

**CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.**  
ONTARIO.

Any manufacturer or dealer who has dry lumber to sell can, virtually, fix his own price; such is the position of the market. Nearly all the mills report contracts in advance, and the stock is being shipped almost as fast as it comes from the saw. This refers alike to pine, hardwoods and shingles. Dealers in the Eastern States have entered the Ontario market in a way which proves that there is a great scarcity of lumber across the line, also that prices have reached a point which has caused buyers to turn their attention to Canadian stock. There is no exception to be made in respect to grades, as all kinds of lumber meets with ready sale. Manufacturers who held stock for years for higher prices have in almost every instance disposed of their holdings this season, and at prices which netted a satisfactory profit. There are many inquiries in the market for red pine, and it is quite probable that a greater quantity of this lumber will be cut next year, as it is gradually coming into greater favor in the British market. Hardwood prices show no material depreciation, and it would appear as though the placing of the new cut upon the market is not likely to affect prices to any extent.

UNITED STATES

Retailers seem to have suddenly realized that prices, instead of declining, are likely to further advance, and consequently they are eager to purchase their fall stock. The feature of the past week has been an advance in some of the markets. On July 10th the Lumbermen's Association of Chicago adopted a new list, making an advance of one dollar on good lumber, fifty cents on common boards, and one dollar on piece stuff. At Minneapolis there is a probability of a like advance. Trade in the Eastern States continues to expand. While the receipts at Buffalo and Tonawanda have been heavy, the demand has been such that dealers have found it impossible to increase their stocks. The demand is most active in the better and coarser grades, although common lumber is by no means dull of sale. At Buffalo the supply of 5-4 box is completely exhausted, and dealers will pay almost any price for this class of lumber. At Cleveland there was never known to be such a demand for boxing and crating lumber, the price of which is from \$3 to \$4 higher than two months ago. These remarks show the strong position of the market in respect to pine.

Hardwood prices do not show any signs of declining; on the contrary, there has been an advance in some markets on quartered oak and thick ash, which are more enquired for than the other woods. Elm follows the lead of ash, and is being purchased to some extent in its stead. Maple and birch are steady at recent quotations.

The recent advance made on spruce in the Boston market has been maintained, and manufacturers expect that the present level of prices will rule through July and August. Frames, 9 inches and under, are quoted at \$15.50, and 12 inches and up at \$17.

The shingle trade is steadily improving. One concern in Chicago claims to have cornered the supply of white cedars at Lake Michigan points, paying from \$1.90 to \$2.10 for extra \*A\*s. As a result of

this, prices are likely to advance to \$2.25 at the mills.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The statement of the Supervisor of Cullers, Quebec, shows that in square white pine and oak the quantity received up to date is less than during the same period last year, while waney pine, ash, birch and maple shows an increase. The demand is reasonably active, and prices are steady. Merchants have been unusually busy during the past week loading vessels, several large cargoes having left Quebec and Montreal for Great Britain with deals and timber. Manufacturers report an unusually active demand for British deals, while the United States trade has revived to such an extent that the supply is unequal to the demand. One manufacturer reports that prices for spruce and hemlock boards, 3/8 dry, are the highest he has ever known, and that American consumers are now paying the duty. Prices are better generally in Quebec than they have been for some years. The cedar shingle market maintains its buoyancy, sales being made at \$3.00, \$2.60, \$2 and \$1.50. In New Brunswick and Nova Scotia there are few deals to be had, as the output of most of the mills has already been contracted for. Large shipments are being made to the West Indies, South America and Great Britain.

FOREIGN.

Circulars to hand review the past six months operations in the British wood market, and contain interesting statistics regarding the imports, consumption and stock. The imports have been heavier, but increased consumption has counterbalanced this, and the market may be said to be strong. At London the pine stocks on public docks are some 104,759 pieces less than on June 30th, 1898, while spruce shows a decrease of 241,376 pieces. At Liverpool the stock of waney board and square pine is 234,000 feet, as compared with 330,000 feet at same time last year. Quebec pine deals are 4,000 standards heavier, and New Brunswick deals about 2,600 standards heavier. Coming to the Clyde, we find that second and fourth quality pine deals and ends are about 50 per cent. less, third pine about the same, and New Brunswick spruce about 50 per cent. more than last year. Waney and red pine, oak, elm and ash logs are also in excess of stocks last year, while square pine is less. While from these figures it might be concluded that the market is overstocked, it should be borne in mind that the consumption this year has steadily increased, and bids fair to continue active throughout the season. The tendency of prices generally at the present time is to advance, and in view of this, importers are storing as much stock as possible in the hope of realizing higher prices later in the season. Dublin prices for spruce rule about as follows: Miramichi and St. John, N. B., £12 15s; Quebec seconds, 3d to 3 1/2d per superficial foot. More detailed particulars of the leading markets will be found elsewhere.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The following charters are reported: Bgt. Curlew, Quebec to Havre, France, deals 465 3d; str. Glasgow, Saguenay, Que., to Glasgow, 55s; str. Holywell, Three Rivers to London, deals, 45s; bark, 1119 tons, Boston to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$8.50.

