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IMPORTANT TO LUMBERMEN

FOR SALE BY TENDER.

Valuable Saw Mill and Timber Limits in British Columbia

56,542 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, VIRGIN FORESTS OF OREGON PINE, CEDAR AND SPRUCE LIMITS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA AS FOLLOWS:—

BLOCK 1.

Lot 51, 23,600 acres, more or less, Sayward District, Vancouver Island.

BLOCK 2.

Lot 1430 (G), 9,280 acres, more or less, New Westminster District.

Lot 1501, 6,720 acres, more or less, New Westminster, Chilliwack.

Lot 55, 5,900 acres, more or less, New Westminster, Chilliwack.

Lot 83, 1,042 acres, more or less, New Westminster, Chilliwack.

The above limits were selected years ago by competent cruisers at a time when every opportunity offered and was taken advantage of to secure the pick of timber lands, which have since become greatly enhanced in value.

BLOCK 3.

About 400 acres, more or less, of mill site and first-class farm land, en bloc, situated on the north branch of the Fraser River about three miles east of New Westminster City. 200 acres, more or less, of this land is cleared, graded, drained and fenced in first-class manner, and been under cultivation a number of years.

The mill located upon this site is a fine mill, about 455 x 72 feet, with 12 acres tail end of main building about 1,2 x 60 feet. The whole structure from foundation up is built in the most substantial manner—well timbered and braced with knees, metal roof, three (3) engines of 22 h.p. each, and fitted throughout with special machinery for working up British Columbia timber of all dimensions, as well as for working up the refuse into lath, pickets, box shooks, etc.; also planers, matchers, etc.

One large refuse burner, one large stone boiler house, metal roof, containing ten large tubular boilers, pumps, etc. Good frame office, boarding house, cottages, horse stables, machine shops and blacksmith shop.

Ample beaming ground, constructed in the most substantial and convenient manner.

The New Westminster branch of the C. P. Railway crosses this mill site, also has a switch, graded to the mill and through the yard, giving this property first-class railway outlet, in addition to best facilities and ample water for loading large ocean-going vessels, giving the property unrestricted access to the markets of the world.

Scaled tenders for the above property, either en bloc or each parcel or block separately, will be received by the Secretary of the undersigned at their office, 10 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ont., up to MAY 20th, 1899, at twelve o'clock noon.

All tenders to be marked "Tenders for McLaren-Ross Property."

Tenders to be opened by the President and Secretary at the above address.

Terms, 10% cash, 70% in thirty days, and balance in six, nine and twelve months, by secured notes at 5% per annum. The property to remain vested in the Company until notes are fully paid.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

All letters requesting further information to be addressed to—

"THE SECRETARY,"
"McLaren-Ross Lumber Co., Limited,"
"10 Wellington St., Ottawa, Ont."

Ottawa, Ont., 11th February, 1899.

The Wentworth Lumber Company has engaged in business at Hamilton, Ont.

Cunningham, Moore & Co., lumber dealers, Boston, Mass., are reported to have dissolved partnership.

A manufacturing firm in Toronto desires to purchase a small quantity of second growth ash. Mill men having same for sale are asked to send particulars to this office.

It is reported that the Bronsons & Weston Lumber Company, of Ottawa, will continue in business, notwithstanding that no logs were taken out this winter.

A saw mill at Hawkshaw, York county, N. B., owned by F. P. Thompson and K. A. Estey, was destroyed by fire last week. The insurance is given as \$4,000.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

In no branch of commerce is the business improvement more noticeable than in the lumber trade. Manufacturers of agricultural implements, furniture, house finishing and other wood-working lines are operating their factories to their full capacity, and have orders on hand which will carry them well into the summer season, to say nothing of new business. The lumber required for the execution of these orders will be considerable, and as little is held in stock, purchasing for requirements must follow. That lumber will be scarce seems to be admitted even by buyers, who are showing some willingness to contract for the cut of the coming season. While hardwoods are eagerly sought for at the advanced prices, there is also a satisfactory movement of pine, and this will be greatly increased as building operations become more active. Toronto architects are preparing plans for many buildings, and at outside points the season is opening up favorably.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Shippers of spruce have not purchased with much liberality, having been unable to contract with British importers at satisfactory prices. The situation is somewhat peculiar, and there is a possibility that buying will be deferred until late in the spring. It is thought that then the prices which manufacturers now ask will be paid, and that all the stock manufactured will be marketed. The trade here has some hope of placing a greater quantity in the United States market on account of the improvement in prices in the east. There is also a bright prospect of increased trade with the West India Islands, and recently a number of inquiries have been received. Attention is directed to the changes in the Quebec price list. Square and Ottawa waney pine are marked slightly higher.

