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WANTED AND FOR SALE

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FOR SALE.

AT MONKLAND'S STATION, C.P.R., ABOUT 30 M feet 4/4 Hard Maple Log Run, mill culls strictly out. At Lancaster, by G. T. R., or boat, about 150 M feet 4/4 Elm, about 100 M feet 4/4 Ash, about 100 M feet 4/4 Bass, about 30 M feet Thick Maple, Oak, White Ash and Butternut. McARTHUR & SON, South Lancaster, Ont.



SALE OF BURNT AND OTHER TIMBER

A QUANTITY OF PINE TIMBER, ESTIMATED at five million, seven hundred and fifty thousand feet board measure, situated north and west of the East Branch of the Spanish River, in the vicinity of Runey Lake, having been partly damaged by fire, the undersigned hereby calls for tenders for the right to cut the same.

Tenders will be received up to and including the SECOND DAY OF JUNE NEXT, and must state the rate per thousand feet board measure, if made into saw-logs, or per thousand feet cubic, if made into square timber, which the tenderer is willing to pay as bonus, in addition to the ordinary Crown dues of one dollar and twenty-five cents per thousand feet board measure on saw-logs and twenty-five dollars per thousand feet cubic on square timber. Parties tendering may make an alternative tender of a lump sum as bonus, in addition to the Crown dues as the rates hereinbefore stated. Tenders must be accompanied by a marked cheque for \$1,000. The party awarded the right to cut will have to give a bond, with satisfactory sureties, for the performance of all the terms and conditions which may be required by the Department.

Mr. A. T. Helling, Forest Ranger at Biscotasing Station, C. P. R., will give information with respect to the situation of the timber, etc., and further particulars as to the conditions may be obtained from this Department.

The figures as to quantity represent the Department's estimate only, and intending purchasers must satisfy themselves as to quantities and purchase upon their own estimates. The Department does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Tenders should be marked "Tender for Burnt Timber" and addressed to the Honourable the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Toronto.

J. M. GIBSON,
Commissioner Crown Lands.

Department of Crown Lands,
Woods and Forests Branch,
Toronto, 12th May, 1898.

FOR SALE

3 INCH TAMARAC, 12, 14 AND 16 FEET, FOR bridge and dock covering. CRAIG & AUSTIN, Kinmount, Ont.

FOR SALE.

AN OUTFIT OF PLANING MILL Machinery. Lists and prices on application to MISKNER BROS., Brantford, Ont.

WANTED.—A contract for sawing from five hundred thousand to two million feet of pine lumber, or will buy a small raft of pine, elm or basswood logs. P. CARD & ROWAN, Owen Sound.

FOR SALE.—Soft Maple: 20,000 feet inch, 25,000 feet 2 1/2 inch, 5,000 feet 3/4 inch, 12 to 14 feet long. will average 10 inches in width, dry and in good condition. D. J. DRISCOLL, 84 Nepean street, Ottawa.

Limits and Mill For Sale

THAT WELL KNOWN AND VALUABLE SAW mill property known as the Moore & Macdowell mill, in the town of Prince Albert, Territory of Saskatchewan, comprising saw mills fitted with modern machinery, having a capacity of 2,500,000 feet per month, together with a planing mill in separate building, containing planer, matcher, etc., with railway siding, large boarding house, one cottage, two large dwelling houses, and piling ground, the whole property comprising an area of about one hundred and fifty acres.

Also about two hundred and seventy-one miles of very desirable timber limits in the country tributary to Prince Albert, and about seventy-four miles tributary to Edmonton, the whole said to contain over three hundred million feet board measure of spruce and tamarac timber, large and of fine quality.

The limits are easy of access. Those at Edmonton are directly on the Saskatchewan, and those at Prince Albert are tributary to the same river. They are well watered, and the creeks easily driven.

Proposals to purchase this property will be received up to 15th July next by John C. Brown, Egan Block, Ottawa.

Should this property not be sold by private sale, it will be offered for sale by auction at a later date, of which due notice will be given.

For further particulars apply to

WILLIAM LITTLE, JOHN C. BROWN,
Prince Albert, Sask. Ottawa.
R. B. KESSEN, J. B. MONK,
Temple Building, Toronto. Winnipeg, Man.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The current rates on lumber from British Columbia to foreign markets are as follows: Sydney, Aus., 47s 6d; Melbourne or Adelaide, 50s; Port Pirie, 45s to 47s 6d; Fremantle, 47s 6d; Yokohama, 42s 6d; Valparaiso, f.o.b., 42s 6d to 45s; U. K. or Continent, 60s to 62s 6d.