The Timber Trades Journal reports the following charters: Str., 1650 stds., Quebec to London, 43s 9d, option loading two places, 45s, July; Quebec to London, 1,000 stds., 45s, July; Quebec or Three Rivers to London, 1,400 stds., 45s, end July; Shediac to Liverpool, 600 tons, 52s 6d; Cape Tormentine, N. B., to Cardiff, Newport or Swansea, 600 tons, 48s 9d.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The Catarqui Bridge Co., of Kingston, Ont., want tenders by July 24th, for a supply of maple, hemlock and pine timber.

A western Ontario firm reports the sale of 3,500,000 feet of white pine stock boards at \$14, mill run, also 1,500,000 feet of Norway pine.

The works of the Metropolitan Electric Company at Britannia, near Ottawa, will require about 3,000,000 feet of square timber for their construction.

Pelton & Reid, of Cheboygan, Mich., have sold to the H. M. Tyler Lumber Co., of North Tonawanda, \$100,000 worth of lumber to be shipped this season.

Donald Fraser & Sons, of Fredericton, N. B., are shipping large quantities of box shooks to Scotland. In one week recently thirteen cars were loaded with shooks for Glasgow.

Lumber shipments from the Ottawa valley are very brisk. So far this season 264 barges have been loaded at the Booth docks, each barge containing an average of 320,000 feet of lumber.

Wright, Graham & Co., Glasgow, Scotland, report that the white oak stave market keeps firm for most sizes. Canadian butts are quoted as follows: 5 1/2 ft. x 3 in., £110 to £120 per mille; 5 1/2 ft. x 2 1/2 in., £85 to £95; 5 1/2 ft. x 2 in., £65 to £70.

Mr. James Rankin completed last week his drive down the Blackstone river to Parry Sound. He brought down three quarters of a million feet of pine logs for the Conger Lumber Co. and nearly two hundred thousand feet of basswood and elm logs for the Parry Sound Patent Cloth Board Co.

Four rafts of square timber were taken from the Upper Ottawa limits this season, one owned by each of the following persons: W. Mackey, Fraser & Co. and Thomas Mackie, of Ottawa, and Gillies Bros. & Co., of Braeside, Ont. Each raft contained an average of 100,000 cubic feet of timber.

Following is a comparative statement of timber, &c., measured and culled at Quebec to July 18th, 1899:

	1897.	1898.	1899.
Waney white pine, cu. feet.	1,219,938	902,354	951,674
Square white pine, cu. feet.	320,774	652,802	267,004
Red pine, cu. feet.	82,675	114,700	87,429
Oak, cu. feet.	952,258	668,404	377,586
Elm, cu. feet.	415,599	345,487	396,879
Ash, cu. feet.	82,206	25,876	52,740
Basswood, cu. feet.	55	795	60
Butternut, cu. feet.	673	795	60
Birch and Maple, cu. feet.	183,093	106,420	231,575

Following are ruling prices at Boston for hardwoods: Oak—1 inch, \$68 to \$72; 1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 2 in., \$70 to \$75. Ash—1 in. \$42 to \$44; 2 in., \$48 to \$50. Brown ash—1 in., \$39 to \$41; 1 1/2 to 2 in., \$41 to \$43. Elm—1 in., \$30; 1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 2 in., \$32; 3 in., \$34. Maple—1 in., \$26 to \$28; 1 1/4, 1 1/2 to 2 in., \$28 to \$30; 3 and 4 in., \$34 to \$36. In Michigan good thick hard maple is selling at \$14 mill run, ash and elm at \$16 to \$22, and birch at \$17. Canada log run pine is worth \$15 to \$17, and box lumber \$12 to \$12.50.

SALE OF NEW BRUNSWICK TIMBER LANDS.

As will be observed by an announcement elsewhere, the Department of Crown Lands of the Province of New Brunswick will offer for sale by public auction on Wednesday, August 30th, the vacant unlicensed crown lands in that province. These consist of 593 berths, ranging from two to ten square miles each, and the upset price is \$8 per square mile. The provincial regulations provide for licenses to be renewed each year for a period of eighteen

years from 1st August, 1900, at the rate of \$4 per square mile, in addition to stumpage. This will be an important sale, and every lumberman desirous of increasing his holdings of timber limits should be in attendance.

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