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S. HERBERT WILLIAMS,  
Superintendent.

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#### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

Reports from lumbermen are again but a repetition of what has already been said regarding the almost unprecedented strength of the market. Everywhere buyers are found in search of stock, and their eagerness to purchase is causing prices of all grades to stiffen. Dealers from Michigan have visited Georgian Bay mills, and are reported to have contracted for some lots of lumber at figures which will leave a fair margin of profit to the manufacturers, even in the face of the two dollar duty; in fact, the buyer invariably pays the duty. A feature favorable to the Ontario lumber industry is the number of foreign importers who have this year personally visited the mills in this province for the purpose of satisfying themselves as to what quantity of lumber they could advantageously import from Canada. Last week Mr. L. R. Babbitt, representing Babbitt Brothers, wholesale merchants, of Buenos Ayres, visited the Ottawa mills for this purpose. While the trade may not realize any immediate results from these visits, it augurs well for the future of Canadian lumber. The above remarks, although applying more particularly to pine, also indicate the condition of the hardwood market. Buyers are numerous and stocks scarce—it is a sellers' market. Generally hardwoods are firm, maple being the only lumber which shows any weakness, and that is not such as to cause alarm.

#### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The local demand for lumber in Quebec is improving, building material representing a considerable volume of stock. Many of the mills have orders in excess of their output, and all are running full time. Spruce log run is selling at from \$8 to

\$12 f. o. b. cars at mill, and birch at \$12 to \$15. The Quebec merchants are busy shipping lumber and timber to foreign countries, and a number of vessels have been chartered for July loading.

In Quebec and New Brunswick the industry is in a healthier state than for years past, although high freight rates have interfered with shipments to some extent. The logs have been coming along slowly, and some of the mills have been compelled to close down until their drives were received. It is stated that not over 90,000,000 superficial feet of logs will pass through the Fredericton booms this season, as compared with 131,000,000 feet last year and 165,000,000 feet in 1897. St. John deals are worth about \$11 per thousand, which is from \$2.50 to \$3 higher than the prices one year ago. There are no Bay of Fundy deals offering, as they have all been bought up. The prospect is that lumber will be scarce and prices higher as the season advances.

#### UNITED STATES.

As yet there are no evidences of a mid-summer lull in the lumber trade of the United States, on the other hand, dealers and manufacturers alike report an increased number of orders for nearly all kinds of stock. Buyers have been very numerous at northern producing points, and it is predicted that by the end of August practically the entire season's cut of the mills at Ashland, Duluth, Menominee and other lake ports will have been sold. Prices are steady and buoyant, with an upward tendency, and some predict that there will be a further advance in the near future. Competition in buying is very keen, as the brisk demand since the spring opened has prevented wholesalers from accumulating their usual quantity of stock. At Ashland, Wis., it is expected that all widths of No. 2 stock will advance, as the difference at present between No. 2 and No. 3 is but \$1 per thousand. As showing the position of the market, the Ashland Lumber Co. recently made a sale of 250,000 feet of Norway edge boards at \$8 a thousand, while the price paid for similar stock last year was \$4.75. An effort has been made to even up Buffalo and Tonawanda prices of pine. The price of uppers is now \$51 for inch and \$65 for four inch, \$45 for inch selects, \$38 for inch fine common, \$30 for No. 1 cuts, \$20 for No. 1 barn, \$14 for No. 1 box and \$12 for mill culls. Spruce lumber is gradually becoming a more important factor in the Buffalo market. The Loud Company is preparing to send down quite an amount of spruce to the Black Rock yards from Munising, Mich. Generally spruce is improving, although some sizes still show signs of weakness.

The demand for hardwood lumber continues unabated, although the situation has been relieved in a slight degree by the movement of the new cut. It is expected that there will be a decline in prices for oak, ash and other woods that have been particularly scarce, but the generally accepted opinion is that hardwood values will remain firm during the balance of the season.

#### FOREIGN.

Speaking generally, the foreign markets are in a fairly prosperous condition. Stocks on hand are not too heavy, and there is little probability that the arrivals will be greater than will be consumed by the various manufacturing industries. In Great Britain the wood trade is undergoing a period of buoyancy almost without parallel in its past history. The opinion is freely expressed that exports from Sweden this year will be less than in 1898, while it is certain that the Canadian exports will not overburden the market. This points to a higher level of f.o.b. values than at present rule, and removes almost any probability of prices depreciating. British importers, however, express some dissatisfaction with the Canadian trade, owing to the custom adopted by some shippers of sending goods forward on consignment, these goods being subsequently sold at lower prices than paid originally by the direct importers, and creating an unfair competition, with a lowering tendency on values. At London a slightly firmer tone is apparent for 2 1/2-inch battens; 2 1/2 x 7 Quebec spruce has been tried, but the trade has not responded as expected, though in the north it is learned that the experiment has met with some success. In the hardwood market the situation has not changed, the demand continuing steady.

#### STOCKS AND PRICES.

Goodwillie & Page, of Fonthill, Ont., recently shipped eight cars of chestnut and oak lumber.

Scatcherd & Son, of Buffalo, are said to have two men in Canada buying hardwoods, mostly soft elm.

The United Lumberman cleared last week from Playfair's dock at Midland for Tonawanda with a large cargo of lumber.

The attention of lumber manufacturers is directed to the advertisement of Messrs. Irvin & Sellers, on page 3, asking for maple squares.

The log cut on the Restigouche river in New Brunswick last winter was 29,000,000 feet. Only a small quantity of logs will be hung up.

McCormick Bros., of Saginaw, Mich., who deal extensively in hardwoods, report an active demand for elm and ash. There is plenty of maple and less call for it than for the other woods.

The A. P. Bliss Lumber Co., of Saginaw, is now towing logs from Parry Sound to Saginaw. These logs were cut by the Conger Lumber Co. in the season of 1897-98 and left in the woods.

On Wednesday, June 21, Alex. Fraser's raft of square timber from the Coulonge was towed to the head of the Culmet slides. This is the second raft to pass down the slides this season.

At Saginaw, Mich., log run is quoted at \$18 to \$24, and is scarce at these figures. There is a continued good demand for box lumber at \$13, and for Norway at \$10 to \$12 for ordinary lengths.

Cedar shingles continue to be scarce in the Eastern States, and the manufacturers