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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS ONTARIO.

The movement of lumber is increasing as fast as the weather will permit. The difficulty of making shipments is still a great barrier to business and until spring is here in full force the conditions are not likely to be much improved. When spring trade commences there will no doubt be a great rush, and the rolling stock of the railroads will be severely taxed to move the lumber. Buyers who are in a position to place orders and secure delivery at the present time should not neglect the opportunity of doing so. There is not a great deal of pine lumber in the hands of manufacturers, but a large quantity is still in their yards waiting to be moved to the yards of buyers. Box lumber has been very closely bought up, the steady and urgent demand for boxes bring one of the strongest indications of the prosperous condition of the manufacturing community. There has lately been an increased inquiry for Norway pine, and from some contracts recently closed it would appear that prices are improving. Manufacturers are exhibiting no anxiety over the sale of their product, but are constantly being approached by prospective buyers, and already a large percentage of the season's cut has been contracted for.

The weather of late has not improved logging conditions in the hardwood sections. Reports from the Owen Sound district and further north tell of a general shortage in the output, which is sure to have an effect upon lumber prices. No one can be found who is willing to sacrifice his hardwood lumber, and there is absolutely no pressure to sell; on the other hand, dealers are picking up suitable stocks wherever they can be found.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The developments of the past week have not improved the spruce lumber situation. The announcement of the failure of a Liverpool firm who were dealers in Canadian spruce has caused buyers to exercise even a more conservative policy than in the past. Some manufacturers state that inquiries are more numerous and that the first symptoms of a seasonable revival are discernible. Strong efforts are being made to break the manufacturers' price, but all the larger manufacturers are taking a firm stand, feeling that the high cost of production demands that they shall receive the price they are asking. These remarks also apply to cedar shingles, concessions being granted by the small mills only.

Reports from the upper waters of the St. John river are to the effect that where

in ordinary seasons there is usually from five to six feet of snow, there is only half this amount at the present time. This is not enough for successful driving, and the lumbermen will have to depend to a great extent on heavy spring rains, which may or may not come. Work is practically finished in the woods, the hauling is done and men are now getting ready for the drive.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Building throughout Manitoba and the West is opening up very satisfactorily. Almost daily the announcement is made of some important building to be erected in Winnipeg. There is, naturally, a disposition on the part of lumber dealers to replenish their stocks for the spring trade, but owing to the uncertainty regarding prices few orders have as yet been placed. A report from Vancouver states that the millmen and the Canadian Pacific Railway have reached an agreement by which the freight rate on rough cedar, hemlock, spruce and all woods except fir will be reduced from 50 cents to 40 cents per hundred pounds, the same rate as is now charged on fir, making a uniform rate on all rough lumber. The mill men, in turn, have agreed to reduce the price of rough lumber \$1 per thousand feet, the highest grades to remain unchanged.

UNITED STATES.

The Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association, at a meeting held at Minneapolis on March 8th, adopted a price list making the following advances: No. 4 boards, \$1; No. 3 boards, 10-inch, 50 cents; No. 3 shiplap and D. & M., 50 cents; 6-inch No. 3 fencing, 6-foot lengths, \$1.50; 8 and 10-foot lengths, \$1; 12 and 14 foot lengths, 50 cents; 4-inch No. 3 fencing, all lengths, 50 cents; 4-inch No. 4 fencing, all lengths, \$1. These descriptions of lumber have practically been cleaned out by the demand for box lumber, and it is expected that the production of box lumber this season will be insufficient to meet the demand. A report from Buffalo states that a scarcity of all low grade white pine is feared. The white pine market as a whole is strong, with prices showing an upward tendency. The cut at Duluth this season is estimated at 261,000,000 feet, which is a decided shortage as compared with late years. In the entire Lake Superior district the shortage is estimated at from 20 to 25 per cent. In the light of these facts there does not seem to be much ground on which to base the expectation of lower prices for white pine. The hardwood demand is confined largely to consuming factories, but as spring opens there will doubtless be heavy buying by dealers, as the stocks of both wholesalers and retailers are much depleted. Thick ash is in short supply and sells readily, while there is also a more active movement of basswood. The hemlock demand is more pronounced than any other kind of northern lumber, there having been a positive revival during the past fortnight. Dry stocks are very low and will be completely exhausted before the new cut is ready for the market. The shingle trade is dull and prices not altogether satisfactory, but some improvement is looked for at an early date.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The news from the British market is by no means encouraging. The prevailing

