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#### THE BARBADOS MARKET.

The Barbados lumber market is thus reviewed by Messrs. Clairmonte, Mann & Co. in their report dated August 18th:

The only arrival of lumber within the past fortnight was the cargo per Andrew Burnham, from Newfoundland, which sold as follows: 35 M. feet white pine boards at \$18.60, 4 M. feet spruce boards at \$13.60, 23 M. feet white pine at \$18.83, 17 M. feet spruce at \$14.13, 5 M. feet birch at \$14.14, and a small quantity of scantling at \$12.60. The demand for both white pine and spruce is good. Last sales of Nova Scotia lumber have been made as follows: White pine boards, \$23; planks, \$17.60 for first quality and \$17.30 for second quality; spruce at \$17.50 for first quality. Pitch pine sells at \$21.11 for merchantable, \$15.51 for refuse, and \$13.51 for second quality. Last sale of Gaspé cedar shingles was at \$3.83 to \$5.27 per M., according to quality. Cedar lathing sells at \$2.60 and spruce lathing at \$2.30.

### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

The trade of the month now drawing to a close has been larger in volume than any August for several years past. While orders have not been as plentiful as in the spring season, yet the volume of lumber moved augurs well for a heavy fall trade. Competition in buying is very keen, and it is a singular fact that retail prices have not advanced in proportion to the higher prices asked by manufacturers. The result of this is that dealers are doing business on a small margin of profit. While most of the dealers are prepared to hold their stock at a price which would give a reasonable profit, others indulge in cutting prices and accepting a margin of profit of about 50 cents per thousand. Take, for instance, 2 x 10 and 2 x 12 pine plank, for which manufacturers are asking \$11 and \$12. For this stock it is impossible to obtain more than an advance of 50 cents or one dollar on this price from retail dealers in Toronto. The retailer and consumer are benefitting at the expense of the wholesale dealer. This fact serves to illustrate the necessity of some organization among the lumber trade by which a basis of prices would be fixed. Report is still heard of the scarcity of hardwood lumber, and in some instances substitutes are being sought for.

The completion of buildings is creating an increased demand for shingles, of which there is but a limited stock at the mills. It is probable that an advance in prices will take place at an early date. Lath is scarce and in good demand.

#### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

As the season advances the position of manufacturers in Quebec and the maritime provinces continues to strengthen. There are many enquiries in the market for lumber for fall shipment, but few of the mill owners are in a position to enter into contracts, having disposed of their season's production. A considerable quantity of lumber and shingles is being shipped to the United States, where prices are steadily advancing. The advance in lumber in New Brunswick is well illustrated by a recent transaction. Last spring a dealer purchased 1,500,000 feet of deals at Hopewell Cape, paying \$7 per thousand. He is now reported to have sold this stock at \$10 per thousand, making a profit of over \$4,000 on the transaction.

Foreign orders represent no small volume of trade. Vessels are constantly sailing for British ports, while a bark has

just loaded at St. John for Australia, and another for South America. Indications point to a further advance in spruce deals.

#### MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Harvesting operations in Manitoba and the Northwest are now engaging the attention of farmers. The government crop bulletin shows a most satisfactory yield, and the first shipments of new wheat have already been made. In anticipation of a large demand for lumber by farmers this fall, retail dealers are stocking up quite liberally, as is shown by the large quantity of stock that is being shipped from Winnipeg. Prices on lumber remain unchanged, although lath has been advanced 50 cents per thousand. In British Columbia the mills are unable to fill all the orders, the requirement for mining purposes being very heavy. Over 1,000,000 feet of lumber is being used in the construction of a flume in connection with the Grand Forks smelter.

#### UNITED STATES.

The only change in the United States market is a further hardening of wholesale prices at eastern points. Dealers in the Lake Erie markets have been unable to accumulate stocks as rapidly as desired, and consequently have decided to mark up prices. This has also been necessary in order to keep pace with the upward tendency at producing points. The advance in the eastern markets has been most pronounced on white pine. At Buffalo thick fine common has advanced \$5 within a short time, while inch mill culls now sells at \$14.50. The advance in box averages \$1.50, 1 x 4 now being quoted at \$14 and thick as high as \$17.50. Inquiries for lumber have been so numerous from the east that many dealers are of the opinion that it would be better to hold the stock until the fall, when still higher prices are expected to rule. Hemlock and spruce have also improved, the former selling in the New York market on a basis of \$15 per thousand.

The course of the hardwood trade is being watched with much interest. There are some dealers who anticipate a reaction, but the general opinion is that prices will not weaken before next spring at any rate, as the bulk of the consumption is for manufacturing purposes, and this branch of commerce is in a most healthy condition. Ash is very scarce throughout the eastern market, and implement manufacturers are substituting maple therefor. The scarcity of elm and basswood continues.

It is somewhat difficult to give a fair