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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

In all branches of the lumber trade business is quite as brisk as could reasonably be expected at this season of the year, when the spring movement cannot be said to have commenced. As to prospective trade, pine and hardwood manufacturers agree that the outlook is brighter than it has been for a number of years. Stocks of pine lumber are light, prices advancing, and enquiries numerous. Again this year there is likely to be a large local consumption of the lower grades of lumber, one of the conditions of vital importance to manufacturers. There would be a larger volume of trade in hardwoods if dry stock could be obtained. Consumers are showing a disposition to contract in advance of requirements, apparently fearing a scarcity of hardwood lumber owing to unfavorable weather for getting out logs.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

As a result of the improvement in the Eastern States, lumbermen in Quebec and New Brunswick are more hopeful of a satisfactory year's business. The American lumbermen with mills at St. John, as well as those in the Eastern States, are finding the home market much better, and consequently will pay less attention to export trade. These conditions are favorable to the Canadian producers of spruce. Logging in the Maritime provinces has been retarded on account of insufficient snow, and along the St. John river and in sections of Nova Scotia work was discontinued by a few operators. A recent snow-fall, however, has improved conditions somewhat. On the St. John river the production of logs will be less than last year by perhaps 25 per cent. In view of the light production, it is likely that all the lumber manufactured in 1899 will find a market at a reasonable price. Freight rates during the year are likely to be easier on account of the increase in tonnage.

UNITED STATES.

From the leading wholesale centres in the United States there comes the report

of a satisfactory volume of trade and an unusual number of inquiries. Stocks have become greatly reduced, and dealers are looking round to replenish their supplies. This can only be done by paying the increased prices which are now asked by manufacturers. In order to meet this condition, it will be necessary to advance the price of lumber to consumers, and this is a step that will certainly be taken. On the Duluth docks there are only 15,000,000 feet of unsold lumber, against 125,000,000 feet one year ago. Practically all the No. 3 and No. 4 and mill culls have been sold, and contracts are being entered into for lumber to be cut next season. There has been no falling off in the demand for box lumber, and the eastern trade is buying up stocks wherever they can be found. A steady improvement has characterized the spruce market of late. While quotations are yet unchanged, it is thought that they cannot long remain at the present basis. The scarcity of hardwood lumber is making it extremely difficult to fill orders, dry stocks being nearly exhausted. Thick white ash has been bought up by the manufacturers of agricultural implements, and is advancing in price.

FOREIGN.

While the lumber market in Great Britain is regarded as showing no signs of weakness, it cannot be said that buying is being carried on vigorously. Canadian shippers have visited the principal markets, but just what business has been done has not yet transpired. The shippers are asking firm prices, which it is thought has had the effect of making buyers less willing to close than they were last year. A noticeable feature of the market is the good demand for spruce, and we would not be surprised if a substantial advance in the price of this lumber was made in the near future. It is competing favorably with Baltic whitewood for many purposes, particularly in deal and batten sizes, but is not generally liked for flooring. At West Hartlepool first and second pine deals are in light supply, but there is a fair stock of third pine. Shippers of red pine are asking high prices, but as yet very little stock has been contracted for. The present asking prices are about equal to those for the Swedish production, and it is frequently a question by consumers as to which will be given the preference.

The French and German markets are said to be improving, and better prices are being obtained. Spruce is growing in popularity in France, and it is expected

that a considerable quantity will be placed on that market this year.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The city council of Winnipeg, Man., invites tenders up to February 15th for the supply of from 1,000 to 2,000 cords of cedar paving wood.

S. A. Marks has made an estimate of the pulp wood on the Mississauga and Blind rivers, in Algoma. He figures that there are 8,000 cords.

The ship Coringa sailed from Yarmouth, N.S., last week for Buenos Ayres, with 1,101,000 feet of lumber, the largest cargo that ever cleared from that port.

Taylor & Hill, of Dartmouth, N.S., have about 60 men employed in the woods getting out logs. They will operate a portable mill during the coming season.

Geo. Sutherland, of Welland, Ont., is in the market for 500,000 feet of elm and basswood, 300,000 feet of white oak, 100,000 feet of red oak, and 100,000 feet of pine, to be delivered on bank of canal feeder, Chippawa creek, and Niagara river.

W. J. Bryce, Toronto, wants 2,100 pieces of flated timber, either elm, hemlock, tamarac or cedar, to square ten inches at small end, sixteen feet long; also two hundred thousand feet, ten by ten, sawn, twelve to twenty-two feet.

A report from Minneapolis states that dry elm staves are very scarce. Dealers are asking \$7 per thousand, and but few purchases can be made at a less figure. There is but little movement in heading, although the market is strong at from 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 cents. Dry elm hoops are scarce, and range in price from \$6.50 to \$6.60.

The following timber berths were sold at the Crown Lands office, Fredericton, N. B., last week: 3 mile berth at Young's brook, branch of McCallum's brook, to Alex. Gibson, at \$270 per mile; 3-mile berth at east branch of Christopher's brook, and 1/2-mile berth on Gordan's brook, branch of the Popelogan, to Wm. Currie, of Eel River, at upset price of \$8 per mile; 3 square miles, west of Bay du Vin river, to the Maritime Sulphite Co., at \$8.50 per mile.

A timber berth on an Indian reservation in the Georgian Bay district is reported to have been purchased by the Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company, the deal representing an investment of about \$70,000. Some 10,000,000 feet of logs are being put in this winter. Pelton & Reid, of Cheboygan, have also purchased 15,000,000 feet of Indian logs in the Georgian Bay district, which are being put in this winter, and will be rafted to Cheboygan next season. The Central Lumber Company, of Saginaw, is lumbering on Blind river, Ont. The St. Anthony Lumber Company is putting in about 45,000,000 feet of logs at Whitney, and the Arthur Hill Company 20,000,000 feet at Midland. There was a quantity of Canadian logs cut by Ameri-