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#### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

##### ONTARIO

More attention is now being paid to balancing the books for the year than to selling lumber. Salesmen have been withdrawn from the road during the holiday season, while the buying by American houses has been of little account, as is customary at this season of the year. The volume of trade has, therefore, been restricted, and such orders as have been placed were for mixed lots. Just what the annual statement will show at the close of the year in comparison with last season it is hard to say, although there are some dealers who believe that the year will prove to have been unprecedented in the matter of small profits. This, however, is not the general opinion, and we would not be surprised to find the balance sheet in favor of 1896.

In another column will be found a report of the condition of the coooperage market, which indicates a great scarcity of stock at the mills, while only exceptionally favorable weather will permit of a sufficient stock of logs being obtained to supply the demand next season. There is also only a moderate supply of first-class shingles, but as the requirements for some time to come are not likely to be great, a scarcity will hardly be experienced.

##### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Many of the mills in Quebec have closed contracts with shippers for their entire cut of deals next season, and buying has been fully up to the average; in fact, there would seem to be a disposition to secure goods early, lest the firm position of the British market should cause a rise in lumber on this side of the Atlantic. The figures at which contracts

have been closed have not been made public, but it is understood that in some cases a slightly higher price has been paid than last year, and it is quite probable that spruce deals will realize an advance in the British market in the spring. The figures given in another column of the stocks wintering at Quebec are interesting, and show that the supply in most lines of goods are very light in comparison with other years. Of elm there is only 78,374 feet, and it is possible that, with the active demand for shipbuilding, the end of next season may witness an absolute scarcity. At the mills throughout the province light stocks of spruce are held, and before the new cut is placed upon the market this supply will be further reduced. This has resulted in extensive operations in the woods, and indications point to a large season's cut of logs. The regular lines of steamers from St. John have taken part cargoes of lumber, which will reduce the stock considerably before the spring, much of which was held over owing to the high freight rates ruling late in the autumn season. Local and United States trade has exhibited little activity, and for the next few weeks a quiet market is anticipated.

##### BRITISH COLUMBIA AND MANITOBA.

The condition of the lumber trade in British Columbia and Manitoba is satisfactory for the season of the year, and the mills are mostly busy. The closing up of the year's business is engaging the usual attention, and it is believed that the season's trade will prove to be larger and more remunerative than that of last year. The foreign trade has been good, and mining operations have also assisted local business. Of the prospects for next year, the general opinion is very hopeful. The shingle industry shows little improvement, although some dealers report a slightly increased demand.

##### UNITED STATES.

The recovery from business stagnation which it was believed would follow the election across the border has been less pronounced than was indicated in the early part of November. For a time there were rumors of many new projects, and industries were said to be resuming operations all over the country. These projected works have materialized only in a very few instances, while the benefit derived from the confidence restored to industrial establishments has not been as great as was predicted. The return to prosperity promises to be gradual, there being much caution pursued in business circles. The closing of the year's business

has had an effect upon the volume of the lumber trade, which has been restricted during the past fortnight. Mild weather has permitted of building operations being carried on in many of the principal cities, a condition which has created some unexpected trade. From white pine centres, however, comes the one general report of light demand, coupled with the fact that dealers are holding firmly to prices and anticipate a fairly prosperous spring trade. The orders now received are mainly for mixed cars. In Michigan trade is fair, and in Chicago stocks are said to be much lighter than is generally believed, there being many broken lots. A good car trade is looked for at Albany, lake ports are quiet, and the Eastern States exhibit little life. Among the hardwoods ash, oak, poplar, basswood and birch hold the strongest position. There is also a fair demand for rock elm for bicycle rims.

##### FOREIGN.

The yard trade in Great Britain has quieted down owing to the holiday season, and very little will be done before the middle of January, by which time business will have again resumed its normal course. In the past fortnight there have been no auction sales, and this has resulted in more private buying. The building trade is, nevertheless, in a healthy condition, and the prospects for next year are considered favorable, although the high price of materials may result in some projects being deferred for a time. Shipbuilding is also active, and so far as can be foreseen at the present time the spring trade will open up with higher values. The low stocks will keep the market firm, even if sales are not abundant. At West Hartlepool sawn deals, battens, etc., are eagerly inquired for, and there is every appearance of an advance. Liverpool stocks are light, and in some lines it is difficult to fill orders. A quieter trade at London is reported, although some sales of 3rd Quebec 12, 13 x 9 spruce have been made at £7 10s.

##### SHIPPING MATTERS.

Steamer Mantinea has been fixed at St. John, N. B., to load deals for England at 45s. and timber at 22s. 6d.

The ship Kingsport, at Barbados, has been chartered to load pitch pine at Pensacola for Buenos Ayres at \$11.75 (clean charter.)

Spring business from Montreal to London has been closed at 42s. 6d., and a steamer has been chartered from Quebec to United Kingdom, May-June sailing, at 41s. 3d.

The London Timber Trades Journal says: Forward chartering has begun, and it is reported that already 10,000 standards Quebec to range of ports is arranged at 42s. 6d., which means about 40s. to London.