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RAFTING.

A drive of 28,000 logs, belonging to the Gilmour Lumber Co., is stuck in the head waters of the Gatineau, a consequence of low water.

The water in the Ottawa river has seldom been so low at this season of the year and there is every likelihood that a little later on the supply of logs will be considerably curtailed.

The records of the Fredericton Boom Co., N. B., showed that up to August 1st this concern had rafted 64,659,979 feet of spruce, 9,691,541 feet of cedar, 37,100 feet of hemlock; a total of 83,836,109.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

The indications, reported by Dunn & Co., that confidence in business is steadily returning, appears to have had its influence on the lumber trade of the week, and the hope is that these improved conditions will continue. There have not been any important sales made, but enquiries have been more active, not alone by letter but in person. A number of American lumbermen have visited the city during the week, trying to size up the situation here and at other lumber points. Dealers who have been called upon are impressed with the fact that it will not be long before business will take on a decided improvement. Prices, whilst still vacillating, in a measure, are yet firmer than has been the case of recent weeks. Reports from the Ottawa district are somewhat disappointing, and tell of a marked falling off in shipments of lumber, necessitating the tying up of a number of lumber carrying vessels. Low water in the streams is likely to have some effect in curtailing the log output.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Canadian shippers to Great Britain say that the volume of shipments from Quebec are keeping up a good average, and the total at the end of the season is likely to compare favorably with the shipments of a year ago. The outlook in the British markets within the past month is better than it has been at any other time during the season. Reasonable activity prevails in New Brunswick, both in shipments to Great Britain and also to United States ports. A report from Mr. Alfred Dickie in another column says that spruce deals are going forward to the English market in good numbers. News from Boston is that lumber trade there is fairly active, although prices are slightly lower than they have been. The outlook for fall business is fair, and as a result of these conditions New Brunswick lumbermen hope to maintain a good trade with the New England States.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The fact that no concerted action has been taken pointing to an advance in prices, even though general trade is keeping prices fairly firm, is somewhat unsatisfactory to the trade of British Columbia. Mill owners can afford to be a little more independent than in the past in accepting orders; at the same time the prices at which cargoes are being placed leave but a small margin of profit. In the Puget Sound district reports are very cheering of enlarged activity in lumber, and this can hardly continue without its influence being felt in British Columbia. R. P.

Rithet & Co., Ltd., in their current shipping report say that there has been a better and more widely distributed demand for lumber carriers, but freights are barely steady, although vessels are not any more plentiful than they have been. The Coastwise trade is reported as very active and it is to be hoped that the improvement may in time extend to foreign business.

UNITED STATES.

The dullness that was characteristic of the lumber trade generally in July, and continued through the early weeks of August, and which was especially marked in white pine districts, is disappearing in a measure as the summer months draw to a close. A greater inclination is manifest on the part of buyers to contract for the fall season, and manufacturers are looking hopefully to the approach of that period. The outgo of lumber from the Duluth and Lake Superior districts, on the size of which we have had occasion to comment before, is being well maintained, and within the past week sales representing from 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 feet have been made. All through the Eastern States, Buffalo, Tonawanda and Albany, the supply of the better grades of white pine is believed to be short. The dissensions in the spruce trade in New England is not helping business, and so long as the contention between Association men and those outside of the organization continues, business will not reach anything like a satisfactory level. Whilst one hears of cutting in prices, yet when the dullness of trade the season throughout is considered, it is a compliment to the value of lumber that prices have held as firm as they have done.

FOREIGN.

The better tone in the British market that we have been able to report lately is being maintained, and it looks as though this would be continued, and not be simply spasmodic. With this better feeling, however, there is not that hardening of values that might be expected. The main source of consumption, the building and the ship-building industries, are busier and much better supplied with contracts than at this date last year. At Liverpool an improvement is reported, and the deliveries from the quays and yards are larger than has been the case for a few weeks. Even in London, where things have been less lively than at other large centres, lumber is reported by our contemporaries to be brisk. At Glasgow a good trade is being done, and Canadian shippers who have agencies in that city are well pleased with the season's business. Australian conditions are improv-

ing, and the outlook is better at other foreign points.

HARDWOODS.

Nothing very remarkable can be written of the hardwood trade of the past week, except to say that a reasonable output is reported by dealers.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

* CANADA.

The cut of Mason & Sons, of Ottawa, will reach 18,000,000 feet for the season.

The cut of Young Pros. mill, at Newville, N. B., will be about 6,000,000 feet of long lumber and 5,000,000 lath.

Shipments from St. John, N. B., for the week include: 5,708,209 feet of long lumber, 2,970,000 shingles, 1,866,000 lath and 1,232 cords of wood.

The Danish bark Cimbra has left Vancouver, B. C., with a cargo of lumber from the Hastings Mill, consisting of 851,938 feet of rough lumber. The value of this is \$12,441.60, and she is bound for France.

Messrs. David & William Arque have closed a contract with Chew Bros. & White to take out in the neighborhood of 50,000,000 feet of timber this season off the limit purchased by the above firm from the Parry Sound Lumber Co., in Ferguson Township.

Shipments from St. John, N. B., for the week are as follows: Per sch. Carrie Bell, for New York, by Miller & Woodman, 335,226 deals; sch. Annie Harper, for Vineyard Haven, by J. R. Warner & Co., 91,005 boards, 218,100 laths; per bark Elora, for Adelaide, Australia, by W. M. Mackay, 1,900,037 deals and battens, 30,100 ends; sch. Clifford C, for Boston, by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 120,000 boards, 169,000 cedar shingles; sch. Lynx for Norwich, Conn., by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 1,499,000 shingles; sch. D. Gifford, for Boston, by L. M. Jewett, 19,075 scantling, 131,785 plank, 13,375 clapboards, 50,350 pin pickets, 171,500 cedar shingles, 76,500 laths; sch. Sower, for New York, by Dunn Bros., 97,354 deals, 329,500 laths; sch. Abbey K. Bentley, for New York, by Randolph & Baker, 365,737 deals.

UNITED STATES.

The demand for bill stuff at Saginaw is improving and one sale is reported of 750,000 feet to Ontario parties.

Pelton & Reid, of Cheboygan, Mich., have sold 6,500,000 feet of lumber to the John Spry Lumber Co., of Chicago.

During the month 3,633,000 feet of lumber came from Duluth to Saginaw, and 1,985,720 feet from Canada to Bay City.

The Saginaw Salt and Lumber Co., of