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WANTED.

3" AND 4" HARD MAPLE, 1" SOFT ELM, Black Ash and winter cut Basswood. Box 27, CANADA LUMBERMAN.

WANTED.

POSITION AS CASHIER AND ACCOUNTANT. Over nine years' experience with one of the largest and oldest lumber firms in Ottawa. Best of references. Address, Post Office Box 1066, Ottawa.

WANTED.

ONE CAR LOAD 1 1/2" ROCK ELM, FIRS 2nd second, 14, 10 and 16 feet long, and one car load half 1 1/2" and half 2, 10, 12 and 14 feet, to be skidded out and shipped green. JOHN S. MASON & Co., 247 Eleventh Avenue, New York City.

WANTED - LOCATION FOR SAW MILL.

ADVERTISER SEEKS A LOCATION FOR A SAW MILL, full of water - the latter preferred - where from 10 to 15 million feet a year of pine, hardwood or cedar could be obtained. Address, LOCATION, CANADA LUMBERMAN, TORONTO.

TIMBER LANDS FOR SALE.

FRONTING ON RIVER ST. LAWRENCE, 1/2 mile long, below Quebec. Extent, fifty-four square miles. For particulars apply to

J. P. DUMARESQU, 43 Milton St., Montreal.

WANTED.

TO CONTRACT WITH SOME GOOD RELIABLE MILL TO RUN SAW or shingle mill by the thousand. Ten years experience with hand mills (except hand first by trade); good general mill man from engine to saws, experienced with hard and soft wood saws; capable and reliable. Highest references on application to U.S. and Canadian companies. Address: HUNTSVILLE, CANADA LUMBERMAN.

FOR SALE.

A FIRST CLASS LUMBER AND SHINGLE Mill, average capacity per day, 35 M. feet lumber 20 M. shingles and 10 M. lath, situated on Huntville, near Vernon, close to station, with six spurs of timber. It was running to mill, plenty of Pine Timber, wood cheap. Also a first class site for a Tannery, plenty of Tan Bark. Apply to THE WALKER LUMBER CO., Limited, Huntsville, Ont.

WANTED.

16 INCH XXX AND XX WHITE PINE Shingles; also 18 inch XXXX and 18 inch XX. Address, MIXER & Co., Buffalo, N.Y.

AUCTION SALE

Timber Limits

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL OFFER FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Russell House in Ottawa, on

WEDNESDAY, THE 30TH NOVEMBER, 1898,

at 2.30 p.m., the following timber limits:

PARCEL NO. 1.

Berths No. 388 and 389, situated on Big Lake, River Dumoine, in the Province of Quebec, containing one hundred square miles. This limit fronts on Big Lake and the River Dumoine for 20 miles and is well watered with improved creeks, making it a cheap country to work. There is a good depot and farm on the limit, and shanty rigging and provisions to the value of about \$10,000, which purchaser will be required to take as per inventory, along with the limit.

PARCEL NO. 2.

Berths No. 343, 344, 305, 273 (or Berth A) and 234 (or Berth B), situated on the River Coulonge, in the Province of Quebec, containing 245 square miles. The Coulonge River runs through these berths. They are well watered with creeks, which are nearly all improved and which render the limits easily worked. There is a good depot and farm on them, and shanty rigging and provisions to the value of about \$9,000, which will have to be taken by the purchaser as per inventory.

PARCEL NO. 3.

Part of Township of Brougham and of Township Bagot, on Madawaska River, in Province of Ontario, containing 37 1/2 square miles.

PARCEL NO. 4.

Part of Townships Papineau and Cameron, on Ottawa River at Mattawa, containing 24 1/2 square miles.

All these limits are held by the vendors under renewable licenses or leases from the Commissioner of Crown Lands for the respective provinces, upon terms and conditions mentioned and set forth in the licenses or leases or under the usual provisions set forth in the statutes, orders in council and regulations in that behalf.

The inventories of plant, live stock and supplies will be exhibited at the time of sale or at any time upon application to the vendors, and purchasers shall take such plant, live stock and supplies with respective limits at the inventory's price, subject to deduction of such articles as are consumed, lost or non-deliverable.

The depots, barns, buildings and farms on these limits are upon unsurveyed territory, the titles of which are still vested in the Crown, and the vendors will sell only such right and title thereto as they may possess, and it shall go and belong with the limits on which the parcels are respectively situated.

Each parcel will be offered for sale separately and subject to the terms and conditions of sale, which will be made known at the time of sale.

Dated at Ottawa this 30th day of September, 1898.

W. H. LEWIS, WILLIAM MASON & SONS, Auctioneer Vendors

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The sch. Fred H. Gibson has been chartered to take lumber from Portland to Paysandu, at \$14.50 and return.

