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## CORREFT TRADE CONDITIONS.

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The fieling of hopelulness displayed by the lumber trade in more proncunced than at any previous lime this year. As the revult of belter weather, everything has a brighter look and theie are evidences of much greater activity in the noar future. The railways are making some progress with the movement of congested freight, but there is still a large quanity of lumber waiting shipment. Buying of white pine has been quive general during the past week, several lots in the Georkian Bay district having changed hands at good figures. Log .un is selling as higb in price as labt year, and lately a disposition bas been shown to hold for an advance. For the small quantity of unsold dry lumber on hand high prices are being asked. Tin and iwelve inch common pine has been marked up by some manutacinrerv about $\$ 1$ per thousa, id feet, $\$ 23$ being asked for lengths froz, 18 to $2+$ feet. Dry hemlock and spruce are also whwing a blardening tendency, $2 \times 6$ in. hemlock, 12 to 14 feet in length, being held at the mills at $\$ \mathbf{1 2 . 5 0}$. There ian wrone demand for all hard. woods, with considerable inquiry firs suitable export ntock. Prices are hardening as the result of liberal buying ano in sympnthy with the strong market in the l'nited

Stales. Lath are inclined to be a little wriker, hut as building operations pro krevolie demand will improve and pricen arengthen accordingly.

## manitoma and beitish columbia.

The nullook for the lumber business in Western Canada in brightening. For the firvt three months of this year the building permita taicen out in the city of Winoipos represented in value upwarde of $\$ 700,000$, which is an increase of $\$ 200,000$ at combpared with the corresponding period of 19n3. Similar activity prevails at Vanconver, Victoria and other western points, and there pronises to be a brisk demand lor the class of lumber required for build. ing purposes. The market is still somewhat innettled, although a report from Rrilish Columbia slates that it has been decided to maintain present prices notwithstanding the abandoament of the proposal to form a selli.g pool.

## inited states.

More activity is exibited by the lumber Irade of the United States, and this rotwithstanding hat shipments have for the past iwo months been of considerable valume. White pine shipments trom the Mississippr and Wisconsin valley mills amounted to $115,000,000$ foet during February, a decrease of only 6 per cent. as compared with the anme month last year. The wholesale centres roport an increased number of enquiries for shipment to New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other eastern points, and a pronounced revival in trade this month is coufidentis lonked for. The most urgent demand is for box lumber, although prices of No. 3 and belter have become firmer since the shortage of the new cut becane generally known. There is very litte dry lumber of the lower grades at the milla.
The position of hardwoods is very favor. able, with a tendency towards higher prices. Wisconsio birch is bringing fully $\$ 2$ a thousandi nore than last fall and the inspection is less severe. Dry bardwoods in Michigan are very scarce and the leaders have advanced in value from $\$ 2$ to $\$ 3$ a housand. Kirch No. 2 common and better is bringing in $\$ 2310 \$ 25$; sof elm, $\mathbf{\$ 2 5}_{25}$; and rock elm $\mathbf{\$}_{\mathbf{2 4}}$ to $\$ 25$. Maple prices are about the same as at the close of last year. It is estimated that 40 per cent. nf the new cut of hardwuods bas been contracted for. Long lengits of bemiock lumber are in splendid request and mill stocksare very light. No decline in prices is locked for.

It is not possible to report much improvement in the timber trade of Great Britain. Few contracts are being clowed and there is atill a disposition to adopt a waiting attituda. It is froely predicted that dealn will be sold at lower prices, but as regards the zmaller sizes the situation zeemn to be stronger and the stock offered in being takeo momewhat ireely. The Board of Trade returne show that the traie of the country is sound, but it is expected that any improvement will be of wow growth. The voluma of business with South Africa has been disappointing to British merchants, and the financial difficulties have created a foeling that caution will have to be observed this year to pre. vent further disaster to those who have been carrying heavy stocka bought at high prices. Auction sale prices have been lower. Two lots of 2 -inch first quality broad pine deals sold at $£_{31}$ se. per standard, and some third quality pine, to and $\boldsymbol{w}$ teet, at $\boldsymbol{E}_{10}$ to $\mathscr{L}_{11}$. A large line of Quebec deals, $3 \times 9$ in. unassortod, brougtt only 28 sa , and $2 \times 9 \mathrm{in}$. only £. 7 10s. A fow lols of $3 \times 9 \mathrm{in}$. second quality Quebec spruce sold at $\varepsilon_{9} 15 \mathrm{~s}$, a decline of 5 . as compared with the previous price. Firal quality $3 \times 9$ in. brought $\mathcal{E}_{11}$ per standard. Notwithstanding the landency towards weaknese refocted 30 the above pricea, we are toid that importers who have refrained from making their purchases of pine deals are now realising that they will have to pay the increased prices asked by shippers if they wish to secure the stock.

## STUCES AND PRICES

John Baker, of Baker's Settlement, N. S., expects to saw 500,000 ieet of humber this season with his rotary mill.
Alfred Dickie, of Lower Stewiacke, N. S., has $65,000,000$ feet of lops avnilable for this spason's sawiag operations.
Tenders are invited up to Tuendap, April 12th. for the supply of lumber required by the city of Winnipeg during the current year.
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