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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The present open winter is causing operators in hardwood timber some anxiety. In western Ontario there is not sufficient snow for hauling purposes, and unless winter weather, accompanied by snow, should set in immediately and continue steadily for a couple of months, the production of logs will be curtailed. Should this prove to be the case, it will have the result of reducing the lumber supply, and therefore of maintaining the strength of the market. With a favorable logging season this winter, the crop of hardwood logs would doubtless have been large, but nature seems likely to prevent the consummation of this probability. In regard to prospective business the outlook is very hopeful. Manufacturers report numerous inquiries for both green and dry stock. Consumers show a disposition to secure themselves by contracting in advance of requirements, apparently having little hope that prices will be any lower. There is a good demand for hemlock, which seems likely to advance before spring. A fair movement of pine lumber, for local consumption, is reported. Some of the lower grades have stiffened in price, owing to the stock being scarce.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Lumber manufacturers in Quebec and New Brunswick are looking forward to the season of 1899 as likely to be more prosperous than that of last year. The market has been strengthened by the position taken by the operators, who are refusing to contract except at prices which give a fair margin of profit. The quantity of stock available for shipment is by no means large, while the input of logs will be, as previously stated, very much reduced. In many districts the winter has so far been unfavorable for logging, owing to the continued mild weather. As to actual transactions, it is announced that several mill cuts have been sold. For

spruce deals, delivered at St. John, \$10.50 has been paid and \$11 asked, and at other ports \$9.50 is the price reported. This is a considerable advance upon last year's quotations, and it would seem as if the day had passed for selling spruce deals at the actual cost of production.

UNITED STATES.

If the reports received from certain distributing centres of the United States reflect the general conditions of the country, the position of the lumber trade at the present time is unusually strong. Even in the absence of much demand for lumber for building purposes, the trade of the past week has been of considerable volume. Wholesale dealers and consumers have been looking about for stocks, and manifest a willingness to contract for large supplies to be delivered during the year. Were prices not held so firmly at the mills, more buying would certainly result, the tendency being to wait until the season is further advanced in the hope that greater inducements to the buyer will be offered. From indications, however, prices will not weaken before the early summer at least, and some contend that the present quotations will rule throughout the year. Reports from New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other eastern points indicate low stocks of hardwood lumber, an urgent inquiry, and advancing prices. For basswood and birch the demand is fully 25 per cent. greater than it has been for several years. In the south log hauling has been interfered with by excessive rains, and the production of lumber will be somewhat curtailed. In the east the red cedar shingle market is decidedly firm, and it has been possible to obtain higher prices.

FOREIGN.

In foreign countries the buying season has opened with the usual degree of activity. In Great Britain there has been considerable business done in wood goods from Norway and Sweden, and prices are, on the whole, firm. Some sales of Canadian pine and spruce have been made, and it is now generally believed that the opening prices will be fully as high as those of one year ago. Spruce deals have improved of late, and numerous inquiries are in the market. Concerning the situation as to wood goods, the Timber Trades Journal says: "That the large consumption here is fully appreciated by the foreign shippers is evidenced by the elevation of free-on-board prices, for which they have some justification in the eagerness of buyers to

secure stocks in the face of a largely increased production. We are more favorable to an advance than a fall in prices, as a declining market would be almost a calamity at the present time. On the other hand, it is not our desire to encourage hopes of profits that may never come. All we can say now is that the trade is full of life and energy, and certain people who have large stakes at issue will do their utmost to keep prices from wavering." France and Belgium have purchased battens and deals quite extensively, and the market there is strong.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

McCall & Mason, of St. Williams, Ont., expect to take out this winter about 600,000 feet of logs.

It is reported that J. D. Shier, of Bracebridge, Ont., has purchased a large limit adjoining the township of Livingstone.

There is unusual activity in logging in Emmet county, Mich. Elm timber, which in former seasons sold at \$6 per M., is now selling at \$5.

The Standard Oil Company is reported to have made a considerable purchase of lumber from W. C. Edwards & Company, of New Edinburgh, Ont. The transaction is said to represent over \$50,000.

There will be cut this winter for the McLean Estate mill, at Chipman, N.B., about 4,000,000 feet of logs. A. E. Alexander, of Campbellton, will take out in the neighborhood of 7,000,000 feet.

The manufacturers of packing boxes in the New York district have formed a combination for the purpose of advancing prices. These manufacturers are among the largest users of white pine box shooks.

"Hardwood dry stock in everything except maple, says the American Lumberman, is very scarce at Grand Rapids, Mich. There has been the marked advance of \$5 per M. in white ash and quarter sawed oak since last July. \$1. to \$2. in elm, and 50 cents to \$1 in basswood."

Figures are to hand showing the extent of the importation of wood goods into Great Britain during the year 1898. There were imported in that year hewn wood and timber to the value of £4,900,618; sawn, dressed and planed timber, £15,047,810; staves, £646,075; and mahogany, £691,314.

John Edgington, of Edgington, Ont., writes that the stock of both lumber and shingles in that vicinity is pretty well cleaned out. During the season about 1,500,000 shingles were sold. There is considerable work going on in the woods in the neighborhood, and prospects are considered good for spring business.

The American Lumberman states that the mills at Cheboygan, Mich., will have a full stock of logs for the coming season. Pelton & Reed have cleared about 15,000,000 feet in the Georgian Bay district, cut from Indian reserve lands. McArthur