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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.
ONTARIO.

A slackening of the demand for lumber is permitting the trade to give the necessary attention to balancing up the business of the year and arranging plans for next season's operations. We believe the year 1898 has, in general, shown some improvement over its predecessor, although but few reports have as yet been received. One point, however, on which there is little doubt, and which is encouraging to the trade, is that the quantity of low grade pine in the hands of manufacturers is comparatively small. Even mill culls are not in heavy stock, and the price thereof is higher than it has been for some years. It is also true that for the last two years several of the mills in Ontario have not been in operation, and consequently the stock of lumber in the yards has been considerably reduced, if not cleaned out entirely. The shingle market is also strong and the supply light. The outlook at the close of the year, therefore, is not the darkest, more especially as there is a good pros-

pect of a continuation of active building operations in 1899. Hardwoods continue to be sought after, all classes being in demand. No better indication of the scarcity of these woods can be found than the number of enquiries received at the office of this journal for stock of different kinds. There appears to be a desire to contract with mill men for their cut, evidently to ensure securing the necessary lumber for requirements.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Building operations are still being proceeded with in Manitoba, the Northwest, and British Columbia, and consequently some lumber is moving from retail yards. More than usual activity marks the closing days of a successful year, so far as the lumber trade is concerned. The outlook for next season is also promising. The improved condition of the west is attracting capital, and a number of new enterprises are likely to take definite shape in the spring, to the benefit of lumber manufacturers and dealers. An effort has been made on the Pacific coast to advance prices to a profitable basis, and at a recent conference of mill men \$9 was decided upon as the figure for standard lengths, while \$9.50 was suggested as the price of overlengths. Local trade is good, and the foreign demand is improving.

UNITED STATES.

The demand in the United States for lumber is much better than in December last year, and the tendency of the market is upwards. The east has recovered of late in an almost surprising degree, and the year will close with a satisfactory volume of trade to its credit. One feature of much significance is the demand for low grade boards in almost all kinds of lumber, but particularly in pine. This is due, in a measure, to the activity in box making. It is believed that the box requirement will continue for a year at least, so that there is no prospect that the demand will diminish in the near future. At the head of the lakes lumber is well sold out, and No. 3 and No. 4 boards have advanced in price. At Buffalo and Tonawanda dealers are closing the year in good spirits. There is a scarcity of box lumber, some grades of barn boards, and nothing is in full supply except cutting-up stock. Advanced prices are looked for before many weeks, or at least as soon as the spring trade commences to move. In New York, although the movement of stock is light, prospects are quite encouraging, and the market is

firm. This is also the outlook at Pittsburgh. The consumption of hardwoods is very large throughout the United States in the manufacture of agricultural implements, wagons, furniture, etc., and at the close of the year the situation is very strong. Perhaps the most activity is in the Eastern States, where there has been an industrial revival since the close of the Cuban war. Advanced prices for all the hardwoods are being obtained, and with dealers it is more a question of securing the dry stock than of getting orders. Basswood has taken on increased strength of late.

FOREIGN.

At the recent auction sales of wood goods in Great Britain there has been exhibited perhaps more than the usual eagerness to secure stock, and consequently the tone of the market is firm. All the wood-consuming industries have large orders on hand, although some of them are closed down for the holiday period. Shipbuilding on the Clyde is active, and deals landed by the steamers from Canada have been disposed of ex quay. In another column are given the results of a sale held by Churchill & Sim. In some instances the lumber was of inferior quality, which accounts for a slight depreciation in prices. In general, there has been a decided advance in spruce deals, and a tendency to strengthening of prices in the case of pine deals and some other lumber. Buying for next year is progressing as favorably as could be expected, and after the turn of the year more buoyancy is anticipated. The reports from other foreign markets tell of a quiet demand.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

W. Cook and R. Oliver are taking out ties on Bedford Island, near Little Current, Ont.

William Hone, of Topping, Ont., has purchased 50 acres of timber land in the township of Stanley, Huron county.

L. P. Hovey is getting out 1,500,000 feet of spruce in Compton county, Quebec, for the Turner Falls Lumber Co.

Joseph Dobson, of Stoney Creek, N B., is lumbering at Lower Hillsboro', and expects to get out 600,000 feet of deals.

