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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. nNTARIO.
The number of new buildings that have bẹen commenced late this season is much larger than has been known for some years past. The result of this cannot but be beneficial to the lumbertrade. It will assist in maintaining a steady demand for lumber throughout the winter months. During the past weck the :market has shown no signs of weakness. Buyers report great difficulty in locating desirable stock, as manufacturers have very little unsold lumber in their yards, and many of them have sold far ahead. It is almost an impossibility to purchase any quantity of box lumber, and box makers who have not purchased in advance of immediate requirements will find themselves in an uncomfortable position before spring. The advance in tre price of box lumber has been followed by higher prices for boxes, the increase being about 50 per cent.

The lath situation has not heen relieved to any extent. No. lath ranges from $\$ 3.50$ to $\$ 3.7$; wholesale it Toronto, and No. 2 is quoted at $\$ 2.75$. Although no shange has been made in our quniations on shingles, we believe the prices which manufacturers are asking would warrant a still further advance in wholesale prices.
oUbBrC aND NEW nRUNSWICK.
Extensive preparations have been made in the eastern provinces to obtain a large supply of logs for next season's operations, and it is probable that the production of pine, spruce and hardwood lumber next season will be larger than in the past season. The condition of the trade at the present tume is such as to encourage an increased cut. The manufacturers, with scarcely an exception, have disposed of their season's production, and are being offered contracts for next year at very satisiactory prices. It is expected that the Briish demand will remain firm throushout next seassn, while an in.
creased market in the Eastern States may reasonably be looked for.
The shipping returns of the exports of lumber to the United Kingdom and continental ports from Montreal stow a decrease of over $41,00,000$ feet as compared whit the season of 1898 . It is possible, however, that while the exports of Montreal were smaller, this falling offmay be more than made up by increased shipments from other ports.

## UNITED STATRS.

The position of the lumber business of the United States is one which is causing buyers much concern. Prices are admittedly very high, and the question for the dealer to decide is whether he should contract for supplies for next year at present quotations or wait until the spring in the hope of being able to make more favorable terms with manufacturers. In theçase of white pine, it is believed that the letter grades will net weaken next year, but competition from the southern production may bring down the present prices of mill culls and low grade stock. This is net expected, however, untll after sawing operations have been commenced and the dry lumber comes on the market. In hardwoods the situation is a little different. Usually there is a considerable quantity in the wholesale yards and at the mills, but this year the production has gone into consumption almost as rapidly as it was ready for shipment. This will probably be the experience next year. Nor can the southern woods take the place of many of the northern hardwoods. Considering these facts, the prospect is that, with a continuance of the present activity in general manufacturing lines, the hardwood market will lose none of its strength next season.
The demand for both pine and hardwood lumber has fallen off slightiy during the past week, but short stocks are still the rulc. In the lower grades of pine and in oak, ash and basswood this shortare is most pronounced. There is a good demand for maple, bui the supply is more plentiful than that of many of the other woods. Spruce continues to strengthen as the weeks go by. and prices are being firmly maintaincd. The clapboard market is dull and lifeless, but shingles and lath are constantly enquired for and advancing in price.

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The wood market of Gicat Britain is extremely firm. Nost descriptions of