UNITED STATES.

The only weakness in the lumber market pertains to spruce, which does not improve due relation to the favorable conditions surrounding the trade. In every other branch of the industry, conditions are particularly favorable. The demand for white pine lumber is almost unprecedented, and this notwithstanding the fact that little lumber is as yet going into consumption on account of building operations. Owing to the inability of Michigan manufacturers to obtain Canadian logs this season, the lumber production of that state will be greatly curtailed, and consuming industries will no doubt purchase some of their supply at least in the Duluth-Superior district. Already 135,000,000 feet of the 1899 cut of the Duluth mills has been contracted for, and at prices from one to two dollars per thousand higher than those of last year. The supply of box grades, such as No. 3 and No. 4 common, and mill culls, is nearly exhausted, and box-makers will be compelled to purchase the higher grades of pine or substitute some other lumber for their purpose. Cull lumber is now selling at the mills as high as \$8. The eastern

trade is buying heavily in carload lots, the scarcity of stock making it impossible to wait until the opening of navigation to replenish their supply.

Adverse weather conditions have restricted the production of hardwood logs in Wisconsin and Michigan, and in view of the unparalleled demand for lumber, it is a question just to what point prices will be advanced. Basswood is selling at \$20 per thousand for firsts and seconds, and \$15 to \$16 for common. Hard maple is not in as good demand as most other hardwoods. Contracts for soft elm have been closed at an advance of \$4 on prices of last year, while ash occupies much the same position. It is believed that the production during the coming season will be unequal to the demand, and that hardwood lumber of all kinds will find ready sale.

FOREIGN.

In the British market considerable hesitation still marks the progress of business, and stocks usually purchased early in the spring are still unsold. Importers have been unable to obtain Canadian shippers quotations which they consider would justify them in contracting, more particularly as it has so far been impossible to effect sales in the home market at prices appreciably higher than those of last year. They reason that there is to be an ample stock, and that nothing can be lost by waiting until the season is further advanced. That this course will cause shippers to weaken in their demands is very doubtful. The production in Canada this season of both pine and spruce is likely to be less than last year, and should be marketed without any difficulty. It is learned that the Government contract for Quebec goods has been secured by McArthur Bros. & Company, of Toronto, through Foy, Morgan & Company, of London.

The British consumption of wood goods continues active, and spot prices are firm. At London late auction sales have been practically free of third quality 3x9 spruce, and in consequence the price has risen to £7 12s. 6d. per standard, at which figure several lines have changed hands.

NEW BRUNSWICK CEDAR SHINGLES.

The cedar shingle market is in a peculiar condition. All shingles cut in New Brunswick in 1898 are disposed of, and everything now being offered is the product of winter mills, and necessarily small in volume. At the same time, present consumption is light, probably just about equal to offerings. There is a considerable divergence of opinion among dealers as to future prices, some figuring that after the small winter mills close down and during the intermission before summer mills start, prices will stiffen materially; others that the anxiety of manufacturers to secure orders will result in still lower prices later. The retail trade are, as a whole, lightly stocked. It appears to us that future prices are in the hands of the manufacturers, that no more shingles are manufactured annually than are needed for a total consumption, and that the manufacturers can either get

WANTED AND FOR SALE

Advertisements will be inserted in this department at the rate of 15 cents per line each insertion. When four or more consecutive insertions are ordered a discount of 25 per cent. will be allowed. This notice shows the width of the line and is set in Nonpareil type, 12 lines make one inch. Advertisements must be received not later than 4 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday to insure insertion in the current week's issue.

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FOR SALE.

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WANTED.

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