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ONTARIO.

What was said in our last report regarding a mid-summer full in the lumber trade is fully borne out by the reports to hand this week. As yet there are no igns visible that the demand will slacken during July, while on the other hand refail dealers are said to be taking steps to Stock up for fall trade earlier than is usual. It is the generally expressed opinion that present prices of pine and hardwood will be maintained throughout the summer at least. At the present time all kinds of lumber are being bought up, and where in less prosperous years the lower grades would be dull of sale, they now find a market almost as readily as lumber of better quality. In the pine frade, if one class of lumber sells quicker than another, it is red pine deals, for which the demand is exceptionally strong. Contracts have been placed for next season's cut of some of the mills, this in itself showing the strength of the market. The shingle production does not seem to be of sufficient volume to supply the demand. This may be due in part to the fact that few shingles are being manufactured in Michigan, and consequently dealers in the Eastern States are looking more to Ontario for their supply. Prices are firm, with a tendency to advance.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The great demand for building material in Winnipeg and throughout the North-West is creating a scarcity of sand and brick. Some buildings have been delayed on this account, but notwithstanding there is a brisk movement of lumber to all parts of the west. Dealers state that trade has seldoin been better at this season of the year, which, considering the backward season, is very satisfactory. The mills on the Lake of the Woods are operating day and night, but still stocks are moved almost as rapidly as they are taken from the saw. There is no abatement of demand in British Columbia, and it would appear as though the trade in that province had entered upon a new era of prosperity. There is a general tendency to advance prices.

UNITED STATES.

The shipments of lumber from Minneapolis during the month of June were the largest in the history of that market, being nearly 50,000,000 feet, while for the previous month they were 44,000,000 feet. These figures reflect the urgency of demand, particularly when it is remembered that prices advanced during the last two

months. Trade in the Eastern States is equally buoyant. There is a good demand from retailers, a large consumption of lumber in building operations, and an all-round firmness in prices. Stocks are still badly broken, dealers finding it impossible to add very much to their supplies. It is impossible to purchase much stock in Michigan, as the extraordinary local demand is consuming nearly all the lumber manufactured. Log run is held at Saginaw at \$15 to \$24, and from \$12 to \$13 is asked for box. Norway, for which there is a good demand, is selling at \$10 50 and upwards. At Buffalo the demand for white pine is in excess of the supply. This is especially noticeable in the box trade, for which Norway is largely being substituted.

Favorable reports are received of the spruce market, sales being made at the following prices: Frames, 9 inch and under, \$16; 12 inch and up, \$17; 2x3 and 2x4, \$13.50; merchantable boards, \$13; mill random, \$14 to \$15. Although spruce was last to improve, it now appears as though it had fallen strictly in line with the other classes of lumber.

Hardwood prices have as yet shown no weakness, nor is there any slackening off in demand. There is an exceedingly heavy demand for dimension, car material, etc., and wholesalers who have lumber in shipping condition experience no trouble in finding buyers willing to pay top prices, especially for oak and ash. At Boston brown ash is quoted at \$38 to \$40 for one inch firsts and seconds, and \$40 to \$42 for thicker.

FORRIGN.

The tone of the British wood market continues firm, and a steady consumption is reported. Up to June 1st the import of wood goods into Great Britain exceeded that of 1898 by some 92,000 loads, the increase being chiefly from Norway and Sweden and the Maritime Provinces of the Dominion. Notwithstanding this increased import, stocks are becoming reduced, and recent arrivals have met with ready sale. The slight improvement in spruce prices has been maintained, and we would not be surprised if still higher prices would be realized before the close of the season. Some dealers are buying at present prices and storing the stock away, in the hope of making large profits later in the year. Red pine deals are in good demand, and Quebec shippers are asking higher prices. Square timber in elm and oak meets with ready sale.

Late reports to hand state that a much