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#### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

##### ONTARIO.

As the mills throughout the province will shortly resume operations for the season, and piling room will be required, it might be expected that lumber prices would show a tendency to weaken. Up to the present there have been no indications of weakness either on the part of manufacturers or dealers. It seems to be the general opinion that all the lumber now in stock, as well as that to be manufactured, will be required for local consumption and export, and that there is no necessity of lowering prices in order to encourage the demand. The increased cost of producing lumber is also a factor in the situation. The outlook at the present time is for a prosperous season. There is exhibited in the trade a more marked degree of confidence than has been the case for some time. Building is opening up very satisfactorily. In Toronto the new palace hotel on King street, which is to cost nearly \$1,000,000, and the residence of Mr. A. E. Kemp, M.P., in Rosedale, to cost upwards of \$50,000, are the most important undertakings so far contemplated this season. The lumber required for these buildings will be chiefly for interior finish.

In hardwoods the demand is showing a slight improvement, and considerable shipments are being made to the Eastern States. There is a fair stock of maple, birch, and elm at the mills and in dealers' hands, but in a few weeks of good trade this would soon be worked off. As has been previously stated, black ash and basswood are scarce and meet with ready sale. For mill run basswood \$13 is being asked at the mill. Hemlock is also moving quite freely.

The lath and shingle situation has not changed. It is still characterized by an unusual degree of strength, with prospects of higher prices in the near future. At the mills No. 1 lath is quoted at from \$2.50 to \$2.75.

##### UNITED STATES.

For the week ending April 6th the number of permits issued in Greater New York was 470, representing an investment

of nearly seventeen million dollars. These figures surpass anything in the history of the city, and are looked upon as an indication that building operations this year will be exceptionally heavy. The lumber market has gained in strength during the past week. A shortage in certain stocks has developed at Buffalo and Tonawanda, and at the mills in the Lake Superior district and in the Southern States dry stocks are badly broken. There is a shortage of practically everything in white pine but No. 4 boards and some sizes of dimensions. Much of the pine to be cut this season has already been contracted for, and it is now almost certain that there will be no decline in prices. In the Saginaw valley there is a scarcity of good lumber, and until navigation is open such stock will bring almost any price that is asked; consequently quotations vary very widely. For inch uppers as high as \$56 has been asked, but sales have been made below this figure. Barn boards also are strong, some dealers quoting as high as \$27 for 12 inch No. 1. The movement in hardwoods has not increased materially, although prices are a little stiffer. It is said that all the basswood and elm lumber to be manufactured this year on Menominee river has already been contracted for. Birch and maple, on the other hand, are inclined to be weak, the former being somewhat of a drag upon the market. Spruce is selling well, but without resulting in advanced prices. Spruce clapboards are not showing the same degree of strength as other lumber, prices being about what they were two years ago. Shingles of all kinds are strong. White pine, 18 inch, are selling at Saginaw at \$3.75. The cut of last year has been exhausted for some time. For 16 inch pine, XXXX, \$3 is asked, and for best quality cedar, 18 inch, \$3.25, and for clear butts \$2.25.

##### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Several representatives of Quebec shippers have reached home, after having closed as many contracts as possible with British importers for the coming season's shipments. It is understood that about the average quantity of timber has been placed, but the quantity of deals shows a decrease from last year. Third and fourth quality pine have been taken more freely than the better qualities, the reason for this, according to the Timber Trades Journal, being that the system of grading recently adopted in the Ottawa Valley is not approved of by British importers. This opinion, however, is not accepted by

the trade on this side. Fourth quality pine is said to have been placed at \$20 per thousand f.o.b. vessel. Waney pine has been disposed of at about 50 cents per cubic foot for 19 inch. Sales of Quebec oak have also been made at high prices. New Brunswick spruce is inclined towards weakness. It is the general opinion that unless manufacturers hold their stock, prices are likely to decline. The cut of spruce on the St. John River is about as heavy as last year, and on the north shore the output is less. Clapboards, laths, and shingles are selling in moderate quantities to the Eastern States. For best cedar shingles \$3 is asked, but sales are still being made by small dealers at \$2.90.

##### GREAT BRITAIN.

At this season of the year, when new goods are about to arrive, considerable interest attaches to the stocks of lumber on the public docks at the leading ports. Taken as a whole, the figures are not very encouraging, as at London, for instance, the stock is over 10,000,000 pieces, compared with 14,000,000 pieces one year ago. Canadian timber, however, makes a more satisfactory showing, although in most cases the stocks are in excess of last year. At London the stock of pine deals and battens is \$92,000 pieces, against 904,000 pieces one year ago. Of spruce deals the quantity is 1,100,000 pieces, exactly double that of last year. At Liverpool Quebec pine deals are about 2,000 standards heavier than last year, but spruce deals are slightly less. This does not apply to the Maritime spruce, which is 16,700 standards, or twice that of last year. Glasgow has a stock of 12,668 standards of pine and spruce, compared with 15,193 standards on April 1st, 1900. The decrease is in pine deals. London has a larger stock of oak, birch, elm, ash and pine timber; while at Liverpool elm, birch, and red and square pine are in heavier stock. Waney pine, oak, and ash being slightly less. In view of the condition of stocks, it has been found very difficult to effect sales from the coming season's imports. The price of Canadian lumber is being kept up by the strong position taken by shippers, who are holding their stocks rather than sacrifice them. First quality Quebec spruce is selling at an advance of last year's prices, but for second quality there is little demand. In timber, birch and ash have declined slightly in price.

The barque Senator has just loaded lumber at Chemainus, B. C., for the United Kingdom.