Messrs. DeCew & Sons, who have purchased the Thornton stove factory at Fenelon Falls, Ont., are buying large quantities of elm logs.

Messrs. Turner and Coleman, of Euphemia township, Lambton county, have sold the elm timber on their farms to Wideman & Co., obtaining therefor \$1,220 and \$750 respectively.

The Rat Portage Lumber Company is said to have purchased all the lumber of

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the Graham, Horne & Co. estate at Fort William, Ont. Mr. Graham has been appointed local manager.

J. Davidson, of Ashland, Wis., has closed a contract to cut 4,000,000 feet of logs for Mr. McCaul, the waney board operator.

The Dock Department of New York city opened bids last week for 1,643,872 feet of yellow pine, and awarded the contract to Coney, Eckstein & Co., at \$15.93 per thousand feet, delivered.

The tug St. Clair arrived at the Brunette saw mills, New Westminster, B.C., recently, with 733,000 feet of logs. This is the largest raft of logs which has ever been received at the Brunette mills.

It is estimated that at least 3,500 men are working in the woods on the Kennebec waters, and that the season's cut, including saw logs and pulp wood, will reach 100,000,000 feet, against 97,000,000 feet last year.

Cockburn & Son, of Sturgeon Falls, Ont., have contracted with the Sturgeon Falls Pulp Co. to take out a large quantity of pulp wood. They will cut 5,000 cords this winter, and 10,000 cords in each of the two succeeding years.

Next to Chicago, Cleveland has been the largest buyer of coarse white pine stock along the chain of great lakes. The present holdings are believed to be fully 25 per cent. above those of one year ago, or in the neighborhood of 125,000,000 feet.

New York dealers report having received enquiries for a considerable quantity of box shooks required in Argentina, Brazil, the British West Indies, and Porto Rico. It is estimated that from 15 to 18 car loads will be required immediately.

At Manistee, Mich., prices on hemlock are especially good. There has recently been experienced a considerable growth in demand for hemlock in the northwestern states, no doubt due, in a measure, to the comparatively high price of Norway and white pine dimension.

John Connelly, of Lake Bennett, B. C., will apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut timber on 960 acres of land situated on the bank of Pine creek, in British Columbia. Oliver Rolston will also apply for permission to cut timber on a similar berth.

There were received at North Tonawanda, N. Y., during the year now closing 349,463,600 feet of lumber and 60,674,500 shingles. In 1897 the receipts were 415,114,450 feet of lumber and 46,501,200 shingles. At Tonawanda there were received 119,053,878 feet of lumber in 1898 and 169,722,000 feet in 1897.

Eastern buyers have lately purchased some stock at Menominee, Mich., to be shipped by rail. One firm sold 500,000 feet of green mill culls, to go to Chicago, at the price of \$7.50 on cars. The box manufacturers are buying up all the lumber in the market that can be used in their business, which will practically clean up all the No. 3 and No. 4 boards.

It is stated that never in its history has there been such a boom in hardwood lumber in Michigan. Ash, oak, elm, basswood and soft maple are from \$2 to \$5 a thousand higher than they were two years ago. The sale of 40,000 feet of basswood was recently made at Saginaw at \$17, whereas two years ago not more than \$13 could have been obtained for the same stock. Another sale of 85,000 feet of hardwood is noted at advanced prices.

The Assiniboine Lumber Co., of Brandon, Man., have sent a large gang of men to their timber limit on the Saskatchewan river. The company have this year put in a portable mill, with which they will cut the timber in the locality where it is felled. The ties will be floated down the Saskatchewan river to Minnedosa and there loaded on cars. The Shell river cut of timber will be floated down the Assiniboine river to the saw mill at Brandon.

The lumber market at Boston has gained strength, owing to an understanding which has been reached by the spruce manufacturers in the matter of quotations.

There is now a fair profit on such sales as are being made, and the prospects are considered favorable for a better trade next year. Plans have been prepared for a number of buildings to be erected in the city and suburbs during the next twelve months, and throughout the factory cities and towns of New England there is considerable industrial activity.

