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Adam McDougall, a shipbuilder and lumber dealer, of Maitland, N. S., who has operated of late years, mainly in conjunction with several brothers in the building of vessels, has had to assign. His liabilities, the amount of which are not yet exactly known, are mainly due in Halifax.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

THERE is nothing new to report in the situation of the lumber market as compared with last week. We are just passing from the holiday season to the time when greater activity may be expected to prevail, but it is too soon yet to feel a revival after the "off" season. There has been no marked movement of stocks, and prices remain much the same as at last quotations. The outlook is, however, hopeful, and dealers appear to be in good spirits over the prospect, which they consider better than for several years. In some directions there is more inquiry for hardwoods, and one Toronto dealer, in reply to an inquiry, reports the demand increasing and prices better. Another firm in the country report increased inquiry for red oak and black ash. There is no sale at present to speak of for common lumber. The increased use of iron in large buildings has a tendency to curtail the demand. The recent rains have raised the water in the streams so that lumbermen have a full supply for their mills, and manufacturing will go on actively, so that the season will likely close with full stocks on hand.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The situation in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces is unchanged since our last report. Stocks and prices remain in much the same position as they were, and while there is a hopeful feeling as to the outlook, there is no substantial improvement which has yet made itself felt.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Activity continues among the mills, which are all busy, and shipments to foreign ports continue. A number of ships are at Vancouver loading, and prices are such as to give a fair margin for profit. There clearances are reported: The Chilean ship Republic, 1,237 tons, for Valparaiso, with 611,040 feet rough lumber, and 270,840 feet dressed, valued at \$9,506; Am. sch. R. W. Bartlett, 495 tons, for San Pedro, with 597,340 feet rough lumber, and 62,433 feet laths, valued at \$4,566, and the W. F. Witzman, 459 tons, for San Pedro, with about 550,000 feet.

UNITED STATES.

The condition of the lumber market remains as it was last week, on the whole, satisfactory. Lumbermen are hopeful and look forward to a steadily increasing trade, as a result of returning prosperity in the great business centres. New York seems to be enjoying this confidence in the most marked degree, and according to the Lumber Trade Journal, there is a

distinct advance in prices, which, however, does not prevail to the same extent at outside points. In many places the market is not quite out of the hands of the buyers, and though prices will undoubtedly stiffer, the improvement as yet is not very marked. A review of the market for the month of August does not indicate such an increase in the demand as was anticipated early in the month. Buying in the wholesale markets continues to be restricted to a moderate stocking up for the early fall trade, but does not extend to buying in large lots. Retail dealers are disposed to move cautiously, as if afraid to anticipate a demand that may yet be some distance in the future. What is purchased is wanted for immediate consumption, and as stocks in the hands of retailers become gradually reduced, they will be obliged to fill up their yards. They are looking out to see where they can do this to the best advantage. But caution on all hands is manifest, and will probably continue till the business of the country acquires a greater volume and momentum than is now prevalent. The demand for lumber of all kinds is likely to grow, values will be stronger, and there will be some advance in prices, but there will be no boom, though the splendid crops, now well harvested, must give an impetus to business. The demand upon the railways to move the large crops will require the building of more cars and a consequent demand for bill stuff. This is already being felt. Mr. S. B. Lowner, an authority on white pine, and Mr. C. N. Douglass, who possesses an intimate knowledge of hemlock and spruce, in recent interviews, have expressed themselves most positively as expecting the increasing firmness of the business in general throughout the East to result in comparatively clear sailing through the commercial sea of 1896. For the balance of this year they consider that values will increase and trade improve steadily, although it is now too late for any great boom in business to take place, nor is that desired. A noticeable feature in the consideration of things is an advance of rates for carrying lumber from Duluth and Ashland to Chicago, to the extent of 25 cents a thousand, the rate now being \$2.25. This is an advance of 50 cents over rates prevailing early in the summer. Vessels are scarce, and it is almost impossible to secure carrying facilities as fast as required. Trade at Buffalo and Tonawanda is slowing improving. The lake freight rates from Lake Superior has advanced to \$2 a thousand and affects receipts. At a meeting of manufacturers at St. Louis, a sharp advance in certain grades of yellow pine was made. The

demand in western markets is brisk. Dry stocks are scarce. Generally speaking, the outlook is assuring.

FOREIGN.

Business in London is reported less brisk, but improved prices are on the whole realized for Canadian lumber. First pine boards, just arrived from Quebec, have been sold for £23 per standard, while 10 and 11 feet were disposed of for £2 less. In Liverpool trade is reported extremely dull, though prices show a slight advance. The fine weather has caused a greater present consumption of some classes of lumber, the larger part of which goes direct from the ship's side. In Glasgow a good volume of business is being transacted at well maintained prices, though spruce, in view of recent heavy imports, is a little weaker. At Manchester the importations are very small, and prices remain unchanged. The stock of spruce at this port is gradually diminishing, and the demand is brisk. At other foreign ports there is little to report in the way of change in stocks or prices, and on the whole, the outlook is not particularly hopeful, the Timber Trades Journal saying that "there is not much to describe of a cheerful character, just now, look in what direction we will."

HARDWOODS.

Increased sales in hardwoods are reported in most of the centres of trade, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Cleveland, all showing an improvement. Toronto firms which deal in this class of wood tell us of an improved demand, especially in oak and elm. Inch hardwood flooring is wanted, and the demand for hard maple to supply it makes some of the furniture men apprehend a scarcity for their use.

SHINGLES.

The market for shingles is decidedly flat. British Columbia shingles are coming into general use in the older provinces of Canada, and the result appears to be an almost wiping out of our local shingle industry. A manufacturer, whose opinion carries weight, asserts that a pine log is worth more as a log than when made into shingles, so low is the price of pine shingles.

Mechanicsville, a lumbering suburb of Ottawa, was visited by a destructive fire on Thursday, Aug. 29th. Fifteen houses were burned, chiefly occupied by employees of the mills, but as the buildings were all wood the loss does not exceed \$6,000, with about \$4,000 on contents. The Mason mill and lumber yard had a narrow escape. Piles of mill wood which the tenants had provided for fuel accelerated the progress of the flames.