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FOR SALE.

36 FOOT 8 INCH PRESCOTT FEED STEAM Jump Saw, 40 to 56 inch saw; three block girder steel carriage, opens 40 inches, box dogs, good networks; Endless Log Haul Up, hundred feet chain, could be lengthened; a number of Engines, Boilers and Mill Machinery taken on new machinery. WATERLOO, Brantford, Canada.

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ADVERTISER DESIRES TO COMMUNICATE with saw Mills favorably situated to Montreal, Portland or St. John, to ship Spruce and Pine Box Shooks to Scotland. Apply CANADA LUMBERMAN office for name and address.

AUCTION SALE

OF

Saw Mill Property, Mill Plant, Village Lots, Lumber, Etc.

THERE WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY public auction, at the Village of Young's Point, County of Peterboro', on TUESDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 1900, at 11 o'clock a.m., the property of Cornelius Young, consisting of the following: Saw Mill, equipped with large circular saw, butting-off saws and edgers, operated by two Giant water wheels; Shingle Mill, equipped with one Perkins machine, two jointers and blocking saws, driven by Giant water wheel; Planing Factory, containing one large planer and matcher, one four-sided moulder and one iron-framed re-saw, driven by two Lefel wheels; about 300 Boom Chains, one patent Captain one Hoisting Derrick, quantity of Boom Timber, Pike Poles, Peavies, Hoses, Wages, Sleighs and other chattels used in connection with mill property; quantity of Shingles; about 200,000 feet of Pine and Hardwood Lumber; quantity of house finishing Moulding, two car loads of Cedar; also 15 Village Lots situated in the village of Young's Point. The mill property and other real estate will be offered subject to a reserve bid. The terms of sale of real estate will be 20 per cent at time of sale, balance within thirty days. All purchases of chattel property under \$10 to be cash, balance within three months.

JOHN HAGGART, Auctioneer.

FOR SALE.—40,000 FEET DRY HEMLOCK, 2x6 inches, 12 feet. Write RUDY BROS., Hepworth Station, Ont.

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FOR SALE.—Sawmill—complete, in good order, with a capacity of 25,000 feet per day, also a quantity of Boom Chain. Would move the mill and take contract to cut lumber by the thousand. Box 233, Barrie.

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AS SUPERINTENDENT, FILER, HAMMER, Inspector, Mill-Wright or Sawyer, thoroughly competent—Lumber or Shingles. Engage now for next season. Box 807, CANADA LUMBERMAN.

WANTED.—FOR DELIVERY IN SUITABLE parcels during season, 25 to 50 standards Spruce Strips, to be 4 feet and up in length, sawn to 1 in x 1 in exact to steel gauge, and to be free from sap and rough knots; C.I.F. North Docks, Liverpool. Address, Box 40, CANADA LUMBERMAN.

FOR SALE.

55,000 feet	Rock or Soft Elm...	6/4-4/4"
40,000 "	Soft Maple.....	6/4-4/4"
18,000 "	B. Ash.....	4/4"
13,000 "	White Ash.....	6/4-7/4"
4,000 "	White Oak.....	4/4" or thicker

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SAW MILL MACHINERY FOR SALE.

THE COMPLETE MACHINERY OF A SAW Mill, consisting of a steam feed large carriage and frame, one rope feed ditto, double edger and trimmer, swing saws, automatic grinders, belts and saws in good order, all made by Waterous, Brantford. Will be sold cheap. Apply to J. K. WARD, Mona Mills, Montreal, Que.

SAW MILL FOR SALE.

THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS BUYS Saw mill worth double this amount, if taken at once; 2 Boilers 120 h.p., Engine 100 h.p., Iron Saw Frame, Three Block Carriage, 2 good Saws, Double Edger and Trimmer good as new, Slash Chain, all in good running order, run this season; size of Mill, 30x 100 ft.; good Boiler House, Blacksmith Shop, House, Barn, etc.; 400 acres of good Birch and Hemlock, also thousands of acres of timber near by. For particulars, address ALLEN CRESSMAN, Berlin, Ont.

GRAND OPENING

FOR A

CHAIR OR FURNITURE FACTORY

IN A FIRST-CLASS RAILWAY TOWN THAT will grant exemption from taxation and take up considerable of the stock. The promoters have suitable buildings, power, two saw mills, and a large quantity of standing hardwood timber, and more can be obtained. We invite the purchase of \$15,000 to \$20,000 of stock, by a practical man preferably. Address, Box 60, CANADA LUMBERMAN.

