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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The expected light input of logs this this winter is doing much to keep lumber prices firm. A esuservative policy is being pursued by operators for fear that the Presidential election may limit the demand in the United States next year. A falling off in the number of inquiries for lumber for shipment to the Eastern States has probably magnified the fear. Shipments to Buffalo are slower than they have been for some time, although there is still a good demand for 12 inch boards. Local trade keeps up remarkably well and the mills will go into winter quarters with comparatively light stocks.

The hardwoods are still characterized by firmness and efforts of buyers to obtain stock below manufacturers' quotations have met with little success. Quartered oak is exceptionally firm. Maple is also firm and scarce. It is almost impossible to buy firsts and seconds and therefore difficult to give current quotations. There is no likelihood of a large cut of hardwood this winter, and as there will be very little dry lumber to be had when the mills resume work in the spring, an abnormal accumulation of stock seems out of the question.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Lumber prices are not as uniform as earlier in the season, nor is the demand particularly active. Dealers have been expecting a drop in prices and have al-

lowed their stock to run down. The mills, however, are not carrying heavy stocks, as the consumption this year has been close to the production. There is a fair movement of flooring, ceiling, siding, and finishing lumber. Some of the saw mills in British Columbia have shut down owing to lack of local orders, but the foreign trade continues brisk and the few mills catering to that branch are running night and day.

UNITED STATES.

The volume of the lumber business of the past week has been smaller, perhaps, than for any other week this fall. On all sides there is a disposition to reduce stocks and allow the manufacturer to carry the lumber over the winter. It has been more difficult to secure orders and occasionally a slight reduction in price has been made to effect a sale. It is expected that during the winter months there will be considerable buying for immediate needs, as consuming industries have permitted their stocks to become unreasonably low. Passing from a consideration of the demand to a study of the conditions in respect to stocks, we find that everything is in favor of a steady market and firm prices. The quantity of unsold stock at the mills is much lighter than one year ago. At Minneapolis the stock of pine lumber is 250,000,000 feet, as compared with 312,-000,000 feet at same time last year. Duluth will have a stock of unsold lumber at the close of the season of about 60,000,000 feet, while in the Saginaw valley stocks are exceptionally small. The white pine firms of the Tonawandas held a meeting ast week to ascertain the amount of stock on hand, at which the fact was disclosed that there is an actual shortage of 25 per cent. from the amount usually on hand at the close of navigation. There is approximately 158,000,000 feet, exclusive of box lumber, while in former years it has usually exceeded 200,000,000 feet. Dealers asserted that under such conditions cutting of prices was entirely unwarranted. Turning to spruce lumber the position is equally as strong as that of pine. Maine spruce has been absorbed all season as fast as it has been manufactured, and there is still no stock accumulating at the nills. While the hardwood trade is quieter orders are still plentiful and many dealers report difficulty in obtaining the necessary stock. Manufacturers do not anticipate a break ir prices. Maple flooring has not advinced in spite of a goodly number of orders.

GREAT BRITAIN.

There is no animation in the British lumber market. Dealers who are carrying heavy stocks are predicting a gradually improving tendency of prices, while those who are lightly supplied retend to see lower values this winter. The feeling is unsettled, with very few contracts being closed for next season's import. There

are, however, encouraging predictions being made concerning Canadian pine and spruce deals, which are very firm. For a few cargoes yet to arrive importers are asking much advanced prices. The Timber Trades Journal states that in pine deals the business is still of a minor charracter, but that it is worth resteration that those who buy now will buy best, as 1904 importations are certain to be more costly on account of the higher cost of production. The only change in square timber is an increased number of inquiries for

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The schooner Leonard Parker arrived at St. John last week from Savannah, with a cargo of timber.

The barque Primo sailed last week from St. John, N. B., tumber laden, for Buenos Ayres.

The Harbor Commissioners of Montreal desire tenders by Monday, December 7th, for supply of timber and pranks for the year 1904.

