## CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

## ontario.

The movement of lumber during the past week has been restricted by inclement wenther. The roads have been almost impassable, and no retall trade of any account has been done. This, however, is but a temporary cessation, as is borne out by numerous enquiries for stock which continue to be reporited by manufacturers and dealers. United States buyers have been among the most urgent seekers of stock, their attention having apparently been diverted to Ontario by the high prices asked in the Lake Superior district. The cut of the mills of Gilmour \& Co., of Trenton, is reported to have been soid for shipment to the United States market. In recent years this firm minufactured largely for the British market. Prices of pine lunsther, shingles and lath are without any material change. Hemlock lumber appears to be stiffening in price, and that material promises to be more generally used in the future. This is evidenced by the fact that last year the is evidenced production of the United States hemlock production of the United States
was $200,000,000$ feet more than in the was $200,000,0$
previous year.

Hardwood manufacturers are holding prices firmly, and there is an apparent disposition to sell their stocks log run. This feature has probably limited, in a slight degree, the transactions in hardwood stocks.
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Lumbering operations in Quebec are being pushed with the utmost vigor, but it has been found almost impossible to obtain sufficient teams and men, although bigh wages are being offered. This is alsothesituation in the maritime provinces. The work of hauling logs has been much more expensive than usual. On the head waters of the St. John river, and on the Miramichi and Restigouche rivers, in New Brunswick, there has been plenty of snow, but on the bay shore and in Nova Scotia serious delays have been experienced. Deal prices have shown no advance during the past week. Shippers advance during the past week. Shippers
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ing tonnage. Several steamers have been taken at 49 s 6d per standard from St. Joln to west coast of England. This is at least sos above the rate of February, 1899.
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Reports from the western provinces are favorable to a large trade in lumber this year. Country dealers have been placing large orders with mills in the expectation if an active building season throughout the farming districts. In throughout the farming districis. In
Manitoba prices of white pine timber, diManitoba prices of white pine timber, di-
mension, and third common boards are 50 cents higher than the list issued in January. Hardwood prices have also advanced in sympathy with the higher price; ruling for that lumber throughout Canada and the United States.

## UNITED STATES.

Retail dealers and consumers in the Eastern States have not yielded to the demands of the west in respect to prices. The prices asked at upper lake producing points are 50 much higher than the east seems willing to pay that wholesale dea!ers at Buffalo, Tonawanda and other points are at a loss to know what prices to ask. - The opinion prevals, howéver, that as soon as the spring demand shall present itself, the east will be compelled to give way. At present retail trade is quiet, but there is a continued active demand for lumber for manufacturing purposes. Box lumber is consumed almost as fast as it leaves the saws. The most important changes in price have been made in Chicago, where an advance averaging about $\$ 2$ per thousand feet has been made on everything but siding, ceiling and piece stuff. The price of Sf lath has been advanced from $\$ 5.25$ to $\$ 5.50$, $\$ /$ reinaming at $\$ 4.50$ for white pine and $\$ 4.25$ for nived.
Hardwoods are moving moderately, maple and birch showing the most acis no prospect of a decline in prices. The shingle demand generally is rather
slow. At Buffalo some sales of hemlock shingles have been made at $\$ 2.25$ wholesale, while best white pine shingles bring $\$ 4$, with white cedars slightly less.

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The high prices asked by shippers is restricting trade in Great Britam, and as yet it is said that comparatively little stock has been sold to arrive from the St . Lawrence. The freight market is a disturbing feature, steamship owners showing little disposition to enter into contracts ahead. Apart from these aspects of the market, the outlook for Canadian lumber is promising. Pine and spruce stocks are low, and spot goods are realizing high prices. At a recent public sale Quebec spruce of first quality sold at E1: 155 , and second quality at E 9155 and $£ 10$. A line of unassorted narrow battens brought $£ 8$, which is near the price of Baltic whitewood of equal dimensions.

## STOCKS AND PRICES.

The corporation of Kingston, Ont. will shortly call for tenders for the annual supply of sidewalk lumber.
The Harbor Commissoners of Quebec want tenders by the roth inst. for the supply of dimension lumber, deals, etc.
Watson Bros., of Etobicoke, Ont., have purchased 400 acres of standing timber near Hepworth, Ont., and wil! establish a saw mill there.
The retail values of white pine at Philadelphia are: 12 inch, No. 1, \$35; Nu. 2, $\$ 30.50$; No. 3. $\$ 27.50$; sap, 12 inch, $\$ 20$; 10 inch, \$18.50.
H. Saunders, of Walsıngham, Ont., has secured a contract to supply 100,000 feet Works, Brantford
The tender of T. D. Robinson has been accepted by the Winnipeg city council for the supply of 1,000 cords of cedar paving wood, at \$10.25 per cord.
The W. H. Sawyer Lumber Co., of Buffalo, have purchased $10,000,000$ feet of lumber from the Rittenhouse \& Embree Co., of Minneapolis, Minn.
F. E. Woodworth, of Centreville, N.S., has been given a contract by R. C. Irvin, of Shubenacadie, to saw over $1,000,000$ feet of hardwood for the British market.
T. Sullivan \& Co., of Buffalo, are buying maple and elm in Ontario for export to Germany. The logs are cut into planks three inches or more thick and about a foot wide.
The G. \& G. Flewelling Co., of Hampton, N.B., expect to set out seven million feet of spruce and pine logs this winter, which will be manufactured chiefly into box shooks, onion crates, etc
The O'Yell Lumber Co., of St. Martin's, N.B., expect to cut $6,000,000$ feet of lumber during the coming season. This company recently purchased the Rourke property, on the Irish river.
Hilyard Bros., of St. John, N.B., are carrying on extensive . lumbering operations in the parish of Burton. They have also purchased a considerable stock of logs from small operators.
The Swan-Donogh Lumber Co., of North Tonawanda, have just secured the contract for $7,000,000$ feet of lumber to be supplied to two large manufacturing
concerns with headquarters in Chicago concerns with headquarters in Chicago and Buffalo. It is their intention to

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double the capacity of their mill at Tonawanda at once.
Rhodes, Curry \& Co., of Amherst, N.S., have received a contract to supply about 250,000 feet of lumber for the transport Monterey, which will carry th? Strathcona Horse to South Africa.
A repor: states that the cut of logs on the Kemnebec river, in Maine, this season will be the largest ever known. There is now 155,000, coo feet ready to be landed, which exceeds the cut of last year by nearly $20,050,000$ feet.

The following prices are quoted for timber productic on the Saginaw river Cedar ties, 42 cents; hemlock ties, 26 cents ; tamarac ties, 30 cents; telegraph poles, from $\$ 1.25$ for 25 foot poles to $\$ 0$ for 45 -foot poles ; fenceposts, 10 cents.

## THE BOSTON MARKBT.

(Correspondence of the Canama Lumiprans:
The feature of the present spruce lumber market is the fact of a good many ordess for forward delivery, extending well into the spring. The feeling is that the spruce situation is firm ; that bad weather and too much snow in February, together with a lack of snow early in the winter, will reduce the volume of logs that will be got out fully 25 per cent. Full agreement prices on spruce are reported to be the rule, and in some cases even better prices are noted :
Frames, 9 inch and under....................... $\$ 17, \infty$
 $2 \times 3,2 \times 4,2 \times 5,2 \times 6,2 \times .7$ and $3 \times 1$, 10 feet
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 Fine common, 1 to 3 in.

## Barn boards.

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Hardwoods are in quiet demand exccedingly stormy weather is against their being moved:




Shingles are in quict request, with prices little changed :
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