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SHIPPING MATTERS.

Freight rates from Duluth to Buffalo are weaker. It is thought that tonnage will be offered at \$1.50 a thousand, which will be the lowest point touched last season.

The American barqentine, Northwest, loading lumber at the Brunette Saw Mills, New Westminster, B. C., for Southern Califor-She will carry away a cargo of 550,000

Captains of lumber vessels at St. John, N.B., are pleased in receiving word from Boston that the recent decision of the customs of that city, that vessels would not be allowed to discharge cargo at night, has been waived under certain reasonable conditions. St. John schooners will greatly benefit by this decision.

The following vessels are loading lumber in British Columbia: Vancouver: British ship Blargowre, for South Africa; Aigharth for Valparaiso; Am. sch. Peerless, for California; Am. barquentine Monitor, for California. At New Westminster: Barque Wrestler, for Shanghai; Am. sch. R. W. Bartlett, for San Pedro; Am. barque J. L. Stanford, for Santa Rosalia. Rosalia

Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B.C. Robert Ward & Co., Ltd., Vancouver, B.C., say: "Freights have continued to rule very firm, with an upward tendency, and although we are of the opinion that this state of affairs cannot be maintained very long, still a great deal of tonnage has been taken forward with canceling dated as late as 30th Dec., and this, of course, tends to keep up freights. In other parts of the world freights are low, and the consequence is that ship-owners are heading all available tonnage this wa, in order to take advantage of the high freights. Suitable vessels for lumber are very scarce at the increased tates."

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

THE approach of midsummer is having, to some extent, a quieting effect on the lumber trade. Confidence, however, is increasing, and the belief is, that if no large amount of trade is done immediately, better times are near by. The earnings of the Canadian Pacific for the week increased \$41,000, and those of the Grand Trunk \$14,549. Following an increase in railroad earnings in the United States business is improving, and a continuous increase in that same department of commerce may be expected to have a profitable influence on business in Canada. Manufacturers complain that prices with them are cut close and as a consequence they are forced to pay as little as possible for lumber. But as general trade improves, this difficulty will be overcome and lumber will be a gainer thereby. Prices are, on the whole, firm, with a rather large call for bill stuff in comparison with other lines.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Shipping continues active in Quebec, though this is not to be taken as indicating a large amount of strength in the lumber business. Results depend on conditions on the other side of the Atlantic, and reports from there, while telling of an improvement, are yet only fairly encouraging. The Quebec Chronicle takes encouragement from the fact that work on the Parry Sound Railway is now being pushed on by some of its leading citizens. "The saving of 800 miles in distance between Duluth and Liverpool, which that road will effect," says this journal, "must unq monably bring us at least a share of the western trade which now goes to England via Buffalo and New York; and as our leading merchants and deal shippers who will have to furnish cargoes for the new line of steamers are actively interested in the railway, it is only reasonable that their policy as to freight rates will be such as to bring back to us the deal trade of the Hawkesbury, Ottawa and Amprior mills, and also give us the export business of the valuable lumber country which the railway will open up in the interior between Amprior and Parry Sound, besides bringing to Quebec for shipment large quantities of other products." Shipments of lumber in New Brunswick are largely in excess of last season to the same date, and the markets are more steady than usual.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Shipments of lumber in British Columbia maintain the increased strength that they have taken on for the past month or two. Good quantities of lumber continue to go to California, and the exports to

foreign countries are of reasonable size. The shingle trade, it is believed, is improving, though prices are still a good distance from profitable figures.

UNITED STATES.

The improved outlook in agricultural districts of the United States, helped to some extent by recent generous rains, is proving a factor in increasing confidence in the business situation. It is believed that business will continue to move forward steadily until fall, when, with the hardening of values in leading products that has already taken place, followed by a good harvest, the general business of the country will take an upward step and lumber will certainly fall into line with other products. Just at the present time sales are being conducted on careful lines. There is an increase in the business of the past month, but still much of the stuff that goes out is in small lots. Every day it becomes clearer that white pine lumbermen have got to count in the Lake Superior district as an important factor in the business of the future. From Michigan, Buffalo, Tonawanda, Albany and othe, eastern markets the news comes of lumbermen there making purchases of no small size of Duluth lumber. It is to be sincerely hoped that this new element in the trade will not be an influence tending to depress prices. There is no need, with the condition of the white pine market, for anything of the kind.

Buyers in the British market, says the Timber Trades Journal, are showing decidedly more inclination to purchase lumber for prompt delivery, but are reluctant to enter into engagements for late ship ments. The absence of speculation and the determination to restrict business to a hand to-mouth trade as far as practicable, continues to be the most marked characteristic of current trade. In a certain degree this caution in buying is evidence of a healthy undercurrent of trade, and causes buyers to look forward to the future with greater confidence than was possible during the opening of the present campaign. It has also been the means of bringing down prices to a more healthy level and should enable importers to recoup some of the losses they are making over the realization of their deal stocks. In Liverpool sales are light. In Glasgow there is still a slow enquiry reported for the lower grades of Canadian timber, and prices are irregular. The arrival of pine and spruce deals have been more than equal to the demand.

BARDWOODS

Judging from the volume of trade to date, June will prove a fair month with