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THE HARDWOOD SITUATION IN THE EAST.

The American Lumberman thus reviews the hardwood lumber trade situation in the Eastern States:

Under normal conditions the great consuming demand for hardwoods in this country lies between Chicago and Boston, although, in recent years, there is widening of the field in which hardwood factories are busily employed—the extension of the territory being south and west and the growth of a substantial and varied character.

With respect to the character of the trade at this time all advices are favorable. The trade of the first half of the year was not eminently satisfactory in either volume of business or in prices attained in the hardwood trade of this great section, but within the last few weeks a marked revival of demand all over this territory has been noted. Every wholesale and manufacturing lumber concern is now overwhelmed with inquiries which are being followed up to a marked extent with orders. It is rare that any hardwood institution's order books are not

well supplied with orders for hardwoods to go east.

With the increased demand price conditions also are showing manifest improvement. Poplar, which has been frequently referred to during the year as being a "dead cock in the pit," is once more assuming its just place in esteem and demand and its price has already recovered to a normal and commensurate value. Plain oak, both red and white, is scarce and high, and there is at this time a vigorous search in progress for supplies of the commoner varieties of oak. The same may be said of chestnut; there is at all times a steady demand for low grade chestnut and with the increased call for poplar and oak there comes with it a more lusty inquiry for chestnut. As to cherry, which is something of a luxury at all times, the Pennsylvania and West Virginia holders of the precious wood are firm in their views. Maple is occupying an excellent position at present in the east, in both volume of demand and price. The only two hardwood items that seem to be in the least dragging are birch and basswood. They are rapidly recovering, however. Neither of these woods is in excessive quantity in the hands of the producers and next spring will surely bring a great shortage and as high a range of values as were seen last spring.

On the whole the hardwood situation in the east is most promising, and in addi-

tion to the favorable condition in that section the export trade is showing a considerable revival and the conditions abroad are much better than they have been at any former time in the year. All signs point to a very prosperous immediate future for the hardwood industry of the nation.

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