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#### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

##### ONTARIO

As the year draws nearer to a close lumbermen are naturally devoting considerable time to studying the trade conditions, in the hope of arriving at a basis for next season's operations. There cannot be pointed out indications of immediate revival from the depression through which the trade is passing, and which would result in a great enlargement of business, but it is, nevertheless, generally believed that there are visible signs of improvement which will place the lumber trade of the province on a much better footing, and enable manufacturers to secure more remunerative prices. Up to the present time the preparations for work in the woods indicate that the input of logs will be curtailed from twenty-five to fifty per cent. It is probable, of course, that some operators may yet put in camps, but it is safe to say that the quantity of logs taken out during the winter will be fully one-quarter less than last year. Lumber has also been imported in large quantities into western Ontario from Duluth and Michigan points, to the exclusion of the Ontario product. This competition will be removed to some extent at least by the resumption of consuming industries

in the United States. Prices for farm products give evidence of being more remunerative, a strong demand for same being experienced from European countries, and this will increase the demand for lumber. It is not unlikely also that a greater quantity of Ontario lumber will be consumed next year both by Great Britain and the United States. In addition to the above, it is noteworthy that within the past few days lumbermen have been in Toronto chartering vessels for next season's business, a fact which seems to indicate a strong feeling of confidence. While present trade is not all that could be desired, there is a fair demand from retail yards for light stocks. Common lumber is selling better than at any time during the fall season. A small quantity of hardwoods is being used for furniture making and finishing purposes, but there is very little life exhibited, orders being principally for mixed lots.

##### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

There is very little stock going forward to the British market from Quebec, owing to the excessive freight rates. Nothing of account will be shipped until the opening of spring trade, excepting such goods as are required on contract account. The steamers from Montreal are still carrying a fair proportion of lumber, some shippers feeling disposed, in view of the strength of the European market, to pay the increased rates. Local trade exhibits little activity and is, perhaps, below the usual fall business. Operations in the woods have been commenced in most districts, and promise to exceed those of last season. A large quantity of pulp wood will be taken out. In New Brunswick shippers are now less anxious to secure stocks, and as a result spruce deal prices are weakening. One steamer left last week for Cork and one for Buenos Ayres. Small quantities of boards, planks, cedar shingle and clapboards were shipped to the United States, but that market is as yet overstocked. It is probable, however, that a considerable quantity will be removed to the retail yards, which have been getting along with the smallest possible stock until the election was over.

##### BRITISH COLUMBIA AND MANITOBA.

It is now believed that the lumber combine known as the Central Lumber Company will be re-organized on the first of January next, and that in the early spring an attempt will be made to increase prices to a still higher figure. The British Columbia Mills, Timber and Trading Company, of New Westminster, after standing out for a year, has joined the association,

in the hope of facilitating a reasonable advance upon present quotations. But the domestic mills are likely to offer opposition to the combine, and may persist in breaking up the pool. Logging is at a very low ebb in the coast district. In the mining regions lumber is in good request, and the small local mills are reaping quite a harvest. But the cost of transport is preventing mining developments from benefitting British Columbia coast lumbering to any considerable extent at present. Manitoba trade is in a healthy condition, a good demand for common lumber coming from the farmers, who are now disposing of their farm products.

##### UNITED STATES.

A greater movement of lumber at many of the principal distributing points, an advance in the prices asked by manufacturers, and the stronger feeling of confidence observable, were the principal features of the lumber trade of the United States for the past week. In view of the attention which was given to political matters, the month of October was productive of a satisfactory amount of business. Consuming industries have been partially closed down, retailers have purchased only for actual wants, and wholesale dealers have held aloof until the election was over. Therefore the most sanguine could scarcely expect a brisk demand in the face of such unfavorable conditions. But the past few days has experienced a greater number of inquiries for stock at eastern points, while the demand in the north-west for low grade lumber suitable for corn cribs, such as piece stuff and 12-inch boards, is greater than for some years, and has induced mill men to mark up prices from 50 cents to \$1 per thousand. Spruce is improving at Boston, Portland, and other New England points. At Albany a marked improvement is reported, and business is apparently approaching its usual volume at this season of the year. The New York market seems to be affected in a large degree by the national election, and business in most lines is at a standstill. In Michigan a better feeling prevails, and both lumber and shingles are moving with more freedom. Cedar shingles have advanced 25 cents. There is also more inquiry for hardwoods, especially oak and rock elm. Birch is a little stronger, but no trade of significance has developed. Basswood is dull and featureless.

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