.

In New York 11 is probable that another advance will be made in the price of northern pine. Mills are reported so full of ordeis that they cannot ship for a month. Spruce has gone ial 50 cents and is still scarce. In Boston random cargo is suill scatce. In
spruse ranges froll $\$ 13$ to $\$ 1450$, accordspruce rances from $\$ 13$ to $\$ 1450$, accord-
ing to stock. Hemlock has reactied the highest figure min history in New York, being now on a basis of \$13:25.
Atthe Cinadian Government office, London, Eng., enquiry has been made for the names of lumber firms piepared to supply large quantuies of wood blocks, suitib'e for paving purposes, and railway slecpers. A firm in Warsaw, Russia, desire lo act as agents for the sale of Canadian pro duce. They pont out that Warsaw is an important market for vencers, rolling boards, etc.
The Saginaw river wholesale market is firm. There is vet y litle lumber offering except for stock to be cut for future delivery. Thus far this spring the Saginaw Lumber \& Salt Company has sold to,000, 000 feet to be cut. C. K. Eddy \& Sons have sold several million feet, which is have sold several million feet, which is
now being manufactured. The Central now being manufactured. and C. S. Bliss is behind with his orders.
At a recent auction sale held by, Foy, Morgan \& Co., London, Eng, the following pices were realizerl:16 ft. $3 \times 11 \mathrm{in}$.
first quality pine, $£ 2015 \mathrm{~s} ; 6.7 \mathrm{ft} .3 \times 11$ first quality pine, $£ 2015 \mathrm{~s} ; 6.7 \mathrm{f}$. $3 \times 11$
ir. spruce, $£ 65 \mathrm{~s} ; 6.8 \mathrm{fl} 3 \times 9 \mathrm{in}$. spruce, $\mathcal{E}_{5} 175 \mathrm{gd} ; 13 \mathrm{ft} .3 \times 9$ second quality spruce, $\{7155 ; 10.13 \mathrm{ft}$. $3 \times 8 \mathrm{in}$. first qualuy spruce, 67 tos ; pine, ex Ashanii, from Quebee, sold as follows: 13.18 ft . $6 \times 11$ first quality, $15 ; 12.18$ ft. $6 \times 9$, £ $14 ; 12-1814.5 \times 11,215 ; 4 \times 11$ £ 1555 ; $12.18 \mathrm{tt} .5 \times 9 . \underset{\sim}{1} 5$.
The secrelary of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association has made a canvass of stocks of diy white pine lum. ber in the territory covered by that is. sociation, and finds a intal shortage of lumber, as compa:cd with the stocks of one year ago, of $393,000,000$ fect. This shortage is largely altributable to the large amount of business done in low grade lumber duing the past winter and spring. The shortage shown on January I was $140,000,000$ feet, which indicates the immense volume of business done since that date. A lagge portion of the season's cut of the mills at the head of the lakes is sold ahead. The demand for low grade lumber is phenominal.

A report fiom Fiedericton, N. B., dated May 26 th, sats: Repots from up river state that unless there are some heavy rains soon to raise the water, a large number of logs will be hung up and cannot possibly be got out until next spring. W. J. Noble has between five and six million feet at Seven Islands, which can only be got out with a big rise of water. Jolin Kilhurn has about 10,$\infty, 0 \infty$ feet hung up on Northwest rapids. Donald Fraser \& Sons drwe of $3,000,000$ feet on Green rwer is coming along slowly and will probably be brought out safe. ly. Cunliff, with seven million, reached corporation limutslast night. R A. Noble, with $7,000,000$, will probably reach corporation limits in a day or two.

Offerings of pine on the Chicago cargo market contunue to be light, although considerable lumber is being sold. Short prece stuff sells at $\$ 13.5010 \$ 11.75$ for dry, and short green picce stuff on the basis of $\$ 11$. Yard dealers are compiling a new list on the basis of $\$ 13$ for short lengiths of piece sluff fo.b. Chicago, with the excepunon of $2 \times 4$, 10 f 1 ., which is listed at $\$ 13.50$. The advanee in list prices during the past wo weeks amounts to 50 cents ;er thousand on the lower grades and from $\$ 110 \$ 2$ per thousand on the grades and thecknesses of shop lumber that are in most active demand. There has been no change in Nio. 1 and No. $212 \cdot \mathrm{Inch}$ stock boards. In shingies the yard deal. crs are asking from $;$ to 10 cents more lhan ruling prices of ?wo weeks ago, and prices on lath have been advanced to S2. 50 fo1 white pine, 5.40 for mxed, $\$ 2 . j 0$
for No. 1 Norway, and $\$ 2.1=$ for No for No. 1 Norway, and $\$ 3.15$ for No. 1 hemiock. It is satd that there never has been a time when lath were so scarce.

## Lumber ' mices.

Lumber prices at the present time, says the American Lamblerman, are alout as high as they were in 1592 , and in some cases higher. There should loe a gradual advance in aresage prices as the years go lyy, for in spite of natural growth the guantity of available timber is decreasing and a carrying charge is to tee added. but it is probable that the carrying charge since igoz or the spring of 1893 aid the present time has been covered hy the adsance.
It should be remenbered that 1892 and the first few mont'ss of : 803 marked the culaina. tion of a profitatile business period that was followed quickly by the panic and a heavy decline in valees, which are only now being restored. At the present time the country is not at the culnimation of a "hoom" periced, if such it may be called, but apparently lardly begun on a period of indlustral and commercial prosperity of indefinite lengih.
The change beean in 1897 and with some Auctuations there lias been on the whole a steadily swelling volume of business ever since. Lumber prices have moved upwads since the summer of lint year and the tendency is still uphatd. What will lee the outcome? Paces properly distributed to all engaged in the busi-ness-manufacturers, all legitimate middlemen and cistributers. This is as it should he. and is for what the Lumleerman has always stond. Incidentally, houever, we might throw oat a warning. There is a growing feeling through the country that prices of many commoditics are being pushed soo high. It is doubsful it this is the case with lumber ; but it certainly would be beetter to rest content with what al. ready $t$, been secured than to risk collapse by carsying the process of price increment to the point of infation. Still, the warning may be unnecessary $;$ in fact, there is a feeting quite generally noticealie through the lamber trade that the top notch of average prices has nearly or quite been teached, though a few items or classes of stock may jet go higher.

## SHIPPING MATTERS.

From Montreal vessel rates on lumber rule alout as follows: To Liverpool, $35 s$ to 375 Gd ;
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lin, 4256 dl to 45 s ; Manchester, 4256 k .
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As alicady announced, the Grand Trunk and Canadian l'acific Raihwajs have issed new humber tariffs, advancing by $1 / 2$ cent per 100 lbs. the rate on pine and hardwood lumber to
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