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# BRITISH WOOD MARKET REPORTS.

Denny, Mott & Dickson, London, Eug.: The demand during the past month for yellow pine has been insignificant. Oak has been in fairly good demand. Very little enquiry for elm. Some of the Canadian shippers are already on this side trying to arrange contracts for next season's goods, but the price demanded gives no inducement to merchants and dealers here to buy stock, and shippers will have to appreciably reduce their demand if they expect to do much business. Business in sawn logs of pitch pine timber has been more restricted than for many months past, but the recent severe weather has been in great part responsible for dimmished deliveries. Auction results show a slight tendency to hardening in values, but as stocks are still ample, any appreciable rise is not at present probable.

#### SHIPPING MATTERS.

Coastwise trade at St. John, N. B., is as flat as it well can be.

Two vessels are loading lumber at Portland, Me., for the West Indies.

The schooner Glendale is loading lumber at the Royal City Mills, New Westminster, B. C.

The American schooner Falcon is loading lumber for California at the Brunette Saw Mills, New Westminster, B. C.

A barque at St. John, N. B., has contracted to carry deals to the cast coast of Ireland at 40s or to Londonderry at 415 3d.

A new stem wheel steamer is being built at Tappen Siding, B. C. The craft will be 100 feet in length with So ft. beam. The timbers are being framed at the Royal City Planing Mills.

The British ship Olivebank has been chartered to load lumber at the Hastings Mill, Vancouver, B. C., for South Africa. She will he the largest sailing vessel that has ever been in this port, and will take away the largest lumber cargo ever loaded at British Columbia or Puget Sound.

Lumber freight rates from British Columbia or Puget Sound are quoted as follows: Valparaiso for orders, 425 6d ; Sydney, 325 6d ; Melbourne, direct, 425 6d ; Port Pirie, direct, 40s; United Kingdom, calling at Cork for orders, 65s; Shanghai 50s; Tientsin 55s, nominal; South Africa, 638 9d nominal.

ONTARIO.

No transactions of great importance are to be recorded during the week. So far as provincial trade is concerned, travellers who have been on the road, report to us that lumber business is very dull. Stocks with dealers are light, but this fact does not prove an inducement to order more than in small assorted lots. The feeling is one of caution-a disposition to wait and see how business generally opens up in the spring. Collections are slow, money being difficult to secure. It is believed that the demand for lumber from the States will develop into something considerable a little later, but present conditions there are not much better, if any, than in Canada. This view is confirmed by the experience of a lumber representative with whom the writer talked a few days since. He had just returned from a trip through Buffalo, Albany, New York and other eastern points. His view of the situation was that trade would be better before long, but at present there, as here, everyone was disposed to buy cautiously. A report from a large manufacturing concern in Michigan, which is published elsewhere in this issue of the WEEKLY LUMBERMAN, gives strength to the remark made in these columns lately that there was a very considerable call for good lumber. As this concern remarks, there is too little good lumber for the amount of common offering. This view is endorsed by a New York firm, whose report is also published this week. The indications point to a probable advance in price towards spring for good lumber.

### OUSBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Activity in the lumber trade in Quebec rests so largely on shipments by water that as the opening of navigation approaches preparations commence to be made for the new season's trade. Bankers report that commercial paper on March 4th was well met, and this would indicate a better condition of business than exists in some parts of the country. And it is not possible for commerce generally to be helped without every individual branch of it sharing in this strength. In New Brunswick work in the woods is being cleaned up, and it will not be long before the disposal of the logs in other ways will become a feature of lumbering. It is expected that trade will show a decided improvement over that of a year ago.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The shipping record in British Columbia shows that a good deal of lumber is going forward on export orders. The record of the week includes a large ship-

ment to South Africa, and there is also being sent to other export points a number of shipments of good size. Ship building is being pushed, and we learn of a steamer now in course of construction that will eat up a good deal of lumber before it is completed. Our advices from the Coast lead us to form the opinion that within another month the lumber trade will be in full and active swing, and that more life will be manifest than for a good while past.

### UNITED STATES.

Whilst lumber, to some extent, is changing hands, yet sales effected are restricted in size. At points like Buffalo it is said that the white pine market does not show many signs of improvement. It is still a case of hoping that a little later business will brighten up, but the sunshiny days are not here yet. Mill men's sales are not large. Lumbermen are still waiting to see how well they can dispose of present stocks before purchasing much that is new, and yet trade is better than it was a few weeks since, and the signs are not wanting that it will continue to improve, rounding up after all a season's trade that will put lumbermen in better heart than they have been for some time past. The sudden change from severe weather to melting snows may cause some disappointment in work in the woods, as it was hoped that the weather would keep hard enough to admit of work in that direction, so far as needed, steadily throughout March. General commercial reports point to an improvement in manufacturing lines throughout the States, and this will help lumber materially. Prices show no inclination to decline. The evidence rather points to firm prices, with a possible advance in better grades of white pine.

### FOREIGN.

"Business in the United Kingdom," to quote Denny, Mott & Dickson, of London, Eng., "shows little signs of improvement. The long spell of depressed trade continues to weed out week firms, and the strain on respectable old traders, with only moderate resources, must be increasingly severe; stocks however, judiciously bought, being most difficult to sell at sufficient profits to cover establishment charges and allow for inevitable trade risks." What another month will bring forth there is no safety in predicting. It is this continued dragging trade that is the discouraging feature of the British market. The Sydney Trade Review of recent date, states that general business in Australia continues unusally quiet. The banking position is fortunately in an improved shape and money is plentiful, but there is a lack of confidence which tends to make business, on a large scale, extremely diffi-