According to the Northwestern Lumberman, there were received at Michigan ports during 1898 246,090,441 feet of Canadian logs, as follows: Saginaw river, 155,000,000 feet; Detroit, 10,000,000 feet; East Tawas, 9,800,000 feet; Alpena, 17,500,000 feet; Cheboygan, 46,700,000 feet; total, 238,800,000 feet. A comparison of the logs rafted from Canada shows the following: 1893, 184,500,000 feet; 1894, 301,000,000 feet; 1895, 279,229,943 feet; 1896, 279,388,654 feet; 1897, 252,344,532 feet; 1898, 238,843,024 feet.

SALE OF CANADIAN LUMBER.

At a recent auction sale held by Messrs. Churchill & Sim, at London, Eng., Canadian lumber of the dimensions given below sold as follows:

PINE. - Ex Milwaukee, from Quebec - 6-13 ft., 3 x 6 in. 1st bright white pine, £14 15s; 6-13 ft., 3 x 5, £14 15s; 7-13 ft., 3 x 4, £13 10s and £13 5s; 6-16 ft., 3 x 6 4th bright white pine, £5 5s and £5 10s; 6-16 ft., 3 x 5, £5; 6-16 ft., 3 x 4, £6; 6-16 ft., 3 x 4-6, £5 5s; 6-13 ft., 3 x 4-6 1st white pine, £5; 6-16 ft., 3 x 6 4th white pine, £5. Ex Marino, from Quebec - 6-8 ft., 3 x 10 1st bright white pine, £14 5s; 6-8 ft., 3 x 9, £14 10s; 6-8 ft., 3 x 8, £13 15s; 6-8 ft., 3 x 7, £13 15s. Ex Yola, from Quebec - 10-11 ft., 3 x 11 1st bright white pine, £19 15s; 9 ft., 3 x 11, £16; 9-13 ft., 3 x 12 20, £17 5s; 9-11 ft., 3 x 9-10, £13; 9 ft., 3 x 7 and 8, £11 10s; 8 ft., 3 x 11-21, £15 10s; 6 ft., 3 x 11 27, £10 15s; 6 ft., 3 x 5 10, £9. Ex Progressist, from Quebec - 12-16 ft., 3 x 12 28 2nd bright white pine, £14 5s; 9-11 ft., 3 x 12-25, £13, 10 ft., 3 x 12-26, £12 15s; 9-16 ft., 3 x 11, £13 15s; 16 ft., 3 x 10, £11 5s; 12 ft., 3 x 10, £11; 12-16 ft., 3 x 7 9, £10; 6-11 ft., 3 x 7 22, £10 5s. Ex Montezuma, from Quebec - 16 ft., 3 x 11 3rd white pine, £7 10s; 12-16 ft., 3 x 11, £7 10s; 6 ft., 3 x 6 1st white pine, £12 10s; 6 ft., 3 x 5, £12 10s; 6 ft., 3 x 4, £12 5s. Ex I. Kaja, from Quebec - 12-16 ft., 2 x 12 1st white pine, £19 10s; 12-16 ft., 1 x 12, £19 and £18 15s; 12 15 ft., 1 x 12, £17 10s; 11 13 ft., 1 x 12, £17 5s. Ex Hazelmoor, from Quebec - 12 ft., 3 x 11 1st white pine, £18; 13 ft., 3 x 11, £18 and £17 10s; 13 ft., 3 x 9, £17 10s.

SPRUCE. - Ex Progressist, from Quebec - 12 ft., 3 x 9 2nd spruce, £7 10s; 11-16 ft., 3 x 9, £7 5s; 12 ft., 3 x 10 3rd quality, £6 15s. Ex Cameo, from Quebec - 13-16 ft., 1 x 9 2nd quality, £8 15s; 14-16 ft., 1 x 9, £8 15s. Ex Madara, from Saguenay - 5-8 ft., 3 x 8 and 11 in. 1st, 2nd and 3rd quality, £6 15s; 4-8 ft., 3 x 9, £6. Ex Turania, from Quebec - 13 ft., 3 x 9 in. 2nd quality, £7 10s and £7 5s; 12 ft., 3 x 9, £7 10s. Ex Chatfield, from Quebec - 11-17 ft., 4 x 8 unassorted white, £6 5s. Ex Karmenur, from Quebec - 13 ft., 3 x 9 bright white spruce, £5 10s; 11 ft., 3 x 9, £5 10s; 10 16 ft., 2 x 8 and 9, £5 5s. Ex Chronoa, from St. John, N.B. - 12 16 ft., 3 x 11 1st, 2nd and 3rd quality, £6 5s.