B. J. Gilligan, of Mattawa, Ont., has just got his new mill in operation. He has one camp of 50 men in the woods taking out logs, mostly white pine.

The New Brunswick Government wih ofter for sale on December 2nd next a license to cut timber on two square miles on the east branch of the St. Nicholas river, the applicant for which is Adam Stothart.

W. S. Dwinnell, of Minneapolis, who is building a large saw mill at Ed-N. W. T., has arranged monton, with Colin Campbell of that place for a supply of logs. About 5,000,000 feet will be cut on Mr. Dwinnell's limit above Edmonton.

The Department of Interior at Ottawa desires tenders by December and for a license to cut timber on Berth No. 364, comprising the south-west corner of Section 30, Township 16, and containing 160 acres, also for a license for Berth No. 367, comprising a section of the west half of Section 3 and containing an area of 530 acres, in the Province of British Columbia.

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company, under date of November 7th, say of the Barbados market:

"There have been no arrivals of either white pine or spruce during the fortnight and stocks on hand have been considerably reduced, leaving dealers' yards comparatively bare, so that the market is in a healthy condition. Some of the dealers have, however, contracted for supplies to arrive, of which we have a vessel on the arrive, of which we have a vessel on the way with 300,000 feet of white pine, spruce and hemlock. We learn of a cargo of Gaspe cedar shingles on the way by the "Bravo," principally Laying. Dimension and Long are both saleable. In Cedar Laying the market is depressed. We closed out the balance of the cargo of the "James W," but had to accept a reduction on previous rates. The market is amply stocked for some time to come.

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TIMBER LIMIT TRANSACTIONS.

D. Wheelihan, of Acton, Ont., has disposed of his timber holdings in Nassiga-weyn to Murray Crawford for \$16,000

Edwards Zwicker & Sons, of New Con. many, N. S., have purchased the timber on the Miller lands at West Ferry. They will put in a rotary mill and expect to our 2,500,000 feet of lumber.

E. T. C. Knowles, 62 Princess Street, St. Jehn, N. B., is taking tenders up to December 1st for all the standing timber on the land of the estate of William I ingstone. The tumber is situated on 0. Neripas river, in New Brunswick.

An important sale has just been consum mated by which townships 124, 125 and 132, in the Spanish River district, consti nting a block of 108 square miles, have become the property of Carney Bros., of Marinette, Wis., Ferguson & McFadden of Renfrew, being the sellers. The limits were formerly owned by General Alger.

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The Shelvin-Carpenter Company, of Minneapolis, is reported to have purchased a large timber limit in British Columbia from John Hanbury, of Brandon, Man. W. S. Dwinnell, of Minneapolis, has purchased a large tract of timber land in the Saskatchewan valley, Alberta district, and has been given leases by the Dominion has been given leases by the Dominion Government of other limits in the locality.

H. L. Gibbs, of Traverse City, Mich., onn of the shareholders of the Western Pulp & Lumber Company, has made a two-months' inspection of the timber Fulp & Lumber Company, has made a two-months' inspection of the timber limits along the north Thompson River in the neighborhood of Mud Lake and the Upper Blue River, about 165 miles north of Kamloops, B. C. During his trip he located 10,000 acres of timber lands, but it is his intention to return next spring and made a further experiencing of the and make a further examination of the

French and Belgium capitalists are announced to have purchased the immense timber limits, mills, etc., of Alexander Baptist, of Three Rivers, Que. The limits namer amits, mills, etc., of Alexander Baptist, of Three Rivers, Que. The limits consist of 150 square miles of well timbered territory, and in addition the syndicate has purchased 150,000 logs from the same party. The deal was negotiated by P. E. Pauneton, banker, of Quebec, on the one Parry. The next was negotiated by P. E. Panneton, banker, of Quebec, on the one side, and Mr. Duret, representing the capitalists on the other side. The price paid for the property is said to be a high

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