The following charters are reported: Bark Bristol, West Bay, N.S., to w.c. England or e.c. Ireland, 51s. 3d.; ship Cora, St. John, N. B., to Bristol, deals, 57s. 6d.; ship Charles, St. John, N. B., to Bristol, deals, 55s.; ship Steinhora, St. John, N. B., to w.c. England, 52s. 6d.; bark Bertino, Pugwash, N. S., to Cork, deals, 47s. 6d.; bark Filippo, Miramichi to Cork or Belfast, deals, 52s. 6d.; ship Herminius, St. John, N. B., to Liverpool, deals, 52s. 6d.; W. W. McLaughlan, Apple River, N. S., to French port, deals, 55s.; a 1,300-ton ship, Saguenay to Buenos Ayres, lumber, \$10; ship Forest King and bark Avonia, West Bay to w.c. England, deals, 50s.; two steamers from St. John, N. B., to w.c. England, deals, July loading, 53s. 9d.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

One peculiar feature of the pine trade is the brisk demand for common and low grade stock, due to extensive building operations and the activity in box making. While the upper grades still sell at a high price, the demand is not as strong as last year. In the Ottawa valley unsold stocks compare very favorably with those usually held at this season of the year, with probably a little more of certain grades. The market, however, is weaker, and we believe stock can be purchased at lower prices. The cut of last year is now being shipped out. Local trade on the Georgian Bay is good, but apart from this the market is featureless. Hardwood manufacturers are holding stock very firm, having recognized the fact that a shortage in this year's supply is quite probable. Some contracts recently offered for ash and elm were declined by many mill owners owing to inability to furnish the stock.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The outlook for Quebec trade is certainly not very promising. No stock of any account is being cut for the United States market, and the high freight rates ruling have darkened the prospects for British trade. In another column the situation in eastern Quebec is reviewed by a correspondent. In New Brunswick some of the spruce mills are shutting down owing to the depression and inability of shippers to obtain vessels at satisfactory rates. Freight rates at 52s 6d to 55s from St. John, N. B., to west coast England, but even at these figures some vessels have been chartered. Deal prices are still nominal.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The report comes from Manitoba that several operators have been unable to get their drives out owing to low water, and as a result the lumber market has strengthened. An advance of \$1 per thousand has been made on nearly every class of stock, covering timber and dimension, boards, shiplap, flooring, siding, etc. No change has been made in finishing material. The Pacific coast mills have also announced an advance of \$1 on the following lines: No. 3 fir flooring, 1 x 4 and 6; No. 3 fir flooring, 1 x 3; No. 2 fir siding, 1 x 6; No. 3 fir siding, 1 x 6; No. 2 fir ceiling, 1 x 3, 4 or 6; No. 3 fir ceiling, 1 x 3, 4 or 6. Although retail prices have not yet been changed, there is no other way of meeting the advance made by the manufacturers than by adding a corresponding amount to the selling price. This is likely to be done immediately. Trade in British Columbia is expanding, most of the mills being busy on eastern and local orders, and some being compelled to run day and night. The agricultural outlook of the coast district is excellent, and farmers look forward to a prosperous year. Many new buildings are in course of erection or contemplated.

UNITED STATES.

In the Eastern States there have been indications of reviving trade within the past few days, although the demand is not yet what it should be at this season of

the year. Only very light shipments have been made from wholesale points, the one place showing the most activity in shipments being Albany, where pine and spruce stocks are very light. The main cause of the present dullness is the cessation of building operations in the principal eastern cities. Buffalo is doing a fair trade in pine, New York is quiet, and at Boston about the only encouraging feature is the requirement of material to be used in the naval yard. Pittsburg, Pa., does not seem to have been affected by the war, and wholesalers report a good business. The lack of demand from the east has caused holders of stock at western manufacturing points to feel a little uneasy as to the future. It was expected that as the season advanced eastern wholesalers would be compelled to buy at the prices asked, but there has been so little demand that present stocks have been found ample, and the tendency of mill men is to yield a trifle on certain lines. The exception to this is framing dimension and box lumber. Owing to the light supply of Norway logs last winter the production of piece stuff will be comparatively small. As to box lumber, there has been a scarcity of these grades all spring, and low grade stock is selling better than good lumber. Box lumber has sold at a good price when other stock could not be marketed at a fair figure, and early in the season nearly all the No. 3 and No. 4 boards on Lake Superior were bought up. At the present time the consumption of box material is not so active, but there is yet a demand out of proportion to the dry stock available. When the new cut is in condition there may be a slight weakening in price, but this is not likely to occur for several weeks yet, if at all. A report comes from Duluth that many logs may be hung up.

The hardwood market is a trifle easier, and a falling off in demand is reported. The furniture factories are not operating as vigorously as they were, and this has visibly affected the trade. There is also less enquiry for finishing lumber. The leading hardwoods, however, are still firm, and ash, elm, basswood and oak sell readily. Dry ash in particular is scarce, and promises to be much sought for in the near future. It is being used largely for agricultural machinery and wagons.

FOREIGN.

So far as the British market is concerned, the tendency during the month of May has been distinctly upward. While a few weeks ago there was little hope of prices of any Canadian goods advancing, to day fully 10s more is being obtained for spruce. This rise is the result of the great scarcity of tonnage, owing to the large quantity of freight waiting shipment and contracted for from the St. Lawrence. It is expected that a great number of tramp steamers will be induced to engage in the grain carrying trade, which will somewhat relieve the situation, and may be the means of keeping the rates from going any higher. A cargo of spruce from St. John is reported to have changed hands at £6 7s c.i.f., and a yarded cargo at £6 10s, which shows the