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Tenders to be in writing, and to be in the hands of the Executors at their head office at Brockville not later than the 15th of September next and to be addressed "The Executors of the Estate of the late John McLaren, Brockville, Ontario. Full particulars will be furnished intending purchasers on application to the Brockville office.

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Dated at Brockville the Fourth Day of August 1904

EMMA MACLAREN
WM. C. MACLAREN
J. E. VALLILIER

Executors of the Estate of
the late John McLaren.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

Under the influence of a fair demand the lumber market has maintained a quiet though steady tone. Much prosperity is evidenced in the province, with the assurance of a good crop of grain, while the future is extremely promising in the building trade and various other departments of industry which all contribute largely to the advantage of the lumber trade, and which give promise of a good fall demand. The increasing competition of the American lumber is being utilized as a strong weapon in the hands of tariff reformers and it becomes increasingly evident that the government while opposed to any increase of duties,

for purely protective purposes, will be compelled to yield to the pressure in the fall. Turning from local conditions it is regrettable to note that there continues to be very little improvement in the British market, depression being the chief feature, while very few sales are made and practically none at all of square timber, except at ridiculous prices. This fact coupled with the unsatisfactory shipments to United States and the continued uncertainty of that market, has decided many operators upon a curtailment of the cut for the season just entered upon, and a reduction in the wages of their employees. Hardwoods are in steady demand, prices being firm and no concessions obtainable by purchasers.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Reports coming from Quebec and New Brunswick give really no substantial signs that the spruce market is likely to become more active in the near future. There has been an excellent yard demand from the United States during the past week, but, as against this, the shipments to England has been exceptionally light, while with the low pressure on the market prices have not improved. However, their is little possibility of them going any lower, while in the general course of events the probabilities are they will improve. One of the causes advanced for this continued depression in the export business is that Russian lumbermen, being unable to borrow from their home banks, have been obliged to realize on stocks of lumber at any price, the figures quoted making it impossible for Canadians to compete. At St. Johns, N.B., in view of the continued quietness of the trade the lumbermen are seriously considering the advisability of curtailing the output by closing their mills early in the fall unless an improvement should change the situation. The situation is further accentuated by the increase in stampage and mileage dues imposed by the Government of New Brunswick, which, it is estimated, will create an increased expenditure of \$3,000 out of the St. Johns lumbermen alone. Cedar shingles are selling freely, there being evidence of a stronger market, which was anticipated some time back, appearing in the fall.

UNITED STATES.

From almost every part of the country trade reports this week show hopeful signs of improvement, and while the volume of trade is still unsatisfactory, there comes an occasional report of a dealer doing good business. In

some grades prices are weak, but as a rule these low offerings usually emanate from overstocked mills or those in want of money. Just now there appears a better demand for hemlock on account of the scarcity of low grade pine, and it is noted that this class of lumber is gradually winning a place for itself in spite of all prejudices, upon its merits. With the assurance of a good crop in all sections of the country, it becomes increasingly evident that the demand for lumber will show considerable improvement in the fall. Building in the large cities continues heavy and gives promise of holding so until the close of the season. The export trade is still in an indifferent condition, although manufacturers predict that rock bottom prices have been reached and that the advent of early fall will see a resumption of the demand and an increase in prices. The hardwood trade remains active, although the supply has been up to requirements, prices being the same. Very little change has been evidenced within the past week in general lumber prices obtained, western pine remaining firm, cyprus slow of sale and prices easy.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The latest indications to hand of the economic barometer points to fair weather in the near future. It is pleasing to note the healthy condition of the cotton trade and the encouraging reports of improvements in iron and steel. In the lumber business the past week has not heralded any discernible advance, as the country is right in the middle of the holiday season when movements are usually slow. The arrivals though fairly large, have with few exceptions been less than at this time last year while the demand continues quiet, with ample stocks on hand and consequent low values. Maritime province spruce imports have lately increased in quantity but with the already large stocks on hand there has been a further decline in values. Many buyers have been tempted in the market on account of this continued decline. Quebec spruce has given evidence of a distinct improvement a much better feeling prevailing than for some time past. In pine deals the demand is exceedingly quiet and sales difficult, although prices in the better grades are firm. Birch planks are in good demand, price being a little better. While the anticipated revival is slow in coming and numbers of consignments remain unsold, it is confidently expected that the opening of the fall season will herald an advance in all branches of the trade.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA LETTER.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN)

VANCOUVER, B.C., August 10, 1904. A good demand for lumber and especially shingles at the present time improves conditions in the industry on the coast and particularly in the interior, though none of the causes which brought about the depression have been removed. All grades of shingles are being asked for from the Territories and a fair business is being done.

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