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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

It might be regarded as misleading to state that the lumber trade of Ontario is experiencing a boom, yet the movement of lumber during the past week has been of such volume as to cause manufacturers and dealers to feel well satisfied. The most activity, of course. is confined to the pine trade, in which branch heavy shipments are being made to the United States, while the local consumption has been quite large. In many of the towns extensive building operations are under way; for instance, in Sault Ste. Marie the Lake Superior Power Company are about to commence the construction of fifty double houses. The shipment of lumber from Georgian Bay mill points is very active, and a fair summer and good fall trade is looked for. The stock lists sent out by manufacturers on the 1st of June show no decline in prices, but on the other hand a slight advance in some grades. The possibility that the carpenters of Ottawa may continue their strike has somewhat unsettled the trade in that district, but it is thought that matters will be amicably arranged before there has been much interference to building operations. Nothing new can be said of hardwoods, which continue to be purchased in a hand-to-mouth manner.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Notwithstanding the backward demand from Great Britain, the spruce lumber market is reasonably active, as the shipments to the United States, France, Australia, and the West Indies have been rather above the average in quantity. A number of vessels are under charter to load for South America. Reports from Quebec tell of a stronger market for square and wancy pine timber. There is still some uncertainty as to the outcome of the log drives in New Brunswick, information received a few days ago going to show that about 50,000,000 feet may be hung up in the head-waters of the St. John. Logs are changing hands at \$9 per thousand feet. Clapboards are firmer, from \$31 to \$32 being asked for extra quality on Boston rate of freight.

UNITED STATES.

The white pine situation in the United States is decidedly strong. The total shipments of lumber from Minneapolis up to June 1 of this yearway 172,000,000 feet, a gain of 16,000,000 feet over the same period one year ago. There are rumors that the interior mill men in Wisconsin and Minnesota will shortly make a further advance in the prices of some grades, which continue scarce in spite of the heavy production. A feature of strength has been the action of the Chicago lumber trade in marking up prices. Common stock boards, 8, 10 and 12 in., were advanced 50 cents ; No. 2 13 in. box boards one dollar ; No. 2 A cedar shingles from \$2.60 to \$2.65; and No. 1 and mixed lath 10 cents. At Saginaw dry stock in large blocks is scarce and dealers are anxious to purchase. Fine common is about \$1 higher per thousand than one month ago. Buffalo and Tonawanda dealers report an exceptionally good trade. There is a tendency to advance prices on the lower grades, including 12 inch boards and No. 3 barn, of which the stock is very light. In the east building is progressing favorably, with a strengthening effect on spruce. There is little possibility that prices of this lumber will be materially lower this season. The continued good crop reports has created an improved demand for hardwoods from the implement manufacturers, 1 u the movement is still light. Ash is showing an improvement, with maple and clm steady. Basswood is being bought quite liberally

Receipts of laths at eastern distributing points have been on a larger scale of late, but owing to its being almost entirely out of the market, it will be some time before it is plentiful again. Prices, however, are not expected to further advance. Shingles are strong and meet with ready sale.

GREAT DRITAIN.

The quantity of timber which has arrived in Great Britain since the opening of the snipping season has been a surprise to

the trade. It was thought that the firstopen-water shipments would be very light, but the quantity has been almost equal to last year. Predictions are now made that the summer receipts will show a marked falling off, and it remains to be seen whether this condition will be experienced. It is quite certain that the market is not in a position to receive heavy consignments of lumber, but if shipments are limited it is probable that the market will soon recover lost ground, and the foundation would be laid for a large trade next year. Lumber now arriving has mostly been purchased at such a price as to make it almost impossible to dispose of it at a reasonable profit. Importers in a position to do so will no doubt hold the stock until there is an improvement in the market. While at London and Liverpool the stock of Quebec lumber is heavy, the supply at Glasgow and at some other ports is not excessive nor more than is usual at this season of the year. Spruce deals have shown no improvement, sales being difficult to make.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

In the Saginaw Valley log run pine is quoted at \$18 to \$24, box lumber at \$16, and mill culls at \$12 and \$12.50.

The Skillings, Whitney & Barnes Company, ot Ogdensburg, N. Y., are reported to have made heavy purchases of lumber in the Georgian Bay district.

On May 25th the fi + cargo of lumbewas shipped from A a id, Wis., to England. It consisted of 500,000 feet of Nor way deals. This is the fifth consignment of lumber from Ashland to Canada this year, and the first to be consigned directly to England.

About 4 ,000 000 c of logs sexpected to be rafted from Ontario to Michigan this season, the timber being cut on Iudian reserve lands.

The Eddy-Sheldon Company, of Bay City, Mich., recently received two cargoes of lumber, totalling about 1,000,000 feet, from Algoma Mills, Ont.

The steamer Berax is loading a cargo of deals at Montreal for the United Kingdom, shipped by J. Burstall Company.

The steamer Feronia's loading deals at Montreal for the United Kingdom for Dobell, Bickitt & Company, and the str. Audoni is expected in Montreal shortly to load a cargo of deals for London.

The schooner Frank Stinson is loading deals at St. John, N. B., for the United Kingdom.

The steamer Donmore Head is loading