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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The lumber market may be designated both active and strong. Vessels are loading at Georgian Bay yards for the Eastern States and Michigan distributing points, and shipping by barge from Ottawa will commence next week. The lumber to be moved was in most cases purchased some time ago and is composed of last year's cut. Some mills have commenced sawing operations, while others are waiting for logs. A shortage in the log supply is feared, as there has been little rain and the streams are generally low. In view of the large portion of the cut of this season that has already been contracted for, any considerable decrease in the available supply of logs will be a serious matter and will likely result in a famine in white pine lumber. The buying by United States concerns has apparently not yet been satisfied, as one or two large transactions have taken place within the past week. Canadian dealers, on the other hand, are pursuing a more cautious policy, and are closing contracts only when prices offer an inducement. Comparing the prices with those of one year ago, it will be found that there has really been no advance in mill culls, box and common lumber, but that the upper grades are somewhat higher. For 1x10 and 12 mill culls \$12 at the mill is asked. Hemlock lumber and timber continues in heavy demand, on the basis of \$9.50 at the mill. An increase is reported in the number of inquiries for hardwood lumber. Dealers who have been holding stocks of elm for a considerable time now find that they can market them to advantage, which clearly indicates the upward trend of prices.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Reports from the Eastern Provinces seem to indicate that manufacturers have every confidence in the future of spruce prices. They state that stocks are much below an average and that there are many inquiries for spruce regulars 3x9 and up. Sales have been made in Quebec at \$13. In New Brunswick the uncertainty of the log supply is the most influential market factor. Shippers have in some instances refused to enter into contracts at current prices, fearing that they may be unable to secure the necessary stock. The outlook in Nova Scotia is towards higher prices. One report states that no stock is held over from last year, and that the cut of the

present season will not be more than 65 per cent. that of last year. Spruce and pine shipping boards and South American specifications are moving actively. Still higher prices are ruling for cedar shingles. Sales are reported of extras at \$3.50 and clears at \$3.00, for Boston delivery. The mills are now resuming operations, and it is not expected that these prices will be maintained throughout the season, although a steady market at firm prices seems assured, as the demand for the cedar shingle is steadily increasing.

That there is great danger of a shortage in the log supply is shown by the fact that \$11 per thousand feet was paid last week for a quantity of logs.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

There is an unusually large demand throughout Manitoba and the Territories for building lumber, and it is probable that the mills will be taxed to their full capacity to supply the requirements of the trade. Retail dealers are stocking up heavily in anticipation of a brisk season. Prices of lumber are firm, and some lines are likely to advance in the near future. Large orders have recently been placed with British Columbia manufacturers for both lumber and shingles, chiefly for shipment to the east. The export trade, however, has not been neglected, as sixteen vessels sailed for foreign ports with lumber during the first three months of this year, six of them being destined for Australia, five for China and Japan, and two for the United Kingdom. Lumber freight rates are low and declining.

UNITED STATES.

Another advance in lumber prices must be chronicled this week. At Albany good lumber has stiffened considerably. Uppers, selects, fine common and No. 1 cuts are marked up an average of \$2 per thousand; 12-inch dressing has advanced \$3; 12-inch No. 1 and No. 2 barn \$1, and shaly clear \$2. The short stocks of pine are restricting shipments, and there does not seem to be much prospect of early relief in that respect owing to a scarcity of logs. The box manufacturers are showing much concern regarding the supply of white pine, and scarcely know what prices to quote on time contracts. At eastern wholesale centres white pine is particularly scarce. Factory lumber and the upper grades are most enquired for, and it is said that sales of thick uppers have been made at \$80. Yet this price, it is claimed, does not leave a fair margin for the dealer in consideration of the prices that are now being asked at the mills in the Lake Superior district. The freight rate