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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The last week of January witnessed more activity in the lumber business than the preceding weeks of the month. Some quite large sales of pine were made, particularly in the Ottawa valley, where it is said manufacturers have contracted for a considerable proportion of the coming season's production. In anticipation of a good year, wholesale dealers and exporters are buying liberally, and this fact may induce manufacturers to increase their operations in the woods beyond what was originally intended. Within the past fortnight several gangs of men have been sent to the logging districts. The conditions on the Georgian Bay are somewhat similar. Although in southern Ontario there has been a lack of snow for logging, in the Muskoka and northern districts this difficulty has not been met with.

It is yet too early to estimate the extent of building operations in 1899, but the amount of work already arranged for produces a strong hope of a busy season. There will probably be more building in country districts than last year, when it was of considerable volume.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Manufacturers of spruce lumber are holding quotations reasonably high, and consequently shippers have not contracted very heavily. The low prices at which stock was purchased last year are being used by buyers to secure better terms for the coming season's stock, but manufacturers seem to have resolved to make a fair margin of profit or cease business. The highest price yet paid at St. John for spruce lumber for spring delivery is \$9.75, which is about \$1.50 higher than the average price last year. In shipping circles there is not much doing; the rate on lumber to New York, from St. John, is lower, being \$3.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The lumbermen of Manitoba are preparing for the annual convention which takes place next week, and at which the attendance promises to be unusually large. There is some movement of lumber at the present time, although it cannot be said

that spring trade has yet commenced. As building prospects are particularly bright, retailers will no doubt increase their stocks materially in the near future. In British Columbia the lumber trade is without any special feature, although the era of low prices is probably at an end, owing largely to the scarcity of logs. The foreign trade is quite brisk, and several vessels are loading.

UNITED STATES.

The past week has been one of conventions, and consequently lumbermen have not devoted the usual attention to the getting of business. Transactions have been on a moderate scale, and have been confined largely to immediate requirements. Prospects, however, are of an encouraging character, and unless all signs should fail, there will be a brisk lumber trade in 1899. Eastern wholesale dealers report numerous inquiries for quantities of different grades for spring delivery, which would seem to indicate that consumers anticipate higher prices in the near future. There is an excessive demand for box lumber, which is in short supply and likely to further advance. Manufacturers generally are firm in their asking prices, and wholesale dealers are not inclined to contract for stock at the quotations given them. These remarks apply particularly to white pine. Hemlock lumber has made an all-round advance of 50 cents per thousand feet.

Hardwood stocks continue to be bought up close to the saw. In Michigan soft and rock elm are bringing prices from \$4 to \$6 higher than those which ruled two years ago. Even beech, which has been considered an unsaleable lumber, finds a ready market.

It is claimed that at northern mill points there is a pronounced shortage of lath, and sellers are asking \$1.65 per thousand for white pine. Shingles are demanding some attention, and show no weakening in price.

FOREIGN.

British timber importers are contracting for goods for spring delivery only in a moderate way, as they believe that shippers' asking prices are higher than the conditions warrant. It must be remembered, however, that stocks in the British market are lighter than those of one year ago, while the production of Canadian lumber is likely to be curtailed during the coming season. There is also the fact that prices of spruce, red pine, and several classes of timber are strengthening.

At London 3 x 11 and 3 x 9 3rd spruce are selling privately at £7 7s 6d per standard, although similar goods can be purchased at auction at 5s below these figures. Last year spruce found its way into new fields, and consumers are said to be willing to again contract for a supply. Looking at all the conditions surrounding the spruce market, there would seem to be reason to expect advanced prices and a good season in 1899.

The conditions of the lumber trade in France are about normal. It is expected that there will be a large consumption of wood during 1899, and that red pine will be maintained at higher prices. White pine joists, timber joists and hardwood also show signs of strengthening.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Thomas Myles' Sons, Hamilton, Ont., want 150 pieces 12 x 12, 30 feet, sound white pine timber.

J. E. Harroun & Son, of Watertown, N.Y., want good white pine mill culls, 1 1/2 inch, resawed for large boxes.

R. & T. Ritchie, of Aylmer, Que., have contracted to supply the Metropolitan Electric Company, of Ottawa, with poles.

The Metropolitan Railway Company, of Toronto, are taking tenders for the supply of 65,000 cedar ties, 1,000 cedar telegraph poles and 300 cedar trolley poles.

During the season of 1898 Messrs. E. I. White & Son, of Sand River, N.S., shipped to American ports 78 cargoes of piles and spars, aggregating about 55,000 pieces.

The Exploits Lumber Company, of Botwoodville, Nfld., will cut 10,000,000 feet of white pine lumber next summer, 5,000,000 feet of logs being now in the river. The manager of this company is George A. Fowler.

George Upham, of Fredericton, N.B., returned recently from the lumber camps on the Tobique river. He estimates the cut on that river this winter at 18,000,000 feet, a decrease of 7,000,000 feet as compared with last winter. Mr. Upham has contracted for all of Senator Baird's logs, about 1,500,000 feet.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Rat Portage Lumber Company, it was stated by the manager that the company had over 600 men cutting logs in the woods. Some 50,000,000 feet will be taken out, which, with the stock now on hand, will give a good supply for next season's sawing.

The annual report of the Board of Trade of Montreal gives the following statement of forest products exported from that port during the year 1898. Ashes, pot and pearl, \$35,321; logs, pine, \$150; logs, all other, \$836; lumber, \$5,574,114; timber, square, \$126,599; other articles,

The lumber production at Saginaw and Bay City, Mich., in the season of 1896 \$26,723, total, \$5,763,743.