SPRUCE VS. WHITEWOOD.

The West Hartlepool correspondent of the Timber News, of Liverpool, Eng., thus refers to the competition between spruce and white-wood. "Prices are well maintained, and whitewood is, if anything, a little firmer, though the arrival of another spruce cargo may have a slightly depressing effect. This is the fourth or fifth cargo of spruce imported here during the present season, and there are now fair stocks in the port. We expressed the opinion at the beginning of the year that the question as to whether spruce would find a ready market in this district depended very much upon the quality of the spruce brought in, and now that we have seen what it is like and can report that, though the quality has varied a good deal, the goods, on the whole, have presented a fairly attractive appearance, we can only say the question is still a very doubtful one. The opinion expressed by consumers is by no means unanimous; but, so far as we can gather, if dressed goods are required, whitewood is much preferred. The fact remains, however, that in quoting for whitewood, the strong competition of spruce has had to be taken into consideration, and this has not tended to strengthen the position of whitewood."

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Recent circulars to hand review the Barbados lumber market as follows.

WHITE PINE. - There have been several arrivals during the fortnight; the Grace Rice from Liverpool with 107 M shipping and 35 M 2nd quality, was sold for St. Vincent. On 28th November we had the Oasis, from Shelburne, with 56 M shipping, 11 M 2nd quality, which we placed locally at \$22.16 and \$16.30 respectively, and on the following day the Trader arrived from same port with 94 M shipping, which we sent on in vessel to Trinidad. On 5th inst. the Arthur V. S. Woodruff arrived from Calais, Me., with a small lot of 20 M ft. 2nd quality (cargo principally shingles), which was of very inferior quality, and was sold at \$10.16 with all faults. We have since had the Alma and Eva May, both from Port Williams, N. S.; former had 85 M shipping and 58 M 2nd quality, which we placed at \$22.26 and \$16.30 respectively, and latter 98 M shipping and 54 M 2nd quality, which we have sold at \$22.30 and \$16.30 respectively. Dealers are all now fairly supplied, and as demand is beginning to slacken, will hardly continue increasing their stocks at these rates.

SPRUCE. - The only arrival of boards is a small lot of 38 M shipping, and 8 M. 2nd quality by the Alina, which we placed at \$18 and \$14 respectively. The Woodruff had 25 M scantling, which we sold at \$16.26, with all faults. The demand for spruce boards generally sets in about this or next month.

SHINGLES. - Cedar - Gaspe, last sale at \$5 54; spruce laying, \$2 25; cedar laying, \$2.74; cypress, \$8.50 and \$6.50 for 6-inch hearts and saps, ex Cora.

CONDITIONS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A recent issue of the News-Advertiser, of Vancouver, B.C., contains the following: Mr. W. A. Ward has just returned from San Francisco, where he attended a conference of lumbermen, at which the majority of the mills agreed to maintain a price of \$9. The Chemamus mills, however, stayed out of the arrangement. The advance from \$8 to \$9 per M for a 12-26 log, which was made the standard length, with \$9.50 for overlength, was probably made on account of the large number of orders on hand and the anticipated demands of China and Siberia. Mr. Ward is of the opinion that some action should be taken by the Government to have the pilotage charges and the consequent extra charges of the American tugs in bringing shipping here reduced, as this greatly handicaps the British Columbia mills. The American lumber carriers now ask 1s 3d extra to take a cargo at a British Columbia port as compared with the Sound, and in this they were upheld by the conference. The representatives of the British Columbia mills held that they are entitled to a differential, and the conference finally resolved to allow the British Columbia mills the 1s 3d, or to put them on an equal standing with Puget Sound in regard to charges. Mr. Ward says the Americans, knowing that the British hold the carrying trade of the Atlantic is secure, are fighting strenuously for the commerce of the Pacific. Shipping charges, wrecking and coasting laws, are still framed to give the American shipping the fullest advantage. Ships are everywhere being put under their flag and trade is being created for them. The great encouragement given the American mercantile marine is rapidly building it up, and Canada must move speedily to protect her interests in the Pacific.

