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LOGGING OPERATIONS.

A LARGER quantity of saw logs than usual has been taken out during the past winter on the waters north of Lindsay, Ont., namely, the Gull and Burnt Rivers. The Rathbun Co. will have 80,000 pieces; the Dominion Bank, 25,000 pieces; John Dovey & Sons, 5,000 pieces; John Carew, 20,000 pieces; Dundas & Flavelle Co., 20,000 pieces; Burk Bros., a large quantity of elm and basswood logs, to be manufactured into staves and heading. All the above will be manufactured in Lindsay. Howry & Sons have taken out a large cut of good pine—about 40,000,000 feet; about 25,000,000 are on the Burnt River, and 15,000,000 were taken out in the township of Sherbourne and will come down the Gull River. John A. Ellis has about 30,000 pine logs. Howry & Sons and Ellis will manufacture in Fenelon Falls. M. Boyd & Co. have taken out 60,000 logs, which will be taken down to Bobcaygeon. Craig & Austin have about 30,000 logs, which will be sawn at Kinmount.

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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

A BETTERMENT in the lumber business that was manifest in some degree the first two weeks of the month is not holding out. At least, trade of the past week has partaken of a dragging nature, that has been somewhat of a damper. Enquiries are too few for the time of the year, and it is remarkable what intense caution marks every movement of the trade. Where a few years ago dealers went in for big lots of lumber they are to-day buying in the most sparing car load lots. No one seems to be buying any more than what is needed for actual requirements. Mill men are giving consideration to the new cut upon which they are entering, and are looking about, most of them, for avenues to place their product. There will, no doubt, be a good sized cut this season, but with continued dullness in trade it looks a little doubtful just how far all will be sold. Some there be who doubt whether prices will remain firm. A good deal will depend on how active trade is during the next month. "I have yet, perhaps, 15,000,000 of last year's cut on hand," said a mill man to the writer a few days ago, "and we will commence running on the new cut in another fortnight. I would like to dispose of last year's stock, and when we get a slow week, as has been the case this week, it makes one feel like taking—say 50c less per thousand for his lumber." No break of the kind has occurred, but the remark of this lumberman is an index as to how some of the trade are thinking. Travellers, who are working local trade throughout the province, say they have found a good deal of improvement within the past week or two. Orders are being picked up at nearly every call, though these, in most cases, are light. A representative of one of the largest wholesale concerns remarked a day or two since, coming in from a trip, that he had found business very fair, and fully as active as he had expected. An Ottawa correspondent writes: "There has been no increased demand for lumber in this district within the past two weeks, although I hear on all sides that there are far more enquiries for stocks and price lists, which shows that a number are contemplating purchasing some stocks in the near future, and I do not think when the 1st of May opens, that there will be any doubt that a large amount of lumber will be moved, both for home and foreign consumption. Although there is a large amount of last season's lumber on hand the greater portion of it has been sold, and it is waiting orders for shipment, and as the lumber firms in the district are not exceeding

their cut of last season I do not see any reason why prices should be any lower."

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The record of shipments for export from the Lower Provinces shows that the season's trade has commenced. Some fair sized shipments, and with a good deal of frequency, are going to United States ports and there is an increase in the charters to carry lumber to the United Kingdom. The English market still keeps slow and viewed from the other side of the Atlantic does not look any too encouraging for this season's business. But exporters here believe that it will be found that the trade of the season taken altogether will be represented by fair figures.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The mills of British Columbia are busy, and there seems to be no great difficulty to find a market for their products, so far, this season. Shipments to California keep up, and the shipping records tell of a number of good charters that have been fixed for the carrying of lumber to Australia, South Africa and the United Kingdom. Preparations are being made for the season's logging, and considerable stock will be taken out of the woods during the coming summer.

UNITED STATES.

It cannot be said that there is any actual improvement in United States lumber markets during the past week, over that of the week preceding. There is a good deal in the way of preparing for business. Mills that are not running, are completing arrangements to get to work immediately. Navigation is opened at some points, and shipping of lumber by vessel has commenced, but the men, who have lumber to sell, and have been anxiously waiting from month to month to receive orders that would indicate an encouraging movement of stock, are not having their expectations anything nearly met. It is a case now of looking forward until May for the expected turn in the tide. But this continued hoping against hope has much of discouragement, and many are coming round to the view, that whilst there will not be a depression in trade, that there is going to be no boom in the lumber business this summer. Stocks will be wanted. There is going to be an increased amount of lumber required to meet the demands of the railways in car building, and in many of the large centers building operations will be active. But one swallow does not make a summer. The question is from time to time raised whether prices will continue firm throughout the season. Misgivings are entertained in some quarters, and there are grounds to fear that prices will relax a little later in the

season. It is to be said, however, that in the meantime these keep firm.

FOREIGN.

The cheering news is contained in the current wood circular of Denny, Mott & Dickson, of London, Eng., that lumber business during the past month has been brisker in appearance, as many of the orders and deliveries which could not be executed a month ago, owing to the prolonged frosts, has swelled the business of the present month. The qualification, however, is put in, that it is fairly certain that the crippled business in February has not yet been compensated for, and the first quarter of 1895, so far as trade in the United Kingdom is concerned, has not been an encouraging one for the timber trade. Farnworth & Jardine, of Liverpool, from whose circular we quote at length in another column, state that although the deliveries have generally been more satisfactory than during the past few months, that yet business has continued quiet, values have run low and stocks of all articles are sufficient. In London a gloomy view is taken of the situation of Canadian timber, it being stated that Canadian shippers have found it necessary to somewhat lower their high demand for next season's supplies and some fair business has resulted. To quote: "The high cost of timber in Quebec and the dull market here (London) combined, however, make Quebec timber a dwindling and disheartening trade to all on this side." Indications tell of some slight improvement in Australian affairs, and the likelihood of a fair trade being done with South Africa. South America trade remains very dull.

HARDWOODS.

The volume of business done in Canadian hardwoods is light when contrasted with the trade in pine. But, relatively, there is a large trade done. At the present time the hardwood branch of the lumber business has taken on more activity than any other department. A talk with the men who handle hardwoods shows that they are all doing a fair business, nothing to startle anyone, yet a steady outgo is the record of each week. There is a growing trade in the United States for Canadian hardwoods, and as they come, and are coming more widely into use for many different purposes dealers are looking to Canada for a good share of supplies. Prices in some respects are advancing, as was noted before, for example, for birch. Basswood is also in good demand, and whilst a much larger trade could be done yet, on the whole the hardwood men feel in pretty good feather.