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#### INFORMATION WANTED.

The publishers of the CANADA LUMBERMAN have forwarded to lumber manufacturers throughout the Dominion a circular requesting certain information regarding the trade of the year 1898, the data being required for the annual review to appear in our February number. Persons receiving these circulars will confer a favor by returning same, with the required particulars, to this office without delay. Readers are respectfully asked to assist us as far as possible by placing at our disposal their views regarding the trade of the year.

#### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

Although the lumber demand is quiet at present, as might be expected, the prospects are by no means discouraging, prospects are by no means discouraging, and lumbermen generally are preparing for increased business in 1899. Stocks are below the average, and the building and manufacturing industries are in a prosperous condition, giving hope of a steadily growing consumption of lumber. Encouraged by these conditions, manufacturers are operating in the woods on a scale equal to or larger than last winter, and are paying greater attention to the getting of stock suitable for the local market. An advance in the price of certain grades of pine is expected before market. An advance in the price of certain grades of pine is expected before the spring. Mild weather is interfering with logging operations in some localities. Dealers continue to receive orders for hardwood lumber which cannot be filled, owing to inability to find the stock. Basswood has been completely sold out, and there is no quantity of the other hardwoods to be found. The scarcity has induced some manufacturers to operate their mills during the winter, but the quantity mills during the winter, but the quantity cut will not go far in supplying the

#### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Very little has transpired within the past week affecting the lumber trade of Quebec. No stock of any account is mov-Quebec. No stock of any account is moving, and buyers have not as yet entered the market vigorously. A transaction of some importance is the purchase by Messrs. J. Burstall & Company of the rafts Messrs. J. Burstall & Company of the rafts of pine timber of the St. Anthony Lumber Company now wintering at Cap Rouge, Quebec, the purchase price of which is said to be nearly \$150,000. The conditions of 1899 are yet uncertain, though prospects seem favorable. In New Brunswick and Nova Scotia the outlook has improved, but not to the extent as to induce manubut not to the extent as to induce nianufacturers to increase their operations in the woods. The stock of deals wintering at St. John is twenty-three million feet less than last year, which, with the de-creased production of this winter, will no doubt strengthen the market. We under-stand that British buyers have shown their hand, but shippers are believed to be holding for more favorable prices, a stand which is warranted to some extent by the improved prospects in South America, the West Indies and the United States. It is much to be hoped that the overproduction of last year will not again be repeated, and it would seem that manufacturers and shippers alike are now alive to this fact. A larger profit on a smaller output is more desirable than the reverse.

#### UNITED STATES.

Not for many years has the lumber market of the United States closed with the same degree of strength. Nearly every class of lumber is regarded as good property, and there is not the slightest fear that present prices will not be maintained throughout the winter. Stocks of pine at the leading manufacturing centres are much smaller than at the close of 1897, while retailers and consumers have only a moderate supply, and will likely

during the winter months, more particu-larly as low rail rates prevail. The urgent demand for bor lumber continues, northern No. 4 boards being entirely cleaned up, and heavy sales of No. 3 having been made in order to supplement the lack of No. 4. It is encouraging to note that in the east the tendency is towards advanced Our Buffalo correspondent points to the improved demand for pine, as well as for other woods, and forecasts a general as for other woods, and forecasts a general shortage in many grades before the spring. This, we think, reflects the conditions prevailing at other wholesale points in the Eastern States. The year closed with broken stocks and a desire on the part of wholesales to increase their holdings. wholesalers to increase their holdings.

The shortage in the supply of box lumber has resulted in basswood being substituted to some extent by box manfacturers, and as a result there is very little basswood to be found in the country. It is said that box manufacturers have paid 39.50 per thousand for cull basswood at Minneapolis. Hardwoods generally are firm and scarce. In the north there has been a brisk demand for birch, to be used in furniture manufacture, and prices have advanced \$2 per thousand. Maple, ash, and rock and soft elm are much inquired and rock and soft elm are much inquired for by Buffalo dealers, who are paying \$16 to \$18 for thick 1st and 2nd soft elm, \$28 to \$32 for same quality white ash, and \$17 to \$19 for maple. Hemlock is held firmly, but the demand is backward. The spruce market is much in the same condition, although manufacturers are making a strong effort to maintain higher prices.

#### FOREIGN.

Australia is suffering from intense heat and drought, and disastrous bush fires are threatening. In many parts of New South Wales rivers have dried up; business has been interfered with and work suspended. There is practically no demand for lumber. Reports from Great Britain tell of holiday quietude, although the market is firm, and buying is expected to commence very soon. Prices of Canadian woods are improving.

#### STOCKS AND PRICES.

It is stated that Albert Pack, of Alpena, Mich., is negotiating for mills and extensive timber lands in Chippewa county, Michigan.

The Menominee and Marinette mills, in Michigan, manufactured in 1898 408,-200,000 feet of lumber, exclusive of lath and shingles.

Several of the Ottawa lumbermen are commencing to get out a considerable quantity of cedar each year, taken off the limits where the pine has already been removed.

J. W. Munro, of Pembroke, Ont., is lumbering quite extensively at Lake Wahnapitae, Ont., having 125 men and 25 teams in the woods. About 9,000,000 feet of logs have already been cut.

The Indians on the Cope, Croker and Saupeen reserves, in North Bruce, Ont., have passed a resolution asking that the islands of Georgian Bay be put up at