depression has been augmented by the failure of Robert Parker & Co., timber importers, and John Edwards & Co., box and packing case manufacturers, of Liverpool. The liabilities of the first named firm are said to be about \$250,000, and it is said that the assets show twenty cents on the dollar. The suspension is the result of recent heavy losses, and it is expected that an arrangement will be made for the continuance of the business. The second failure is unimportant, the total liabilities being about \$20,000. It is understood that the financial situation in certain quarters is causing some anxiety and there is little hope of an early improvement in the timber trade. Prices at the last auction sale showed a declining tendency. Fourth quality pine, 3x11 inch, 14 to 16 feet, sold as low as \$9 per standard. Spruce deals also sold lower, a considerable line of 3x9 inch unassorted, 12 to 13 feet, averaging only \$9 75 6d per standard.

Several agents of Quebec shippers are reported to have secured contracts for small quantities of pine deals at prices about equal to those which were paid one year ago; others are reported to have obtained a slight advance. Some parcels of spruce deals have been sold at about £8 10s c. i. Y. Belfast, whilst some Miramichi spruce has been placed at £5 5s. A considerable quantity of square and waney pine is said to have been placed.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Duffy & Barnhill have taken out 1,500,000 feet of logs in the vicinity of Musquash, N. B.

N.S. Fleishauer will supply pine, cedar and rock elm for the city of Stratford, Ont., at \$22, \$17 and \$26 respectively.

The S. Hadley Lumber Company have secured the contract for the supply of lumber for the city of Chatham, Ont.

E. D. Allan is sawing spool wood at Two Islands, N. S. He expects to cut about 300,000 superficial feet this season.

Large quantities of railway sleepers were taken out during the past winter along the line of the Intercolonial Railway in the southern part of New Brunswick.

Mershaw, Schuette, Parker & Company, of Saginaw, Mich., have about 20,000,000 feet of lumber on the sticks in Ontario, which they will take to Saginaw upon the opening of navigation.

Sims Bros., of Little Current, Ont., have just closed arrangements with the W. & A. McArthur Company by which their logs will be manufactured this year at the "Red" mill of the latter company.

Collicut & Mann, of Bloomfield Station, N. B., have lately finished a cut of 1,100,000 feet of lumber for H. A. Myers and are now cutting 500,000 feet for J. Jamieson. W. S. Mason has cut 1,300,000 feet for Jones Bros.

The Pigeon River Lumber Co., of Port Arthur, Ont., are again this winter receiving logs from their Minnesota limits. The supply from that quarter this year will be

between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 feet. In addition to the Minnesota camp the company have several camps on their Canadian limits tributary to the Pigeon River, from which they will probably receive 10,000,000 feet.

A meeting of the St. John, N. B., lumbermen was held last week to prepare to meet a rush of ice and logs which is expected upon the breaking up of the St. John river. There are between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 feet of logs between Fredericton and Grand Falls and from 30,000,000 to 35,000,000 feet between Grand Falls and Seven Islands at the headwaters. If the ice goes quietly by Fredericton and permits the booms to be swung, all will be well, but otherwise the lumbermen are fearful of the result. It is proposed to spend about \$5,000 in preparations to save the drift drive.

The Barbadoes lumber market is thus reviewed by Messrs. S. P. Munson, Son & Company: "There being no arrivals since our last report, stocks are being greatly reduced by the usual crop requirements of this season. We think that in four or five weeks a cargo of white pine would meet with a fair price. Spruce is not heavily stocked, but as previously advised, hemlock, which is held in large quantities, is being used instead. Gaspe and Dimension shingles are in good demand. Stocks are reduced to a very low ebb and we think next arrivals will bring good prices. Cedar Laying are in fair supply, a quality at from \$2.10 to \$2.15."

LUMBER FREIGHTAGE RATES.

At a meeting of the river tug boat men and mill men held at St. John, N. B., last week the charge on spruce from the Fredericton booms and from Springhill was compromised at 65 cents per thousand feet for the current year. This is on condition that 100,000,000 feet of spruce will be handled.

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