The president of the United States has issued an executive order fixing the customs tariff for the island of Cuba, to go into effect January 1st, 1899. The lumber schedule shows that the duty on boards, deals, rafters, beams, round wood and timber for ship-building is 40 cents per cubic meter, equal to 94 1/2 cents per thousand feet board measure. It is expected that there will be much activity in house building in Cuba, and that a considerable quantity of lumber will be required for that purpose.

Attention is directed to the changes in additions in the lumber freight rates of the Canadian Pacific Railway, as published on third page.

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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 when quoted per M ft., the minimum carload charged is 10 M ft., lumber not exceeding 3,000 lbs. to the M feet Ottawa rates apply on shipments from Rockland and Hawkesbury.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Lumber freight rates for pine on the Grand Trunk Railway, according to the tariff issued 15th February, 1897, will be found below. General instructions in shipping by Grand Trunk are embodied in these words in the schedule: Minimum weight 30,000 lbs. per car, unless the marked capacity of the car be less, in which case the marked capacity (but not less than 24,000 lbs.) will be the minimum weight. Exceptions—Cedar posts in box cars, dry basswood and light pine or cedar lumber, dry cedar shingles, charcoal and sawdust, which cannot be loaded up to 30,000 lbs. or up to the marked capacity of car, will be carried at actual weight, minimum 24,000 lbs. The rates on lumber in the tariff will not be higher from an intermediate point on the straight run than from the first named point beyond to the same destination. For instance, the rates from Orillia to Guelph, Brampton, Weston or Toronto, would not be higher than the specific rates named from Gravenhurst to the same points. The rates from Carleton Place and Southampton to points east of Listowel and south and west of Stratford will be the same as from Kincardine and the rates from Hanover or Hepworth would not be higher than from Warton to the same destination, but in no case are higher rates to be charged than as per mileage table published on page 15 of tariff.

Rates from leading lumber points on pine and other softwood lumber, shingles, etc., are as follows: From Glencairn, Creemore, Aurora, Barrie and other points in group B to Toronto, 6 1/2c.; Collingwood, Penetang, Coldwater, Waubushene, Sturgeon Bay, Victoria Har-

bor, Midland, Fenelon Falls, Longford, Gravenhurst and other points in group C, to Toronto, 6 1/2c.; Bracebridge to Toronto 7c.; Utterson, Huntsville, Navors-Emsdale, Katrine to Toronto, 7 1/2c., Burk's Falls, Berriedale Sundridge and South River, to Toronto, 8c.; Trout Creek, Powassen and Callender to Toronto, 9c.; Nipissing Junction and North Bay, 10c.; Rate from Goderich, Kincardine, Owen Sound and Warton to Toronto, 6 1/2c. These rates are per 100 lbs. Rates from Toronto east to Belleville are 7 1/2c. per 100 lbs.; to Deseronto, 9c.; to Brockville and Prescott, 10c.; to Montreal and Ottawa, 10c. The rates on hardwoods average about from 1c. per 100 lbs. higher than on pine and softwoods. For rates on railway ties, mahogany, rosewood, walnut, cherry, and other valuable woods, application must be made to the district freight agent.

On spruce and balsam (partly seasoned) for pulp manufacture, the rate from Longford, Warton, Penetang, Coldwater, Waubushene, Victoria Harbor, Haliburton, Kinnmount, etc., to Toronto, is \$2.20 per cord, and to Merriton and Thorold, \$2.60. Katrine, Callender, North Bay, etc., to same points, \$2.45 and \$2.60 respectively. Beeton, Allandale, Orillia, etc., \$2.20 and \$2.60. On green spruce and balsam the rate is 25 per cent. higher.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

The rates at present in effect on the Canadian Pacific Railway to Toronto and Hamilton are as follows: Pine and soft woods from Klock, Mattawa, Bonfield, North Bay, Sturgeon Falls, Cache Bay and Warren, 9 cents, from Sudbury Jct., Rayside and Chelmsford, 10 cents, from Carleton Place and Geneva Lake, 10 1/2 cents; from Biscotasing, White Fish, Massey, Cutler, Spragge and Algoma, 12 cents per 100 lbs. The rates on hardwood are one cent per 100 lbs. higher than those on pine. From Ottawa, Hull, Aylmer and Dechenes Mills, also Arnprior Braeside and Pembroke, to Toronto the rate is 10 cents both on pine and hardwood. The rates are based on a minimum of 30,000 lbs. per car.

