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The Algoma, from St. John, which arrived at Newport Dec. 6th, lost 50 standards of deals, deck cargo, on her way across. The St. Petersburg, Quebec to Cardiff, also lost some of her deck load.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

DULLNESS is the most marked feature of the lumber trade this week, the holiday season not being favorable for business in that line. There is absolutely nothing doing, nor will there be till after the new year. The weather is also against business. The roads are bad, and where lumber has to be drawn in waggons to the point of shipment it cannot be done at present with economy. We hear of some small lots to go forward, the shipment of which has been delayed from this cause. Operations in the woods are being retarded too by the mild weather. The war cloud is a fruitful subject of conversation among business men everywhere. A war between Great Britain and the United States would be disastrous to our lumber trade, which depends so much upon the latter country for its market. The universal hope is that we may be spared such a disaster.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The possibility of war, remote though it may be, is having an effect at present in deterring capitalists in the United States from operating in Quebec and New Brunswick. The possibility of a duty on lumber being re-imposed is also having its effect, though not in a marked degree so far as this season's operations are concerned. A feeling is growing in favour of an export duty on spruce, for every cord of pulp wood, costing \$5, which we export, is converted into \$15 or \$20 worth of pulp, and this into \$40 worth of paper. If this could be made in the country so much the better. There have been great improvements made in the mills this season, and next year more lumber will be produced and at a cheaper rate. Prices are stiffening. Spruce deals which a few months ago were selling at \$9 in St. John are now worth \$10.50. Shingles are now very firm, rainy weather having caused a large demand for renewing leaky roofs. Freights by schooner from St. John to New York are up to \$2.75 and to other ports in proportion, an advance of 50 cents. Ocean freights are also higher, three recent charters by steamship to British ports being 45s. 42s. 6d and 47s 6d. The general feeling (the war scare aside) is hopeful.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Business is still quiet in view of the coming into force of the combination on 1st January. There are five British Columbia mills in the combine. After the new year a great impetus to the trade is

expected, not so much in the way of increased output as in more profitable business. The Prince Victoria has just completed a cargo of 800,000 feet for Callao. There are 8 vessels now loading at B. C. ports for foreign. Prices are unchanged.

UNITED STATES.

December has been an unusually dull month. Lumbermen are closing up their accounts for the year, and making plans for 1896. The unpleasantness with Great Britain makes the future uncertain to a degree, and for a time dealers will not know what is wise for them to do. Should peace prevail there is no reason to doubt that a period of prosperity is ahead, as long it is to be hoped as the depression through which the country has been passing. The trade on the west coast is down to a cargo trade, no shipments of any extent being made east by rail. The white pine men of the Upper Mississippi are having their usual quiet after the closing of the mills. At the head of the lakes and in Michigan the piles on the docks prove that more lumber was sawed than could be sold, and it lies there awaiting future shipment. The yellow pine men of the south are well organized, and have resolved to curtail the cut and insist on fair prices for what they sell. In the eastern spruce market there is a little more doing, and prices are firm at \$14.50. At other points trade is about the usual for this season, which is expressed by the word quiet.

FOREIGN.

Till after the holidays no business of any consequence can be expected in the British market. Anything that is being done is with reference to next season, and it is rather early for matters to have assumed definite shape. Notes for Baltic stocks for next year are, in some cases, in agents hands, but prices are not yet definitely decided upon. White Sea agents are soliciting offers. At the last auction sale prices were a little lower, but the goods sold were mostly remnant lots. Canadian pine, both square and waney, is in fair request, and present stocks promise to be inadequate to meet the winter's demand. Oak and elm are also very firm, the former is scarce. Confidence is increasing, and improved conditions give a cheerful aspect to the close of a somewhat chequered year in the trade. There are only four cargoes from New Brunswick and two from the St. Lawrence reported afloat for United Kingdom ports. Cheering news comes from Australia. The demand for Pacific coast fir is increasing. Six ships were discharging at the same

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