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TRADE AT TONAWANDA.

Advices from Tonawanda, N. Y., a great lumber centre, say that business is improving though still far from what it ought to be. The fall trade has not opened with the degree of activity that was expected, but lumbermen have learned that it does no good to grumble and that it must take its own time. The lake receipts have been quite heavy since August 1, and a very large stock of pine lumber will be carried over. Here you can get almost any quantity, grade or thickness, except the best grades, which are in light supply but in active demand. Prices are firmer on the latter, but there is no general raise. Box and other cheap grades of lumber are not doing well. The receipts for August were 72,000,000 feet. The east is not buying heavily, only what is needed. The local mills are fairly busy and some building is being done. The export trade is quiet at present. Lake freights are very stiff being \$2.25 to \$2.50 from Superior, and the organization of the canal boat owners is keeping the rate up to New York and Albany. Lumber is being sold on a very low margin and it is hard for them to pay any advance at all, but the boat owners have been in very bad shape themselves and are trying to make a living profit now. There is no doubt, 150,000,000 feet of lumber yarded here now. Shingles and lath are quite dull, and there is little hope of any good demand till next spring. Hardwoods are selling readily, especially oak and chestnut. Ash, elm and brasswood are in request. There is some demand for timber.

The lake receipts of lumber at Buffalo are not very far behind what they were last year.

The str. Transfer has taken 10,000 feet of lumber from the Royal City Mills, New Westminster, to Harrison River.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

TRADE is not picking up in this province as dealers hoped it would. They always look for an improvement in September, but this year it proved to be a very poor month. The last few days there was slightly better demand, but it was hardly sufficient to help the trade to any appreciable extent, and so far in October there has been little improvement. By this period of the year mill men usually count on having made sales of considerable portions of their stocks, and either to have shipped enough to partially clear their yards, or to have arranged for shipping so that they could calculate with some degree of certainty. This year the piling grounds are full, and there is little doing in the way of sales, with no immediate prospect of things getting better, for while there must be some movement as the season goes on, no startling developments are anticipated, either in demand or prices. While the above refers specially to white pine, hardwood is, perhaps, a little better. There is a fair movement and prices are pretty well maintained. For oak there is a steady demand in the United States, and with stocks low, prices keep well up. If we had quartered oak to send them we would do well by it. Other hardwoods are also asked for, and most of what our dealers handle goes to that country. Shingles are dull. There is little demand, and so far as British Columbia shingles are concerned, inquiries for them seem to have dropped off almost entirely for the present.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Dealers in spruce in these provinces are beginning to look more to the southern market. It has been better than for years, and as prices in the eastern states are low they regard the south as a market where they can send their goods with advantage. The English market too, shows a good demand, and prices firm, with only a moderate supply. While brokers are not paying any more for deals than in the spring, they can sell, and turn over the returns to the manufacturers, which is an advantage to operators, not always enjoyed in the past. The drought has hung up a great many logs. There are said to be between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000 feet on the St. John river between Fredericton and Andover, which will require more rain than has fallen to move. Some mills have had to shut down a month earlier than usual. This will have a tendency to maintain prices. The retail yards have been buying slowly as yet, but they will have to stock up soon for the winter. But there seems to be great difference of opinion as to how prices will be.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Trade has been quiet the past week, and there is nothing special to note in the conditions. There are more vessels in port than for some time, and a number are loading, but there were no clearances. Building operations are quiet, so the local demand is small. C. P. R. cars being required to move Manitoba grain, there is little lumber being shipped east. Prices are unchanged.

UNITED STATES.

The Northwestern Lumberman, of Chicago, predicts that the lumber trade is about to experience a revival in prices as well as in demand. It cannot come too soon, say we. Precisely what its basis its prediction on is not apparent, for so far as pine is concerned, and it is the kind of wood most extensively dealt in, the Timberman, published in the same city, says there will not be any immediate betterment till the white pine men combine for their mutual interests. The competition of yellow pine has done much to decrease the demand for white pine and to lower the price. As a white pine operator significantly expressed it, the time was when he and his associates looked down upon the yellow pine operator as a man to be pitied, but now he was inclined to take his hat off to the men who, in spite of all adverse conditions, had been able during this year 1895 to advance and maintain prices on their commodity, and with advancing prices extending its sale. The weak point of the market appears to be in common lumber. The better grades hold their own without any difficulty. In the Saginaw valley trade has improved, on account of the high rates of freight from Lake Superior ports, which went into operation recently. A Saginaw dealer declares the trade is only returning where it properly belongs, that while freights were low, eastern dealers flocked to Duluth and got poor lumber. But this is, perhaps, only the declaration of a business rival. If as he asserts, the Saginaw lumber is the best to be found anywhere, it is to be remembered that much of it comes from Canada. The higher freight rates from Lake Superior has had the effect of piling up the docks at Duluth, and room is getting so scarce that most of the mills have stopped running at nights. In the east the market is not specially active, but there is a better inquiry than there was a short time ago. Purchases to fill up broken assortments are being made, and this has quickened the movement in white pine, spruce and hemlock. On the whole, the present situation may be summed up thus: September shows a decided falling off in movement as compared with the pre-