Summer rates to New York, via Albany and barge

line, expired on November 28th, owing to closing of navigation on the Hudson river, and the usual all rail rates became effective, as follows: To New York, for track delivery, and all points on the Hudson river, of the New York Central and West Shore railways from Ottawa, Hull, Aylmer, Deschenes Mills 15c. per 100 lbs., from Carleton Junction, etc., from Arnprior, Braeside and Renfrew, 17c., from Eganville and Pembroke, 18c. The rates to New York, including lighthouse within the free lighthouse limits of New York harbor, are 2 cents per 100 lbs. additional.

Summer rates to Montreal expired on November 15th, and the usual winter rates became effective as follows: From Ottawa, Hull, Aylmer and Deschenes Mills, 5c., Carleton Junction, 6c., Arnprior and Braeside, 7c., Renfrew, Eganville and Pembroke, 8c. The rate to Three Rivers is 4c. and to Quebec 5c. over the rate to Montreal. The minimum car load in all cases where rates are computed on a weight basis is 30,000 lbs.; when on a measurement basis 10,000 feet B M.

The C.P.R. also make the following rates on seasoned pine lumber to West St. John, N.B. for export: From Ottawa, Hull, Aylmer, Deschenes Mills, East Templeton and Buckingham, \$3.75 per M feet, from Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cents and to Detroit 14 cents per 100 lbs., to Boston, Mass., and common points, 15 cents from Ottawa, Hull, Deschenes Mills and all points east thereof, 16 cents from Carleton Junction, 15 cents from Arnprior, Braeside and Renfrew, and 13 cents from Eganville and Pembroke, and proportionate rates from points further west on lumber or consumption in the United States. The export lumber rate is 13 cents from Ottawa and Hull, 14 cents from Deschenes Mills, Aylmer and Carleton Junction, and 15 cents from Arnprior and Braeside to Boston.

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(The quotations given below are, unless otherwise specified, the average selling prices quoted by wholesale dealers at the different markets named.)

TORONTO, ONT.

TORONTO, December 28, 1898.

CAR OR CARGO LOTS.

Table listing lumber prices for car or cargo lots in Toronto, including items like 1 1/2 inch cut up and better, 2 inch pick and uppers, etc.

HARDWOODS—PER M. FEET CAR LOTS.

Quality, 15 and 25 unless otherwise specified.

Table listing hardwood prices per m. feet car lots in Toronto, including items like Ash, white, 1 to 2 in., Cherry, Elm, soft, etc.

OTTAWA, ONT.

OTTAWA, December 28, 1898.

Table listing lumber prices in Ottawa, including items like Pine, good sidings, per M feet, b.m., Pine, good strips, etc.

QUEBEC, QUE.

QUEBEC, December 28, 1898.

WHITE PINE—IN THE RAFT.

Table listing lumber prices in Quebec, including items like Common and railroad, for interior and ordinary according to average, quality, etc.

RED PINE—IN THE RAFT.

Table listing lumber prices in Quebec, including items like Measured off, according to average and quality.

OAK—MICHIGAN AND OHIO.

Table listing lumber prices in Quebec, including items like By the dram, according to average and quality.

ELM.

Table listing lumber prices in Quebec, including items like By the dram, according to average and quality.

ASH.

Table listing lumber prices in Quebec, including items like 14 inches and up, according to average and quality.

BIRCH.

Table listing lumber prices in Quebec, including items like 14 inch average.

DEALS.

Table listing lumber prices in Quebec, including items like Bright spruce, according to mill specification.

NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK, N. Y., December 28, 1898.

WHITE PINE TIMBER.

Table listing lumber prices in New York City, including items like Bridge timber, Decking.

