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OF

SPRUCE AND PINE TIMBER LIMITS

IN OTTAWA DISTRICT.

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public auction at the office of the undersigned, No. 124
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1. 100 square miles on the North East branch of
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signed.

JOHN FAIR,

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Montreal.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

White pine lumber continues to show
exceptional strength. No sales are
heard of at cut prices, while many holders
of stock are asking an advance and show
no anxiety to effect a sale. The reason
for this attitude is found partly in the
statistical position of white pine. The
stocks at the mills have been pretty well
cleaned out. It is difficult to find any
quantity of the higher grades, while the
movement by rail during the winter
months will reduce the quantity of low
grade stock to a low basis. The trade
seems to be convinced that there will be
no weakening in prices this winter, but
that there is a good prospect of an
advance. Building in Toronto continues
quite active, as is shown by the number of
permits issued during the month of
November. In Ottawa also there is
activity in building operations and a
good local demand for lumber is reported.

With shingles the question is where to
obtain a supply. Some manufacturers on
the Georgian Bay who have a few left are
quoting \$1.60 for XX and \$2.40 for XXX,
and even at these prices are indifferent
about selling. The course of the shingle
market is tending directly towards higher
prices. This applies with equal truth to
lath, which is also in short supply. Pre-
dictions of \$4 lath this winter have been
made.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The last vessel of the season has sailed
from Montreal for Great Britain, and in a
few days navigation on the St. Lawrence
will be closed. No figures are yet avail-
able as to the season's total shipments
of lumber, but doubtless they have been
much lighter than last year. During the
past month there has been a marked im-
provement in the spruce situation, and
it is quite probable that purchases of
deals for spring shipment will be made at
a considerable advance over the prices
ruling this fall. The production of the
Maritime Provinces has shared in the
improvement and has also been benefited
by a strong demand in the eastern states.
Sales of clapboards have been made to
Boston at \$32 to \$33 for extra spruce,

and \$30 to \$31 for clears. The supply of
cedar shingles is daily growing less, and
the market is firm on the basis of \$3.20
for extras.

UNITED STATES.

The falling off in lumber shipments
has evidenced the approach of winter.
Most of the mills in the Duluth district
have closed down for the season, with
stocks rather lighter than usual. The
tone of the market continues strong; in
fact, considerable buying is being done
for next year's delivery on the belief that
there will be an advance in prices before
spring. The price list committee of the
Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Associa-
tion will hold a meeting shortly to con-
sider the question of advancing the price
list for white pine before the new year.
The lumber dealers of Cleveland last week
advanced the retail price of many kinds of
lumber by from \$1 to \$2. Michigan
dealers report a decided scarcity of white
pine lumber. The American Lumber-
man states that Saginaw men had options
on some stock in Ontario, but allowing
them to expire, all the stock but mill culls
was sold, nearly 15,000,000 feet being
disposed of at about \$15 a thousand.
E. B. Foss & Company, of Bay City,
secured 3,000,000 feet, and the remain-
der went to Chicago and the east. The
stock was cut at Cutler, Victoria Harbor
and Collingwood. The situation in
Chicago is strong. There is a scarcity
of several items, including No. 1 and No.
2 12-inch boards, No. 1 and No. 2 4 and
6-inch fencing, and wide and long
dimensions. Buffalo is shipping large
quantities of lumber to the east, which is
buying quite liberally. The higher
grades continue scarce and firm. Twelve-
inch barn is selling in the Buffalo market
at \$21, box at \$17, and mill culls at \$15.

Dealers speak more cheerfully of hard-
wood conditions. The manufacturing
industries consuming hardwoods are
buying to some extent for next season's
requirement. Birch, maple and bass-
wood are most inquired for, while elm is
less active than usual. Spruce is selling
at high prices, 10 and 12-inch dimensions
bringing \$20 in the Boston market.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The general outlook for timber in
Great Britain is growing more satis-
factory. There is undoubtedly a much
better feeling extant than has been the
case for some months past, and stocks
are getting within reasonable bounds.
Importers seem to fear that if the present

improvement is over-estimated, it may
result in shippers asking unreasonable
prices on contracts for next year's ship-
ment. Nevertheless, reports from practi-
cally all the leading cities of Great
Britain tell of a more hopeful outlook and
a hardening tendency of prices. It is
believed that this hardening of prices
will increase during the advance of
winter. Pine deals keep firm in the face
of a large stock on hand, the last auction
sale showing a slight improvement over
the one held two weeks earlier. Second
quality pine deals are rather scarce.
Spruce deals continue to attract atten-
tion. A few weeks ago 3x9 third quality
were selling at £9 per standard under
the hammer, or £9 5s. by private treaty.
The present price is an advance of 5
shillings on these figures, and £10 is
predicted before another month. At
Liverpool spruce is reported to be the
leading timber in demand, and brokers
are talking of £8 per standard c. i. f. for
the near future. There is a considerable
inquiry for birch planks, and two or three
parcels have been sold to arrive at Liver-
pool at increased prices.

Little business for next season has as
yet been transacted. It seems probable,
however, that first-open-water prices will
be in advance of ruling quotations. The
manufacturers of Norway, Sweden and
Russia are likely to curtail their output,
and as a similar policy is being followed
in this country, higher prices for timber
should rule next season.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The Rathbun Company, of Deseronto,
are supplying the timber for the extension
of locks at Port Carling, Ont.

Hennan & Roderick, of Rat Portage,
Ont., have secured a contract to supply the
C.P.R. with 175,000 railway ties.

The corporation drive on the St. John
river, in New Brunswick, containing about
10,000,000 feet of logs, is hung up at
Southampton.

A manufacturer in Eastern Ontario de-
sires to find a market for soft and hard
maple flooring, dressed and matched.

Tenders for a license to cut timber on
berths 989, 990, and 991, in Manitoba, are
invited by the Department of Interior at
Ottawa up to December 23rd.

The Dominion Government will award
the contract next month for the construc-
tion of a breakwater at Ruisseau LeBlanc,
Bonaventure County, Quebec.

A. J. Gorrie, of Port Arthur, Ont., is
asking for tenders up to November 30th
for supply of 20,000 cedar fence posts for
the Canadian Northern Railway.

Shingles were never in better demand in
the Eastern States. Clear white pine