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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

Nothing has developed during the past fortnight to weaken the lumber market. Fall trade is now in full swing, and of a volume which indicates the belief of buyers in the maintenance of prices. The optimistic feeling in the trade will doubtless result in every possible effort being put forth this winter to secure a large crop of logs, and many manufacturers are now offering to buy logs so as to ensure a supply for next season's operations. While we do not anticipate an excessively large production of logs, for reasons previously stated, the present is doubtless a time for conservatism, as it is not possible to predict what conditions shall rule next season, and a slump in prices would mean a loss on the operations of this winter, conducted as they will be at abnormal expense.

Considering the large building operations contemplated in Hamilton by the Deering Harvester Company and one or two other concerns, the high price of lumber has not yet exerted a deterrent influence. In Toronto building is also active and manufacturers of all kinds are working to their full capacity.

Hardwoods have shown remarkable strength of late, with a great scarcity of basswood. Orders are now being booked at advanced prices. The advance has been so steady and based on such sound conditions that little set-back, if any, is expected next season.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

As the production of this season has mostly passed out of first hands, the spruce lumber market is somewhat featureless. The strength previously referred to, however, continues in full force, very high figures being asked for first-open-water shipments next spring. The United States has taken such a large quantity of lumber this year that wintering stocks will be unusually light. For the quarter ending September 30th there was exported to the United States from the port of St. John, N. B., Canadian lumber to the value of \$198,295.88, and lumber manufactured at St. John from American logs to the value of \$249,793.49.

In Montreal interest is now centred on the timber requirements of the Harbor Commissioners, tenders for which close November 3rd. Among the items called for in the specifications are 832,000 feet of hemlock planks, 120,000 feet spruce planks, 71,000 feet pine planks, 20,000

feet maple planks, 10,350 feet elm planks, 236,230 lineal feet flat hemlock, 27,890 lineal feet round hemlock timber, 864,000 feet pine face timber, 148,920 feet square pine timber, 1,641 cubic feet oak timber, and 1,000 cubic feet elm timber. Delivery of the oak and elm timber is to be made by January 3rd, 1903; hemlock and spruce planks between April 15th and July 29th; pine planks between May 15th and August 21st; pine and hemlock timber between May 20th and September 2nd; and elm and maple planks not later than March 2nd.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The mills which supply the lumber requirements of Manitoba and the Territories are experiencing a very heavy demand. It has been necessary in some instances to refuse orders on account of the inability to make delivery when desired. It is estimated that the demand for shingles is greater now than ever before, the abundant grain crop having given a stimulus to the trade. The activity is likely to continue throughout the winter. Many shingle manufacturers of the Pacific coast have not benefitted materially by the advanced prices, for the reason that contracts were in many cases entered into last spring at the prices then ruling. Since that time shingle bolts have advanced and the manufacturer's profit has been almost entirely wiped out.

UNITED STATES.

Good business is reported in every branch of the lumber trade. Sash and door factories are busy, and the scarcity of No. 1 and No. 2 doors is as pronounced as ever. The demand for lumber from manufacturing industries is unusually heavy. White pine quotations are unchanged, although individual advances are being made in some districts where there is a pronounced scarcity of certain grades. Some lengths of piece stuff and all kinds of dimension, as well as 12-inch boards, are in short supply. In Chicago sales are being made at \$16 for No. 1 pine piece stuff, \$11 to \$12 for hemlock piece stuff, \$2.80 to \$2.90 for white cedar shingles, and \$3 for No. 1 mixed lath. Buffalo and Tonawanda dealers are making heavy shipments eastward and anticipate an increased trade as the result of the settlement of the coal strike. The most influential interests, however, are discouraging a further advance in prices on the ground that it may curtail the consumption. In Wisconsin and Minnesota \$11 is being asked for No. 4 boards, while the price of No. 3 and better averages about \$19. Norway piece stuff is practically out of the market. There is a considerable amount of lath on hand at Ashland, Wis., for which \$3.25 is asked for No. 1 white pine and \$2.50 to \$2.75 for No. 2. Hardwoods generally are strong. Manufacturers report large orders booked in advance, with no prospect of lower prices in the near future. There is a disposition to use low grade hardwoods in place of pine wherever it is found practical. The supply of basswood has become a little more plentiful, although it is not yet sufficient to meet the demand. Ash and maple are not as active as elm, birch and basswood.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The British timber market has become quieter. Consumers apparently do not fear an immediate advance in prices, although this may be brought about by the higher figures that are being asked for the shipments of next year. Appearances point to a rise in "spot" prices of pine and

