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ORDER AGAINST FREIGHT RATE DISCRIMINATION.

A dispatch to the Toronto Globe from Ottawa, dated November 3, says: "The Railway Commission to-morrow will make an order upon the C. P. R. to stop its discrimination against cedar lumber in British Columbia and fix the same rate for it as for pine, spruce and other kinds of lumber. The complaint against discrimination was made by the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association."

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Company, under date of October 22nd, furnish the following particulars of the Barbados lumber market:

"We have to report the arrival of the schooner Harry Troop to ourselves with a cargo of 75,000 feet merchantable, 130,000 feet second quality, and 25,000 feet third quality white pine, which we had previously sold to arrive at \$26, \$20 and \$16 respectively. With one cargo on the way, which has been contracted for, and two small cargoes which we are expect-

ing, we look for lower rates, as after dealers' pressing requirements are supplied, they will only buy at reduced values. There has not been any further arrival of spruce, and the position of our market for this is as last advised. There are no transactions to note in shingles. The Bravo from Gaspe, Que., is overdue, and as stock meantime are getting used up, her cargo should meet with a fairly good market, especially for Long Gaspe. Prices of Cedar Laying may probably be somewhat affected in consequence of a reported large cargo on the way."

THE HARDWOOD DEMAND.

Reviewing the hardwood lumber situation the Mississippi Valley Lumberman says: During last year the demand for hardwood lumber was better than it has been during the larger part of the current year, and the manufacturers and jobbers were able to put prices at a rather high figure. During this year they have lowered the lists some, and the prices more. Last year basswood was strong, but the competition with poplar and cottonwood from the south has weakened it to some extent, so that it is not now bringing the high figures it commanded in 1923. In Wisconsin and Minnesota the oaks are staples and have usually commanded prices that made them the best property of all the hardwoods. That is true to-day. Northern maple has been sacrificed unnecessarily. It has been sold

at prices that did not represent its intrinsic value nor its comparative value, and which were not warranted by the conditions of supply and demand. Elm is scarce and the market is good from the seller's point of view. Birch is about the most plentiful of the northern hardwoods, but the demand has been large. For interior finish and as a veneer it has attained a place that will not be lost to it for some time, if indeed it is ever lost.

The principal, and perhaps the only, reason why hardwood lumber on the whole has not been as strong this year, aside from the condition that always prevails—that of the production being in the hands of small mill and timber owners—is the same as that which has affected all lines of business during the year. It is the natural conservatism that comes in the presidential year. Fortunately, the election is less than a week away, and with every prospect that there will not be enough of a change in the general attitude of the government toward business enterprise, even though there might be a change of party, to affect it seriously. The prospect for the new year presents a most hopeful outlook, and hardwood should share it with other kinds of lumber and all lines of business. The market has been weaker during the year, but it has not approached anything like demoralization.

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