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The Chinese government levy a duty of so much on every stick of timber imported, regardless of size. In sending timber to China shippers should remember this and UMBERMAN, send as large sticks as possible. A Puget Sound firm, having this in view, recently shipped two sticks 100 feet long and 24x24 in size, per ship Colusa.

#### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

WE have simply to repeat what we said last week as to conditions and prospects in this province. The holidays are still with us, and so is the mild weather, and till both are things of the past there will be little change. Some of the most extensive operators have withdrawn a large proportion of their men from the woods, Gilmour & Co. and McLachlin Bros. having each called in about one hundred. Work in the woods commenced early, and already a large number of logs have been cut, but until cold weather and snow come nothing can be done towards drawing them out from where they were cut. In the meantime operators are taking stock to ascertain the result of the years work, and to judge what course to pursue in the future.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Business here as elsewhere partakes of the holiday quiet. The demand for the eastern market has kept up well towards the new year, but the favorable outlook heretofore noted for next season has receives a damper from the threatened reimposition of a duty on lumber by the United States. The action of Congress is watched with some anxiety. season is not favorable for operations in the woods, and work has been checked to some extent by the mild weather.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

There is no change to note in conditions on the Pacific coast. Business continues quiet and prices are nominal, but there will be an advance after the combination rates come into force, the date of which has been postponed till 1st February. Messrs. R. P. Rithet's circular, covering November, the last to hand, states that during that month vessels were more in demand for coastwise trade, and rates better than for years. The bottom has fallen out of the shingle trade completely. Two months ago dealers were begging for shingles from the manufacturers, now there is no demand whatever, and prices are being cut below the cost of production, to try and force sales. Eastern dealers will only buy on margins sufficient to warrant them in holding for spring trade, and most of the mills have shut down. Attention is called to the injurious effect of over-drying, which is practiced to reduce weights. If persisted in it will seriously hurt the demand for British Columbia shingles.

#### UNITED STATES.

The passing of a bill through the House at Washington, re-imposing a duty on lumber, is the chief feature of the week. It has to pass the Senate and receive the sanction of the President before it becomes law, and before it can go through these stages it will meet with strong opposition. But there seems to be a probability of its passing. Revenue is wanted and this seems to be the most approved method of securing it. It will doubtless check to some small degree lumber exportations from Canada, but the consumer in the United States may have to pay the duty, and it is likely the Canadian parliament will re-impose an export duty on logs. The rate provided for by the bill is 60 per cent, of the duty imposed by the act of Oct. 1, 1890, and it will go into effect if possible on 1st January, and remain in force till 1st August, 1898, being considered only a temporary measure. The only business doing the past week is in special lines. Large bills are in order, for the railway companies. Hardwood for the consuming factories is also in demand, especially oak, which is scarce. High grade white pine is in meagre supply. But generally speaking the future is very indeterminate, a condition aggravated by the uncertainty in the national finances and the present relations towards Great Britain on the Venezuelan question.

FOREIGN.

There is in England a decided feeling in favor of buying and agents are receiving inquiries from all parts of the country, though transactions seem to have been largely confined to the east coast, where a number of contracts for Swedish and White Sea goods have been made. The first auction sale of the year will take place in London, Jan. 2nd, and this will indicate what disposition there is to buy and how prices are likely to run. Five cargoes from New Brunswick and one from the St. Lawrence are reported affoat for British ports, also two from Puget Sound, one for Liverpool and one for Queenstown Hardwood is in demand and there seems to be a field here for Canadian hardwood dealers to cultivate. A correspondent of the CANADA LUMBERMAN has suggested that the government should send one or two commissioners to England to inquite into the possibilities of the market, and such might be a good idea, but the probability is that the government would say it was the business of the dealers to find a market. At all events it is a matter for the Dominion and not the Ontario Sovernment to deal with, as it comes under the head of trade and commerce. Doubtless much more Canadian hardwood might be sold in Great Britain, France and