The sch. Nimbus has been chartered to load a cargo of lumber at Yarmouth, N. S., for Rosario, at \$10.

The saw mill plant of Thompson Smith's Sons at Cheloboygan, Mich., one of the largest in that state, was completely destroyed by fire recently, at a loss of \$200,000. It is stated that the rebuilding of the mill will depend upon the arrangements that are made for obtaining a log supply from Canada, as at the time of the fire the firm were cutting logs for Alger, Smith & Co., who own limits on the Georgian Bay.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The volume and class of lumber moving indicates that retail dealers in Ontario are replenishing their stocks; orders have been chiefly for small lots of pine of the lower grades, although hardwoods of all kinds find a ready sale at firm prices. The conditions surrounding the lumbering industry in this province are such as to make it almost impossible to arrive at a conclusion regarding the future of the market. This much may be said, however, that stocks of hardwoods in first hands are reduced to a minimum, while pine manufacturers are holding less than an average quantity. There is also the fact that the home consumption of lumber is steadily growing, and although we may expect a couple of quiet months in mid-winter, the outlook for business is considered good. Lumber will no doubt sell with greater freedom next spring, as the position of Canadian manufacturers will be improved. The United States market must be thrown open to Canadian lumber or the log supply to the Michigan mills will cease. Whatever course is followed, the result will be beneficial to Canadian lumbermen.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Chartering is now nearly over for the season. There are some vessels under charter to sail from the St. Lawrence during October and November, but the number is not large, and the total shipments of the season will fall short of last year. The statement of timber measured at Quebec shows a marked falling off in the quantity of waney board pine timber as compared with last year, and a slight increase in square white pine. Other varieties have been exported to about the same extent as last year. There is a slight improvement in local trade, particularly in Montreal, where the proposed harbor improvements are about to be commenced.

Throughout New Brunswick and Nova Scotia no signs of a revival of the lumber demand are visible, although a rather unexpected confidence is exhibited by lumbermen. They believe that the bottom has been reached, and that prices cannot possibly further depreciate. Many of the mills have ceased cutting, and will carry over a quantity of logs until next spring. Taken as a whole, the year has been one of the most unsatisfactory on record. No shipments of any account have been made to the United States market, and those to Great Britain have been made on little or no margin of profit. This can best be understood by contrasting conditions. Prices in the British market were this year from one to two dollars lower than those of last year, while the average freight rate was about 47s 6d, against 37s 6d in 1897. Thus the manufacturer did not receive within two or three dollars of as much for his lumber as he should have realized. The South American and West Indian markets have been and are fairly steady, and have this year furnished the only profitable outlets for the lumber of the Maritime provinces.

UNITED STATES.

The lumber requirement for building purposes is growing less each day, and consequently the grades of lumber mostly used for this purpose are not moving very freely. The greatest encouragement comes from manufacturing establishments, such as furniture, implement and box making and general wood-working lines. This is preserving the equilibrium of the market. One favorable condition is that stocks in first hands are not large, and before the winter is gone they will be still further reduced, as wholesale dealers have not purchased very heavily and will certainly enter the market for broken lots during the winter months. Taking the principal manufacturing points, we find that shipments in September were larger than in the corresponding month one year ago, while prices are firm at late advanced quotations. A visible improvement in the demand for all kinds of lumber is reported from the chief centres of the United States; Buffalo and Tonawanda are doing a fair trade, and New York and Boston show signs of revival. A Wisconsin dealer gives it as his opinion that next year birch, ash, elm and maple will be back at the old 1892 prices, that basswood will be one dollar higher, and that rock elm will be two dollars higher than at present. We fear, however, that he does not take into consideration any of the influences affecting the market. Should there be a heavy input of logs the coming winter, it is improbable that prices will be any higher, even if they should hold their own.

FOREIGN.

Of the British lumber market an encouraging report cannot fairly be given. Consumption continues active, but importers and dealers find that the market is yet too heavily stocked, and that they are entering upon what may be termed the winter trade with stocks very little smaller than last year. Baltic and Canadian shippers alike are pressing their goods, in the hope of closing contracts, and as a result spruce prices at least are showing a tendency to further decline. This year spruce has been sold quite largely on the east coast, and will no doubt continue to be used now that a footing has been secured. There is a fair inquiry for hardwoods.

The extensive shipments to South American countries would seem to indicate a revival of the demand there. Precaution should be observed, however, lest the market should be overdone. Australia is also showing some activity, and gives promise of furnishing an outlet for an increased quantity of lumber.

BUSINESS NOTES.

McLeod & Spence, lumber dealers and storekeepers, Port Elgin, N. B., are reported to be offering to compromise at 40 cents on the dollar.

The International Box & Heading Works, Buffalo, is, according to report, in the hands of the sheriff, with liabilities of \$48,000 and assets of \$12,000.