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27th day of November, 1896,

proceed and sell the said machinery at the said mill.

All particulars relating to the said machinery may be had on application to the undersigned, or to the Waterous Engine Works Company, Limited, Brantford, Ont.

WALTER YUILL, Bailiff,
Calabogie, Ont.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO

The lumber trade of Ontario, after a period of depression almost unprecedented, is gradually recovering from its inactivity, and on all sides a more promising outlook is reported. Within the past week many expressions of opinion have been heard that the business of the country is improving, and foreign capitalists are said to be looking to Canada as a desirable field for investment. Financiers are becoming interested in the probability of valuable gold mines being located in the northwestern part of Ontario, and money is circulating with more freedom. The advance in the price of farm products has in a measure been maintained—all of which will assist in the improvement of the lumber trade which has now commenced. Inquiries from the United States are more numerous, and prices of the best grades are higher than in the early fall. No. 1 cutting has advanced about \$2 per thousand, and now sells at \$32. In the Georgian Bay district there are large stocks, which will probably make it more difficult to advance prices, owing to extreme competition. In the Ottawa valley the market is in a healthy condition, and much of next season's production has been placed. Twelve-inch boards are very scarce, and it would be difficult at the present time to secure a suitable cargo for the South American market. The prospects for next season's trade are considered good, and only an overproduction of logs this winter is likely to prevent more remunerative prices. An

improvement is also reported in hardwoods and hemlock.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

As navigation on the St. Lawrence has practically closed for the season, there is very little stock changing hands for the British market. During the past week a couple of steamers left Montreal with partial cargoes of lumber, which pretty well clears up the stock at this port. What remains will be held over until the spring. Stocks at Quebec are generally light, oak being in greater supply than other woods. The quantity of timber shipped from that port shows an increase over past years, and the general opinion is that next season will witness a brisk trade. The cut in the woods this winter will be an average one, and as many logs were hung up this season, there will doubtless be a sufficient supply for all requirements. In New Brunswick no particular activity exists. There are large quantities of lumber at the mills and on the wharves, much of which will be carried over the winter. Small lots are going forward to United States points, and freight rates have advanced 25 cents, making the rate now \$2 to Boston and \$2.25 to New York. Spruce is firmer and in more demand, and dealers are stocking up before prices advance. The cut in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia is likely to be larger than last year.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND MANITOBA.

After a quiet period the saw mills of British Columbia are again in active operation, and large local orders are being placed. Indications point to the mills being kept busy and running full time all winter. The canneries continue to require large supplies of lumber, and shipments to the east are fairly active, but have been hindered by a scarcity of suitable cars. There is little doing in foreign trade. Manitoba trade is active, farmers purchasing freely for repair work.

UNITED STATES.

The feeling of confidence which followed the Presidential election in the United States has resulted in an expansion of trade in lumber, and a general advance in price of from 50 cents to \$1 per thousand feet. The increase in volume of movement is not likely to be very marked during the winter season, but the requirement will increase with the first approach of spring trade. There has been a resumption of consuming industries, and most of these have very light stocks on hand, but do not feel disposed to stock heavily at the advanced prices until necessity compels them to do so. The fear of further advances may, however, tempt some buyers to lay in supplies for next season's wants. As trade in general increases, and money is more freely distributed, it is probable that lumber will not long remain at present quotations. Several good-sized transactions are reported in white pine, among which is the sale of 15,000,000 feet at Bay City and Saginaw. Shipping at Duluth has about closed for the season, and sales for eastern shipment are not large, but a fair demand is reported from the wheat-producing centres.

Spruce and hemlock in the eastern markets are improving, and at Buffalo and Tonawanda an increase of sales is reported. The cut of pine this winter is likely to be smaller than last season, but more will be taken out than was anticipated before the election. The hardwood market is strengthening from an enlarged demand. Quarter-sawn red and white oak is inquired for, and some fair sales are announced. A Chicago dealer is said to have received an order last week for fifty cars of plain red oak finish. Birch, elm and maple is being purchased for furniture and other factories, and basswood is also moving a little better, although stocks are large. There is very little activity in the sash and door trade, as building operations are well over. Shingles are rather scarce, and are consequently firm. Many wholesale dealers are short in the supply of white cedars.

FOREIGN.

Apart from Great Britain the foreign lumber markets are not active. The South African and South American demand is likely to be good next season, but before the spring trade opens up there will be very little doing. The course of the British lumber market is towards a further hardening in prices of Canadian goods, which is accounted for by the light supplies and the active demand. Still more business might be done if shippers were willing to accept lower figures, but, realizing that the supplies are not likely to be greater than the requirements for the winter's trade, no underselling is being indulged in. Large quantities of pine sold at public sales have lessened the general demand, but the prices realized prove that the market is not weakening. The consumption of spruce continues unabated, and few distributing points contain any large supply. The probable early closing of the ports on the American side has had the effect of stiffening prices still further. General trade at London is only moderate, but an improvement is noted at Glasgow and West Hartlepool. At the latter port sawn wood is in exceptionally good request, and stocks are less than at the same time last year. Should the demand remain in the present healthy condition, it is quite probable that higher values will result. Mahogany is strong, and birch has improved. Oak is moving fairly well, while ash and elm are weak and little inquired for.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

Bark Launberga, from Manila, loads deals at St. John, N. B., for the United Kingdom.

The following lumber charters are reported: Thos. Perry, Pensacola to London, sawn timber, 968, 3d.; ship Annie M. Law, Mobile to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$11.50 net; bark Hornet, Mobile to Rosano, lumber, \$13 net.

BUSINESS NOTES.

A. Mineau, lumber, etc., Louisville, Que., is said to have assigned.

W. Williscraft, saw mill, Fort Simpson, B. C., is offering to sell out.

The B. B. Richards Lumber Company, of Duluth, Minn., have filed an assignment. The assets are estimated at \$543,000, and are greatly in excess of liabilities.