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#### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The trade returns of the Dominion for the seven months ended January 31st last show a large increase both in imports and exports, than which no better proof of the improved commercial conditions of the country can be found. While lumber has been a small factor in recent exports, owing to navigation being closed, the early spring will no doubt witness a revival of shipping to European countries and a moderate trade with the United States. The eastern market is now short of grades of white pine suitable for box making, which is resulting in spruce being substituted in some instances. Throughout Ontario there is a large amount of prospective building. Retail dealers are already experiencing a demand for building material, and in turn are placing orders for such stock as is in tight supply. Present indications justify the prediction that the year will be characterized by a large local consumption of lumber for railway work, bridges, harbor improvements, etc. In another column is recorded a sale of over 1,000,000 feet for the new interprovincial bridge at Ottawa. The season is certainly opening

favorably for local trade, while the outlook for the export business is not particularly gloomy. As the winter advances the scarcity of dry hardwoods becomes more pronounced. Soft elm leads in point of demand, but as no stocks of any account are available, trade is necessarily restricted. This lumber seems to be growing in favor, and must command a still higher price in the near future. Ash is also firm and frequently asked for.

#### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Representatives of Quebec houses now in Great Britain are said to have succeeded in placing some contracts at figures which compare favorably with those obtained last year. While spruce generally is weaker, it has not affected the St. Lawrence production in the same measure as that of New Brunswick, and to some extent the stock is finding sale in the usual channels. Last week two vessels sailed from St. John with lumber, one for Barbadoes and the other for Buenos Ayres. About one million feet was also shipped to Great Britain per regular liners. At the present time there is no buying, and quotations cannot be given.

#### UNITED STATES.

An advance in the price of corn, produced in immense quantities in the middle and western states, has further increased the prosperity of that section of country. Farmers are disposing of their holdings, and this is putting in circulation much money which will prove of great benefit to the lumber trade. The movement of lumber is gradually swelling, and dry stocks are being bought up quite freely. Slightly higher prices are ruling, although no substantial advance has as yet been made. The eastern market does not exhibit the same activity as the west. This, however, might be expected, as the improvement invariably commences with the farming community and extends to the manufacture districts. The feeling throughout the east is very hopeful. Dealers report a number of inquiries for stock, particularly from the box factories and for railway construction. A noticeable feature is the increasing demand for spruce for box making, which has probably resulted from the higher prices asked for white pine and the scarcity of the same. Holders of stock are also firm in their demands, and show no anxiety to sell unless at the prices asked. Eastern dealers have been purchasing lightly for spring shipment, and the next few weeks is likely to develop some large contracts. New York, Albany and Philadelphia reports

announce a strong demand for hardwoods. There is a vast amount of car building being done, and every prospect of a large requirement for the spring trade. A marking up of prices is therefore talked of.

#### FOREIGN.

The consumption of wood goods continues steady in the British markets, and so far as this branch of the trade is concerned, no complaints are heard. The weather is conducive to outside work, and more than the average volume of building is in progress. The demand thus created is gradually reducing the heavy stocks which were held at some of the ports, particularly at London, and is also brightening the outlook for spring goods to arrive. Importers are buying a little more freely, but agents are still experiencing difficulty in placing any large contracts for ordinary lines of goods. On the east coast the most active buying is reported. There red pine and spruce are being sold where Baltic goods were formerly used, owing to the high price of the latter. It is understood that nearly 20,000 standards, principally of 2 and 2 1/2 x 6 and 6 1/2, have been placed at 6 1/2 15s c.i.f. to the east coast of England, and also in Holland, Belgium and Germany. While values are not weakening, no effort has been made to secure an advance, in the face of heavy stocks of spruce available for spring shipment. There is a firmer tone of the market reported from Australia.

#### STOCKS AND PRICES.

CANADA.

The R. Laidlaw Co., Toronto, are in the market for one and one-half inch hard maple.

The city of Winnipeg has accepted the tender of T. E. Robinson for the annual supply of lumber.

The city of Brockville, Ont., will shortly invite tenders for the annual supply of lumber required by the corporation.

The Gilmour Co. expect to start their Canoe Lake mill about May 1st. The cut of next season will probably reach 60,000,000 feet. They now have twelve camps at work on their limits.

A dispatch from St. Martins, N. B., dated February 14th, says: The past week an immense quantity of deals and pling has been hauled to the wharves here, ready for shipment early in the spring. It is estimated that the cut this winter will amount to about eight million feet.

Mr. A. F. Bury Austin, of Montreal, has secured the contract to supply all the dimension timber, of white pine and hemlock, for both the under-structure and bridge flooring of the new interprovincial

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