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W. H. LOCKHART GORDON,  
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WANTED Hard Maple Logs in lots of 30 M ft. board measure, and upwards, to be sawn to order, whole product taken except culls, a large percentage green. Address, R. E. KINSMAN, Hamilton.

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## Limits For Sale

TOWNSHIP OF ARMAND, P. Q.

About 42 square miles in above Township, well timbered and well watered. Logs can be hauled partly to Temiscouata Railway, but the greater part can be driven to advantage into the St. John River. For particulars apply to

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#### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO

The topic of conversation among lumbermen is the fire at the Chaudiere, which destroyed a vast quantity of lumber and several mills and yards. It is difficult to estimate the effect of taking out of the market upwards of 150,000,000 feet of lumber. Much of this stock was sold for shipment to England and the United States, and the remainder was intended to supply the local demand. Other sources of supply will have to be found, and the result will likely be a decided stiffening of prices. In addition to the lumber burned, mills were destroyed, and thus the market will be relieved of a portion of the intended cut of these mills. Some of the logs will probably be manufactured by other mills, but the total cut of the Ottawa Valley for the season is certain to be considerably reduced by the fire. The lumber was dry stock, which at the present time is very scarce. In our opinion, there will be a general advance in the price of white pine, this advance to hold until the dry stock of this season's manufacture is ready for shipment, which will not be until mid-summer at least. At the present time contracts for new stock are being entered into very freely. There is an exceptionally good demand for export lumber, both of pine and hardwood.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Some of the Montreal and Quebec shippers were affected by the recent fire at the Chaudiere, and as a result export

trade is somewhat unsettled. The destruction of such a large quantity of lumber may possibly diminish the shipments from the St. Lawrence. The Quebec timber market is quite firm, square and waney pine showing a tendency to advance in price. Square pine, 40 to 45 feet average, is quoted at 30 to 36 cents, and Ottawa waney, 19 to 21 inch average, from 38 to 47 cents. In New Brunswick and Nova Scotia the outlook for the season's trade is good, although it is feared that a considerable quantity of logs will be hung up in the streams. In Nova Scotia, River Plate specifications are selling about \$1.50 per thousand higher than last year, as the cut in some districts will be about 50 per cent. short of last season, on account of a scarcity of logs. Several vessels have been chartered to load at Yarmouth for Buenos Ayres.

UNITED STATES.

The peculiar position of the United States lumber market renders it difficult to give a review setting forth the actual conditions. It cannot be disputed that trade is by no means as active as it should be, although there has been some improvement during April. Manufacturers in the west are holding firmly to prices, but as it is admitted that the present high values cannot rule throughout the season, some dealers have concluded that the time has come to reduce their prices. The white pine dealers of Buffalo held a meeting last week to discuss the price question, at which it was decided to hold to the present list. In the Albany market 2½ and 3 inch uppers have been reduced to \$65, 4 inch uppers to \$70, 2½ inch selects to \$55, 2½ inch fine common to \$45 to \$50, 1 by 10 and 12 shippers to \$22, 1 by 12 No. 1 barn to \$28, and 1 by 10 and 12 No. 2 barn to \$24. From Bay City and Saginaw comes the report that prices are slightly weaker, 1 to 2 inch uppers selling at \$54, and selects 8 inches and up at \$49. A reduction of about \$1 per thousand has also been made in No. 1 cuts, barn boards, inch box and shaly clear stock. The best grade of white pine shingles is quoted at Saginaw at \$4.15, and C. B. shingles at \$3.15. Cedar is worth \$3.20 and \$2.20 respectively, and lath is quoted at \$4 and \$4.50.

The spruce market has recovered as a result of a meeting of spruce manufacturers held at Bangor, Maine, on April 24th, at which it was agreed not to ship any lumber on the market, but to sell all cargoes before loading. A price list, published elsewhere, was also adopted.

Although no break in hardwood prices can be reported, the market is somewhat weaker, particularly for the class of hardwoods used in building operations. For elm, basswood, and maple for manufacturing purposes the demand is keeping up. At Boston maple sells at \$30 for 1½ inch, \$31 for 2 inch, and \$34 for 2½ and 3 inch.

FOREIGN.

There is still a feeling of uneasiness in the British market, due to the high price of lumber and the consequent decrease in consumption at London and a few of the other leading ports. Inland buyers and builders are buying with the strictest economy, and unless the demand shall improve very considerably, some dealers anticipate lower prices. On the other hand, it is said that at the first sign of renewed trade importers will show a strong desire to contract for the balance of their season's requirements. It is reported that Sweden has 60,000 standards less for first-open-water shipment than last year, and that a limited quantity is expected from Finland. On the east coast of England spruce deals have been sold quite freely, and more enquiries have been made for this class of stock than has been experienced before. Referring to spruce deals, the Timber Trades Journal says that if Canadian producers would try to meet the requirements of the east coast trade by accurate cutting to specifications, there is little doubt but that a footing in those markets could be established, notwithstanding the fact that Atlantic freights and insurances are much greater than from the Baltic. Plasterers' laths are reported to be scarce in the British market, with correspondingly high prices. Birch planks also sell freely. Late advices from Madrid and Santiago, Chili, state that the demand there for Canadian lumber this season will be quite extensive.

#### HICKORY SQUARES WANTED.

A British firm write us that they are desirous of purchasing large quantities of hickory squares, 44 in. x 7½ in., of perfect quality and cut to exact size. Persons in a position to supply such stock are asked to communicate with this office.

#### ENQUIRY FOR BLACK WALNUT.

A German firm of timber importers write the CANADA LUMBERMAN that they are in the market for black walnut, and that they can use any quantity in lumber as well as logs. We understand that there is a quantity of black walnut in Western Ontario, and would be pleased to open up correspondence with any person in a position to supply this class of timber.