WE HAVE 200,000 TO 300,000 FEET OF VERY good Beach Logs which we wish to cut to order. Signed, JOHN HARRISON & SONS Co., Limited, Owen Sound, Ont.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

The holiday season does not seem to have had the effect of checking the demand for lumber. Rail shipments to local points and the Eastern States are still quite active. The only branch which has shown any falling off in demand is the building trade, as the recent cold weather has to some extent caused a cessation of out-door work. Manufacturing establishments are operating to their full capacity, and consequently there is a steady call for hardwoods and such lumber as is adapted for manufacturing purposes. There is still a scarcity of lath and shingles, although enquiries for these have not been so numerous within the past week.

The weather has been favorable for work in the woods. From all accounts there will be a large production of logs. According to estimates received by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, there will be taken out this winter in the neighborhood of 800,000,000 feet of logs. Last winter the cut was only 570 million feet, which shows an increase of over 200 million feet this winter. This large production of logs will mean a considerable increase in the quantity of lumber placed on the market next season, but unless very unexpected conditions arise, the demand is likely to be equal to the supply.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The tendency of lumber prices in the Quebec market is to advance, in sympathy with the small stocks carried over this winter. The stock of square and waney pine, red pine, oak, elm and ash timber wintering at the port of Quebec is less than one year ago. In square pine the difference is slight, but in waney pine the stock is nearly one and one-half million cubic feet less than in the winter of 1898. Birch is the only timber of which the quantity wintering shows an increase, but even this is represented only by 3,331 cubic feet. For the best quality of white pine the quotation is from 37 to 43 cents, while waney board, 19 to 22 inches average, is quoted at 43 to 47 cents. Pine deals are very firm and are quoted at \$120 to \$130 for first, \$85 to \$95 for second, and \$45 to \$55 for third quality. First quality spruce deals average about \$43 per standard.

Figures to hand show that 128,000,000 feet of lumber were shipped last season from the Miramichi to trans-Atlantic ports, 27,000,000 feet from Dalhousie and 19,000,000 feet from Campbellton. From West Bay, in Nova Scotia, the trans-Atlantic shipments were 30,000,000 feet. As has been before remarked, lumber stocks in the Maritime provinces are well cleaned up, and a brisk demand for the spring cut will likely be experienced. More favorable weather for logging operations has been encountered during the past week, and every effort is being put forth by lumbermen to get a large supply of logs for next season's sawing.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

There is still a liberal distribution of lumber throughout Western Canada. Manufacturers on the Lake of the Woods, as well as those in British Columbia, report that the past year was one of the most successful in the history of the trade, the sales representing an increase of fully 50 per cent. over those of the previous year. The recent advances on certain grades are being maintained, and we would not be surprised if still higher prices ruled during the coming year. The outlook for trade is very promising. There is likely to be a considerable amount of railway construction and general building.

UNITED STATES.

Notwithstanding that the lumber cut of the Upper Mississippi river district in the season of 1899 was 594,370,000 feet, as against 469,701,000 feet in the previous year, the stock of lumber on hand at the close of the year shows a decrease, as compared with 1898, of nearly 27,000,000 feet. The decrease in the stock of shingles is 21,000,000, and in that of lath 10,000,000. These figures reflect the situation at other producing points and are an indication of the satisfactory condition of the lumber trade of the United States throughout the year just closed. Although the demand at this season is not particularly active, prices are being well maintained, and it is said that in the east the conditions were never better for a continuance of high prices. Eastern retail yards are almost bare of stock, and a large amount of new building is in sight for the spring. The scarcity of box lumber becomes more acute as the weeks go by. At Tonawanda box lumber and No. 2 and No. 3 barn is held at a premium, and it is difficult to buy any 10-inch or 12-inch No. 3 barn at less than \$22 per thousand. Very few dealers can fill an order representing any great quantity of stock. In inch fine common and shaly clear the situation is different, as many of the yards have quite a surplus and prices are slightly weaker. A Buffalo dealer is reported to be holding his stock of box lumber at \$20.

The statement has been made in some quarters that hardwood prices are weakening, but this report is denied by the leading dealers in the Eastern States. It is admitted that the demand for hardwood lumber is not brisk, but the situation has caused no alarm. There is a great scarcity of the lower grades of maple, and basswood is much enquired for.

FOREIGN.

The advanced prices of wood goods in Great Britain have in no way checked the demand, as in every department of trade activity prevails. There seems to be a marked degree of confidence in financial circles, notwithstanding the war, and this confidence is nowhere more visible than in timber circles. At recent public sales prices have been realized such as have not been known for many years. Importers are contracting quite liberally, chiefly for early goods. A slight advance in the price of square timber is reported.