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Special correspondents in localities of importance present an accurate report not only of prices and the condition of the market, but also of other matters specially interesting to our readers. But correspondence is not only welcome, but is invited from all who have any information to communicate or subjects to discuss relating to the trade or in anyway affecting it. Even when we may not be able to agree with the writers, we will give them a fair opportunity for free discussion as the best means of eliciting the truth. Any items of interest are particularly requested, for even if not of great importance individually they contribute to a fund of information from which general results are obtained.

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Subscribers will find the small amount they pay for the CANADA LUMBERMAN quite insignificant as compared with its value to them. There is not an individual in the trade, or specially interested in it, who should not be on our list, thus obtaining the present benefit and aiding and encouraging us to render it even more complete.

THE LABOR PROBLEM.

THE difficulties which confront the lumber manufacturer in respect to labor are showing no indications of relief. Logging operators in many instances are unable to obtain a sufficient number of men for work in the woods, and the production of logs during the coming winter promises to be reduced on this account. Some dissatisfaction is also reported as to the class of labor obtainable.

The demand for labor is such that employees are often indifferent and do not discharge their duties as faithfully as when employment was less plentiful. These conditions must affect the cost of producing lumber.

The opinion was recently advanced in these columns that current prices are not out of proportion to the cost of producing lumber. In a recent issue the American Lumberman takes up this question and gives some striking examples of the increase in the wages of those engaged in lumbering operations. Taking the wages paid by a large lumber manufacturer in Duluth, the increase this year as compared with 1896 is about 30 per cent., as the following table shows:

CLASSES OF LABOR	1896	1900	INCREASE.
Pilers	$1.62	$2.00	23 per cent.
Graders	1.37	2.00	46 " "
Setters	1.75	2.00	14 " "
Clearing gangs	1.75	2.12½	21 " "
Common laborers	1.25	1.62½	30 " "

The increase in the wages of woodsmen have been much greater, and show an increase as compared with four years ago of nearly 85 per cent. The comparison is as follows:

CLASSES OF LABOR	1896	1900	INCREASE.
Teamsters	$16.00	$30.00 to $40.00	88 per cent.
Swampers	13.00	28.00 to 32.00	115 "
Choppers	14.00	28.00 to 32.00	100 "
Sawyers	14.00	28.00 to 32.00	100 "
Graders	13.00	28.00 to 32.00	115 "
Laying iron	13.28	28.00 to 32.00	110 "
Chore boys	12.00	20.00 to 26.00	76 "
Blacksmiths	35.00	50.00 to 60.00	43 "
Cooks	45.00	50.00 to 60.00	11 "

We believe that in Canada there has been an almost corresponding advance in the wages of the employees of the lumber trade. This advance cannot be disregarded by manufacturers, who must of necessity secure for their product a price sufficient to cover the increased cost of production. The consumer who believes that by waiting he will be able to purchase his supply of lumber at lower prices will probably find that he has been laboring under a delusion.

THE OUTLOOK.

As the exponent of the lumber industry, the CANADA LUMBERMAN has felt an interest in the election campaign which recently closed in the United States, and we must confess to a feeling of satisfaction with the result. No doubt the prosperity which the country has enjoyed during the past three yea s was a strong factor in determining the result. The business interests are now assured that there will be no change in the policy of the Government for four years at least. The immediate result will be the carrying out of plans which were temporarily deferred, while the commercial industries will continue to expand.

Although a political campaign in Canada does not affect the business interests in the same degree as in the United States, yet it is a cause for congratulation that in this country also we are now reasonably certain of a settled policy for another four years. Tariff regulations are not likely to undergo material change, and manufacturers will be in a position to plan their undertakings accordingly.

THE lumber trade has perhaps felt a greater interest in the recent election across the border than any other branch of industry, as some 500,000,000 feet of the lumber product of Canada is annually marketed in the United States. A prospective glance shows the outlook for the lumber industry of this country to be rather bright. Lumber is still a large factor in building operations. These will soon be terminated for this year, but we anticipate that the spring of 1901 will be the beginning of an active building season. In the city of Toronto the number of vacant houses has greatly diminished within the past year, and the demand is such that new residences must be built to accommodate the rapidly growing population. The holding of a Dominion Exhibition in Toronto next year is likely to cause the erection of buildings on the Exhibition grounds to cost in the neighborhood of $200,000, while the proposed palace hotel on King street is expected to call for an expenditure of nearly $1,000,000. In Ottawa building operations next year promise to be on an extensive scale, as, in addition to the regular building, many structures destroyed by the Ottawa-Hull fire last spring are yet to be replaced. A considerable volume of building is likely to be done in the city of Montreal, not to speak of the extensive harbor improvements which are under way in that city. W[...] the conditions in these three citi[...] situation in the smaller cities and tow[...] the country, and that we shall [...] healthful revival of building operati[...] year.

THE consumption of lumber for ma[...] purposes is likely to increase. Furnit[...] plements are two of the main branches [...] facture in which lumber is employed, [...] these are in a most prosperous condi[...] addition to a steadily increasing hom[...] the export of these articles is increa[...] shown by the official returns issued by [...] partment of Trade and Commerce.

So much for the home consumption. T[...] dition which will characterize the expo[...] are less certain. It is not improbable [...] United States will take from this coun[...] year fully as much, if not more lumber, [...] the season now closing. So with the [...] market. And it is probable that other [...] countries will increase their imports fro[...] ada, partly as a result of our exhibit of [...] products at the Paris Exposition. The [...] African Republic will eventually be a b[...] potter of lumber, but the country will [...] become sufficiently settled to permit of [...] ports in 1901.

Lumber manufacturers may, we thi[...] into the future with some degree of as[...] that, with a moderate output, all the [...] manufactured will find a market, and th[...] business will realize a fair margin of profi[...] of the things to be guarded against is a[...] sive production.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

TO THE lumber fraternity the CANADA LU[...] MAN extends its greetings upon the appr[...] festive season.

HERE is a trade barometer: "The [...] of wood pulp exported from the Domi[...] Canada to Great Britain during the las[...] year was almost twice as great as du[...] preceding year." The Scandinavian ma[...] ers are gradually losing ground in the [...] market, because of the superior quality of [...] adian pulp.

NEW blood from lumber circles has bee[...] duced into the Dominion parliament by [...] tion of Mr. J. T. Schell, of Alexandria, O[...] Mr. Gibson, jr., of Marysville, N. B. If [...] gentleman put into their parliamentary c[...] same keen foresight and telling energy th[...] characterized their business operations a[...] bermen, we may expect to see the mark of [...] impress upon the work of the ninth Parl[...] of Canada. Is it too much to predict the [...] position of the long-looked-for import du[...] United States lumber?

THE Great Northern Railway has bee[...] pleted. The road runs from Quebec Ci[...] Hawkesbury, connecting with the Booth [...] system, over which it has running privi[...] Parry Sound. It passes through the rich[...] bered country on the upper reaches of the [...] that flow from Quebec into the St. La[...] and furnishes a continuous line betwe[...]