spruce deals, in fact, very favorable reports are given concerning Canadian lumber of all kinds. According to the abstract of stock compiled by Foy, Morgan & Company, there is sufficient spruce in the London market to supply the requirements at present rate of consumption for 7.83 months, while one year ago there was a supply for 11.22 months. Of pine there is a supply for 8.54 months, as compared with 8.8c one year ago. Referring to the Liverpool market a writer says: "All pine deals, red or white, are moving off in a steady pace. The buyer of Canadian goods "for futures" will find out that he is adopting the ostrich-like attitude if he does not buy at the present prices. This does not apply to deals and boards only, but to every other kind of timber—oak, elm, etc. Wane board pine is at a price now that is unprecedented. Still buyers have got to face the situation, for there is no other class of pine equal to it for pattern and machine-making requirements". In Liverpool last week a line of third quality pine, 3x7-10, changed hands at 210 5s. per standard c.i.f. Liverpool, and 3x11 at £11 15s. Spruce, 3x11 and 3x9, brings £9 15s. per standard in the docks.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The steamer Avona is loading a cargo of deals at Montreal for the United Kingdom.

S. W. Abel, of Potton, Que., has taken a contract to saw 1,000,000 feet of lumber for the Sutton Lumber Company.

The Harbor Commissioners of Montreal invite tenders in this issue for the supply of timber and planks for the year 1903. The lumber required will represent a value of about \$100,000.

A timber berth of 2 miles, at the head of the Salmon river in New Brunswick, will be offered for sale at the Crown Land office, Fredericton, on October 29th. The applicant is Irving E. Murray.

The last raft of logs of the season for the J. & T. Charlton Saw Mill Company reached Collingwood, Ont., about ten days ago. The raft comprised about 3,500,000 feet of logs, and was brought from the Spanish River. The mill of the company will be kept running until well into November.

The schooner Canning Packet is loading lumber at Digby, N. S., for Lynn, Mass., the shipper being Capt. Melanson, of Port Gilbert, who has already shipped this season 2,800,000 feet of lumber to a Lynn firm. He has recently made arrangements

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to ship an additional 600,000 feet before the close of the season.

The report of the surveyor-general for the quarter ending September 30th shows that considerably more lumber was handled at the port of Bangor, Me., in the past three months than in the corresponding period of 1901. The figures are as follows:

	1901	1902
Dry pine, feet..	4,538,386	4,963,391
Green pine.....	359,749	491,413
Spruce.....	24,724,784	30,967,404
Hemlock, etc....	7,020,588	6,591,140
Total.....	36,643,507	43,013,348

During the three months ending September 30th of this year, the lumber exports from St. John, N. B., to United States ports aggregated \$442,689.37 in value, of which \$192,895.88 was of native lumber and \$249,793.49 of Maine lumber cut in St. John mills. Of the New Brunswick product pulp represented \$55,020.57. Following is the statement in detail:

NEW BRUNSWICK LUMBER.

Lath.....	\$78,644 15
Long lumber.....	40,429 77
Piling.....	6,797 80
Shingles.....	12,003 59
Pulp.....	55,020 57
Total.....	\$192,895 88

AMERICAN LUMBER.

Clapboards.....	\$ 4,404 00
Lath.....	41,029 16
Long lumber.....	171,726 35
Pickets.....	223 63
Shingles.....	32,050 35
Shooks.....	360 00
Total.....	\$249,793 49

Grand total.....\$442,689 37

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