

REMARKABLE HARDWOOD SITUATION.

Perhaps we have made the observation before, but it will bear repetition, that in the hardwood business the present is a really wonderful condition. Probably never before, in proportion to the demand, has there been such a small amount of hardwood lumber available. The scarcity of dry stock affects everybody but the few heavy consumers and perhaps a few heavy dealers who contract their supply so far ahead that they are not affected by the conditions of a year. Not only is this so but all parts of the country are in substantially the same shape. There is no lumber worth speaking of anywhere at the mills or in the markets of the east or west.

The American Lumberman says that the scarcity is almost the same in all the different kinds of woods. Some are in more plentiful supply than others, but in none is there a satisfactory quantity. Not only are consumers and dealers looking for stock but manufacturers themselves. There are many heavy saw mill men who have their regular trade that they wish to supply. Being unable this year to meet the requirements of their customers from their own stocks they are in the market for additional supplies. Producers who never did such a thing before are now trying to buy. This is particularly noticeable with the quartered oak producers. Instances have been known where such people have within a week paid \$4,000 more for common quartered oak than they would have had to pay four weeks ago and they are unable to find at any price the quantity that they want.

As to first and second quartered oak the market is almost bare and it is hardly possible to quote a price which will fairly represent the market. In Chicago there

is a wide range, with its lowest limit at above \$60. Red quartered is practically exhausted. An anomalous condition is seen in the prices of plain sawed red and white oak. They are almost as scarce as quartered sawed, but the price has advanced hardly at all within the last six months. One reason for this may be that the supply of plain sawed oak can be replenished with much ease as compared with quarter sawed, though, of course, in either case there remains the problem of drying.

In cottonwood there is an unheard of situation. Within a few weeks there was a sale of a considerable quantity of log run cottonwood at \$17.50 on barge. We do not have to think back very far to the time when anything over \$10 would have been a fair price.

Another wood of the same general class as cottonwood and poplar is bass-

For Sale

Cascapedia and Skimenac Rivers. Saw Mill, Timber Limits and Water Power. Price reasonable

H. M. SIMPSON,
29 Canada Life Building,
189 St. James Street MONTREAL

TELEGRAPH POLES WANTED

We buy all lengths. Write us for prices and you will see that by cutting your Cedar into Poles it will net you more than you can get out of it in any other way.

J. B. FARWELL & SON

Successors to McCaffrey & Farwell.
Orillia, Ont. Oswego, N.Y.

PINE LUMBER **Get our Prices** HARDWOOD LUMBER

THE ORILLIA EXPORT LUMBER CO.

High Grade Pine, Rough or Dressed

British Columbia Red Cedar Shingles a specialty

LATH **ORILLIA, ONT.** SHINGLES

Veneers, Hardwoods, Ash, Elm, Birch, Basswood—Clothboards—Cheese Box Bands and Ribs.

THE PATENT CLOTHBOARD CO., of Perry Sound, Limited, Perry Sound, Ont

CANADA ATLANTIC RAILWAY

Operating...
OTTAWA & NEW YORK LUMBER LINE
OTTAWA & BOSTON LUMBER LINE
CANADA ATLANTIC TRANSIT COMPANY.
H. B. MURPHY, Contracting Agent
M. A. OVERTON, Foreign Freight Agent
26 St. Sacrement St., Montreal
Shortest and Quickest Route from...
OTTAWA, ROCKLAND, HAWKESBURY, ARRFORD, FERRISBURG, PERRY SOUND and other Lumber Centres, TO BOSTON, PORTLAND, NEW YORK, DETROIT, TORONTO, ALBANY, etc., MONTREAL, TORONTO, QUEBEC, HALIFAX, ST. JOHN, etc.
E. R. BREMER, Asst. General Freight Agent, Ottawa
W. F. HINSON, General Freight Agent, Ottawa

KILN-DRIED BIRCH FLOORING SHEETING and CEILING

HEMLOCK
SOFT
& ROCK
ELM.
BASSWOOD
BIRCH
WHITE QUARTERED
AND
PLAIN SAWN
MAPLE
BLACK ASH
CEDAR
PINE



"We are now cutting ten million Hemlock, 12 to 36 feet long, and we solicit your bill lumber specifications"
OWEN SOUND, ONT.

THE IMPERIAL LUMBER CO. LIMITED
RED AND WHITE PINE DEALS

MASON, GORDON & CO.
WHOLESALE TIMBER
Montreal, Quebec
Eastern Agents: The B. C. Mills, Timber & Trading Co., Vancouver, B. C.
DOUGLAS FIR Timber in any size or length supplied
WRITE FOR PARTICULARS AND QUOTATIONS.

FOR SALE.
A number of very valuable pine and other timber limits on the north shore of Lake Huron and elsewhere for sale. Also limits bought and sold on commission and estimates given. For particulars, apply to
P. McDERMETT,
Box 177, South River, Ont.

CACHE BAY LUMBER INDUSTRIES.

Geo. Gordon & Co.,
Manufacturers of RED and WHITE PINE
Band - Gang LUMBER
Circular L AND LATH
CACHE BAY, Ont.
C. P. R. 26 miles West North Bay.

CACHE BAY PLANING MILL CO.
... MANUFACTURERS OF ...

Cross Arms
MOULDINGS
CEILING
FLOORING
WAINSCOTING
SHEETING
And all kinds of Dressed Pine Lumber.

The Pearce Company
Limited

MARMORA - - - ONTARIO
WRITE US FOR PRICES ON HEMLOCK BILL STUFF.

THE ONTARIO LUMBER CO. LIMITED
MANUFACTURERS OF
WHITE PINE LUMBER, LATH AND SHINGLES.
35 and 36 Home Life Building TORONTO, Ont.
Mills: North Bay, C.P.R. and G.T.R. Delivery.
Mills: French River, Georgian Bay. Water Shipment Only.

A. F. BURY AUSTIN
WHOLESALE LUMBER and TIMBER
CANADA PINE

Room 507, Merchants Bank of Canada Building - MONTREAL, CANADA
SPECIALTIES: Railway Bridge Timber and all kinds of Hardwoods; Ship Decking, Norway and White Pine, Dimension Timber, Norway Car Bells, Car Flooring, Telegraph Poles, Railway Ties, Oak and Whitewood, Planed and Rough Lumber, British Columbia Pine, Southern Pine, etc.; Birch Flooring, hollow back, and batted.
Sole Eastern Agent for The North Pacific Lumber Company, Limited, Barnet, B. C.
Douglas Fir Timber in any size or length up to 90 feet long. Timber Planers face up to 24 inch x 30 inch Dry Kilns of large capacity. Rough and Dressed Lumber, Douglas, Fir and Cedar.
WRITE FOR PARTICULARS AND QUOTATIONS.

Flooring from \$14.00
Ceiling " 12.00
SAMPLES BY MAIL
KNIGHT BROTHERS CO.
Burk's Falls, Ont.

F. MCGIBBON & SONS, PENETANGUISHENE ONT.
Manufacturers of Pine, Hemlock and Hardwood Lumber, and dealers in Cordwood Hemlock Bills cut on short notice.

O. Dufresne, Jr. & Frere
WHOLESALE LUMBER

Montreal - - - Canada
have at present for sale at various points of shipment, by either rail or water route, on the Ottawa River, pine cuttings of different grades from seasons 1900 and 1901. Will quote upon small lots or heavy blocks
Correspondence Solicited