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### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

In the outlook for building operations throughout the province is found one of the strongest indications that there will be a heavy consumption of lumber this year. Not for many years have Toronto architects been as busy as this season of the year in the preparation of plans for buildings. While in the cities there is likely to be an average volume of building, it is noteworthy that much of the work now in the hands of architects is for buildings in the towns and villages. This, it might be said, is an advantage to the lumber trade, inasmuch as most of the buildings will be of the cheaper class, and in their construction the common grades of lumber mostly will be used. Although stocks of white pine are by no means heavy, the bulk of the supply is of the lower grades which will be benefited by this cheaper class of construction. One or two reports have been received of a slight weakness in the lower grades, but this condition does not seem to be borne out by the statement of our Ottawa Valley correspondent that \$13 has been offered within the past fortnight at Ottawa for mill culls. In the Georgian Bay district inch mill culls sidings range from \$11 to \$11.50 at the mill, and 1 x 10 and 12 mill culls from \$12 to \$12.50. The hardwood trade is featureless. Buying is still limited, but manufacturers are holding to their level of prices, which they believe to be warranted by the cost of production. Some dealers report fewer enquiries for basswood, the reason for which may be that on account of the scarcity of that lumber, consumers are using substitutes as far as possible. Although there is a considerable supply of elm, some difficulty is reported in obtaining the grades and sizes wanted.

#### UNITED STATES.

Returns from about twenty of the leading cities in the United States show the volume of building permits issued for the first three months of this year to be largely in excess of the corresponding period of 1900, some of the cities showing a gain of over 200 per cent. This seems to promise well for building this season and for a large consumption of lumber in that way. The exceptionally good demand for doors and mill work is also an indication that much building is under way. While the volume of lumber moving is not as large as might be wished for, there is exhibited a degree of strength which is likely to prevent any material

slump in prices, as might be looked for upon the resumption of sawing operations. The outlook continues as promising as ever. There is a scarcity in the eastern markets of grades above common, which are showing a tendency to advance. As the opening of lake trade is likely to be late, eastern dealers fear that their stocks will be badly broken before new supplies are received. At Buffalo little is to be had in selects and uppers. In the Saginaw valley prices have stiffened materially on account of the great scarcity of stock, and corresponding changes have been made in our price list, but upon the opening of navigation it is only reasonable to expect that prices will not be as firm. At Saginaw the best brand of white pine shingles is selling at from \$3.25 to \$3.50 in car lots, while at Buffalo \$4.00 is quoted by jobbers for best 18 inch pine, and \$2.75 for clear butts.

Dealers report an improved demand for some kinds of hardwoods. Basswood is showing some sluggishness, but as the supply is small, this has had no effect upon prices. Maple is moving more freely, but is in large supply. There is a good demand for birch and ash, and a scarcity of the latter.

#### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Navigation on the St. Lawrence is now practically open, and the first vessels to carry lumber will shortly commence loading. There is not likely to be as much activity in lumber shipping circles as last year, fewer vessels having been chartered for early loading. Shippers are still making sales, but have not met with as much success as usual, owing to the heavier stocks carried in Great Britain. Vessels are being chartered for full lumber cargoes at 47s 6d to 50s from Montreal, while engagements for deals for regular liners have been made at 45s to 47s 6d to United Kingdom ports. For New Brunswick and Nova Scotia lumber the outlook is not regarded as very bright, and prices of British deals are fully one dollar lower than last year. Manufacturers are holding for higher prices, while buyers are demanding concessions. Spruce boards and South American specifications are in fairly good demand. Sales of spruce boards for shipment to the West Indies are being made at \$11.50, and South American stock at \$12. A good demand for shingles and lath is reported.

Reports from the logging districts are of a satisfactory character. There is plenty of water in the rivers for driving

the logs, and considerable snow in the woods in the northern sections, which is likely to overcome any emergency caused by dry weather.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

There is now exhibited a more hopeful feeling in respect to the British timber trade. The opinion seems to prevail that the bottom has at last been reached, and that from this time forward buying will be conducted with more liberality. If the early imports should be considerably below an average quantity, there is reason to expect that values would quickly recover most of the lost ground. The decline in the price of Canadian timber has been confined chiefly to stock on hand, as the contracts that have been closed for the 1901 cut have almost invariably been purchased at high prices. The strength of Canadian timber, in view of the sharp declines in timber from other countries, is somewhat remarkable. Referring to the situation at London the Timber Trades Journal says: "The consumption of spruce goods has been little short of marvellous during March, and has reduced the heavy winter stock to below the normal spring level. Of pine deals the stock is a satisfactory one to those who hold the best part of it. Had it not been for the moderate quantity of stock prices would have had to go down with the rest. As it is, Colonial goods appear to be safely lifted out of the turmoil of the market, and whitewood appears likely to get back some of its strength." A good deal of Quebec spruce has been sold for delivery to Bristol, where it is being used largely for box making.

#### STOCKS AND PRICES.

Spruce lath is held in New York at \$3, and \$3.50 is expected to be the price before the middle of May.

Lantz & Co., of Milford, N.S., took out about 2,000,000 feet of logs during the past winter from Grand Lake.

In Boston the cedar shingle market shows a hardening tendency, with quotations from \$2.90 to \$3 for extras.

J. W. Munro & Son, of Pembroke, Ont., have taken out 500,000 cubic feet of good square pine timber, which will be taken to Quebec in three rafts.

It is understood that the Conger Lumber Company, whose mill at Parry Sound, Ont., was recently destroyed by fire, had a sawing contract with the Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company for the season's run.

According to report, M. W. Darr, of Tonawanda, has closed a deal with the McArthur Company, of Little Current, Ont., for \$40,000 worth of lumber which was manufactured at Little Current last season.