SPRUCE.

Table listing lumber prices in New York City, including items like 6 to 9 in., 9 to 12 in., 12 to 16 in.

LATH.

Table listing lumber prices in New York City, including items like 1 inch, No. 1 and 2 Black Ash.

HARDWOOD.

Table listing lumber prices in New York City, including items like 1 inch, No. 1 and 2 Black Ash, 1 1/2 inch, etc.

ALBANY, N. Y.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 28, 1898.

PINE.

Table listing lumber prices in Albany, including items like Uppers, 3 in. up, Dressing boards, narrow, etc.

LATH.

Table listing lumber prices in Albany, including items like Pine, Spruce.

SHINGLES.

Table listing lumber prices in Albany, including items like Sawed Pine, ex. xxxx, Bound butts, 6 x 18.

BOSTON, MASS.

BOSTON, December 28, 1898.

EASTERN PINE—CARGO OR CAR LOAD.

Table listing lumber prices in Boston, including items like Ordinary planed boards, Coarse No. 5, etc.

WESTERN PINE—BY CAR LOAD.

Table listing lumber prices in Boston, including items like Uppers, 1 in., 1 1/2, 2 and 2 1/2 in., etc.

SHINGLES.

Table listing lumber prices in Boston, including items like Spruce, Cedar, extra.

LATH.

Table listing lumber prices in Boston, including items like Spruce, By car.

BUFFALO AND TONAWANDA, N. Y.

TONAWANDA, N. Y., December 28, 1898.

WHITE PINE.

Table listing lumber prices in Buffalo and Tonawanda, including items like Uppers, 1, 1 1/2, 2 and 2 1/2 in., etc.

WHITE ASH.

Table listing lumber prices in Buffalo and Tonawanda, including items like 1st & 2nd, 1 inch, 1 1/2 to 2 in.

BLACK AND BROWN ASH.

Table listing lumber prices in Buffalo and Tonawanda, including items like 1st & 2nd, 6 inch up, 25 00.

BIRCH.

Table listing lumber prices in Buffalo and Tonawanda, including items like 1st & 2nd, 6 inch & up, red.

ELM.

Table listing lumber prices in Buffalo and Tonawanda, including items like 1st & 2d, rock, 8 in. & up.

MAPLE.

Table listing lumber prices in Buffalo and Tonawanda, including items like 1st & 2d, hard, 6 in. & up.

BAY CITY AND SAGINAW, MICH.

BAY CITY, Mich., December 28, 1898.

UPPERS AND SELECTS.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like Uppers, 1 in., 10 n. and up.

PINK COMMON.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like 1 in., 8 in. and up wide.

B FINE COMMON OR NO. 1 CUTTING.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like 1 in., 7 in. and up wide.

STRIPS, A AND B (CLEAR AND SELECTS).

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like 1 1/2 in., 4, 5 and 7 in. wide.

FINE COMMON OR C.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like 1 in., 4, 5 in. wide.

SELECTED NO. 1 SHELVING OR FENCING STRIPS.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like 1 1/2 in., 4, 5, 6 in. wide.

NO. 1 FENCING OR NO. 3 FLOORING.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like 1 in., 4, 5 and 7 in.

NO. 2 FENCING OR NO. 4 FLOORING.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like 1 in., 4, 5 and 7 inch.

SHELVING.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like No. 1, 1 in., 10 in. stock.

BARN BOARDS OR STOCKS.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like No. 1, 12 in.

SHIPPING CULLS OR BOX.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like 1 in., 4 and 5 in. wide.

SHANKY CLEAR.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like 1 in., 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 in. wide.

COFFIN BOARDS.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like No. 1, 1 in., 13 in. and up.

TIMBER, JOIST AND SCANTLING.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like Norway, 2x4 to 10, 12 to 16 ft.

SHINGLES, 18-IN.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like Country brands, XXXX.

WHITE PINE LATH.

Table listing lumber prices in Bay City and Saginaw, including items like No. 1, 1 1/2 in.

PRICES OF COOPERAGE STOCK.

Table listing prices of cooperage stock, including items like No. 1 2 1/2 inch jointed elm staves, per net 1,000.