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### BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES AND CHANGES.

J. R. Booth will rebuild his mills at Burlington, Vt., which were destroyed by fire some weeks ago.

Alex. Gibson has erected a new mill at Belkville, N. B., for cutting all classes of lumber. Cost \$40,000.

Robert Connors, the Maritime Province Lumberman, whose death was noted recently, has bequeathed him liabilities amounting to about \$100,000, \$60,000 of which is a claim held by the Bank of Nova Scotia and covered by a lien on his logs. It is believed, however, that the estate is valuable enough to cover all.

### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

RATHER more business is doing than for some weeks past. It is hardly possible that April will terminate without a fair volume of trade being the result. Anything like a start in spring business must mean a considerable demand for lumber, for at distributing points stocks are light. One of the leading mill men of the province, with headquarters in Toronto, who recently returned from the Eastern States, whither he had gone on a prospecting tour, said to the writer, that he was agreeably disappointed in the outlook. He could only repeat what others had said before, that an unusual degree of caution was evinced by everyone. This is a marked feature of the lumber trade this spring as compared with some other seasons. It was believed, however, that the time was near when a demand for lumber would exist, and lumber would need to be bought. It is simply a case of waiting to make sure that trade will start moving. Our informant found a strong disposition among wholesalers to talk business, with a view of actual trade near by. He stated that stocks at the distributing centres were light, which of itself supplied strong reason for confidence in the near future. Building operations are commencing to be a factor in the activities of the larger cities, and manufacturing concerns generally are either running on good time or just on the eve of doing so. It looks as though prices for the better qualities would hold firm throughout the season. Enquiries for this class of stock are increasing and there does not seem to be any too much of last year's cut on hand. It is just among the possibilities that by mid-summer the price for better stock will show, at least, a slight tendency to advance. As much can hardly be said for common. The opinion of one well acquainted with the market is that this is likely to be an off year with box and common grades. The extra cut of burnt timber through Michigan, Minneapolis and Wisconsin will be one factor leading in this direction. Outside of this one possible condition prices generally are likely to keep firm. The mills, both in the northern section of the province and on the Ottawa, are about ready to commence running. The cut will, on the whole, average about the same as last year, some mills increasing it a little, others not getting out quite so much.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Quiet as lumber has been in Quebec for some months, there is a noticeable feeling of improvement shown within a week or two. In conversation with the represen-

tative of one of the largest Canadian exporters of deals and timber, the opinion was expressed that a better trade would be done this year than last, and prices would certainly show an advance. The Glasgow market for Canadian timber evidences considerable activity, and Canadian houses who have representatives there have no reason to believe that a satisfactory season's business will not be done. The manager of the Glasgow house of Robert Thomson & Co., is at present in this country, and his reports to the home office are of a satisfactory character. A Glasgow correspondent of Timber says: "The turn over in waney and square yellow pine has, during the past year, been considerable and at hardening prices. More business in this connection is in process of negotiation with the ship builders and no doubt sales will result. All holders are asking better prices for first-class timber and with the stock in such moderate position it will be surprising if they do not get it for the asking. At a lumber sale of timber conducted by Churchill & Sim a week ago, prices obtained for a heavy line of a well-known Quebec stock, represented in 1st, 2nd and 3rd, are reported by the Timber Trades Journal to have been not unsatisfactory. In the Liverpool market the same authority states that there is certainly an improvement in volume of business now being done, compared with the stagnant condition it was in a short time ago, though it is feared when the import of Canadian goods sets in the market will be found with more unsold stock than holders and importers care about carrying over. There are many signs of an active season in lumbering in New Brunswick. The cut will be of good size and the mills are generally getting down to work. Shipments, both to the United Kingdom and the United States will, no doubt from this out, show a decided increase in size.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Shipping records in the coast province show that good quantities of lumber are being exported weekly. Much of this is going to California. Foreign points are also receiving a fair quantity of stock. The home trade is looking up in sympathy with the general revival that comes to business in the spring of the year. From the decision of the New York Appraisers, that has been given out, it would appear as though the 25 per cent. duty that has been exacted on red cedar will now be removed, and if so, the trade of British Columbia in this direction will receive an encouraging impetus.

UNITED STATES.

Lumber dealers in the United States are not buying freely, far from as readily

as ought to be expected at this time of the year. They are commencing, however, to feel more like doing business. Enquiries for stock are of a more definite and business like nature and with limited stocks on hand at the main distributing centres there is nothing over sanguine in the statement that within a few weeks orders for considerable quantities of lumber will be placed with mill men. One, at the same time, can hardly study the situation without feeling satisfied that throughout the season buying will be of a careful character and that no one is likely to stock up with much more than they think they can readily dispose of. Mill men in Michigan, for example, are not worried over the outlook. Mills almost immediately will be in full running shape, and it is believed that a good season's trade will be done. The firm nature of prices is a condition of the lumber situation that gives confidence to business. Prices for better grades are disposed to stiffen, whilst, unless some of the larger consumers of commoner grades resolve on the making up of heavy stocks this season, prices in these lines may decline.

FOREIGN.

An improvement in trade in Canadian woods is becoming manifest in a number of the leading English markets. Reports from London are perhaps less cheery than at any other point. The talk there is of heavy stocks, and it is contended that the only hope of an improvement in trade is in restricting shipments. At Liverpool a more healthy condition exists, whilst at Glasgow business is taking on active conditions, and fair orders have been placed for spring supplies. Ship building is active. In almost all kinds of yellow pine deals, says Timber, the market maintains a fairly firm tone. In under sizes of 1st quality advances are paid where business is done, but regulars and board are moving slowly, and paying prices not easy to get. Spruce is going freely into consumption but the low level of prices, which has been current of late, is maintained, much stock on hand operating against any advance. It is hoped that Australian trade will show some improvement very shortly, though it is a case of mending slowly after the severe financial depression of the past few years. Cuban troubles continue to demoralize the lumber business in South America. A recent Canadian visitor to the New York market says that there is very little doing in business with South America or the West Indies. A report of Mr. Balcer, to the Chambers de Commerce, at Montreal, gives encouragement to an improved trade in lumber between Canada and France.