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### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

#### ONTARIO.

As each week goes by the lumber mar-  
ket gathers additional strength. In com-  
piling the report of stocks of pine lumber  
on hand, the secretary of the Ontario  
Lumbermen's Association finds that the  
coarser grades have been disposed of  
more largely than was generally antici-  
pated. The market will thus be in good  
shape to receive the new cut, and no  
decline in prices is anticipated during the  
next six months at least. There has re-  
cently been some heavy buying of lumber  
by American companies in the vicinity of  
Sudbury. Log run pine is held at exceed-  
ingly high prices. It is learned that the  
cut of a particular mill which recently  
changed hands at \$30 was secured by a  
firm of Quebec exporters. Another lot of  
logs on the Georgian Bay running five to  
the thousand is being held at \$35, this  
probably being the maximum figure that  
has yet been asked. For 1 to 2 inch  
uppers \$72 is being asked by some manu-  
facturers. Box lumber ranges from \$13  
to \$16, the latter for 12-inch and wider.  
Dry mill culls are held around \$12.

Owing to expensive logging, the  
production of hardwood logs this winter  
has been light, and it is probable that  
prices will gradually work higher. For  
elm, basswood, and ash logs \$16 is being  
offered for delivery at the mill. Birch logs  
are worth about \$15, and maple \$14.

#### UNITED STATES.

Lumber conditions in the United States  
are steadily improving. The consumption,  
owing to severe weather, is not large, but  
the buying for future delivery has been  
heavy and indicative of a disposition on  
the part of dealers and consumers to  
arrange for the season's requirements as  
early as possible. Higher prices are pre-  
dicted for box lumber. Buffalo is scarce  
of that grade, and at Ashland, Wisconsin,  
there is a tendency to advance prices  
beyond the current figure, which is the  
highest for some years. No. 4 boards  
are selling there at from \$10.50 to \$11.25  
per thousand for next season's cut, and  
No. 5 boards at \$6 to \$6.50. Yard dealers  
in the Saginaw Valley predict that before  
April 1st prices will have advanced from  
50 cents to one dollar per thousand. The  
lower grades have recently shown more

strength than the upper grades, probably  
due to the fact that the advance in the  
price of the former has been less relatively  
than on the better qualities. An advance  
in dimension is in prospect. Norway lum-  
ber is growing in favor and has now  
reached a price where competition from  
southern pine is felt quite keenly. The  
latter is about \$2 cheaper, and the ques-  
tion has arisen whether it will be possible  
to maintain the present price of Norway.  
With about 15 per cent. of 12 inch the  
average quotation is in the neighborhood  
of \$14.50. There is a further improvement  
in hemlock, which is meeting with a large  
demand in the east. The North-western  
Hemlock Manufacturers' Association, at  
its annual meeting in Milwaukee last  
week, advanced the price of 2x4, 2x6, 2x8,  
and 2x10 in 16-foot lengths 50 cents per  
thousand. According to the new list the  
range on No. 1 piece stuff is from \$10 for  
2x4 in 8-foot lengths to \$16.50 for 2x12 in  
12, 14 and 16-foot lengths. Hemlock lath  
was reduced from \$3 to \$2.75.

Hardwoods are in excellent demand.  
For quartered oak \$73 to \$75 is easily ob-  
tainable in New York and \$72 in Buffalo.  
Maple is slightly higher, especially thick  
cuts, of which the supply is very light.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

The British timber market is excep-  
tionally quiet for this season of the year.  
The tone is firm, although importers are  
strongly opposing the advance in prices  
that has been made by shippers. It is  
understood that sales of Canadian pine  
have been made at an advance of from 10  
to 15 per cent. over last year's prices.  
The wintering stock is small, and dealers  
recognize that it may be absolutely neces-  
sary to meet the demands of the shipper  
in order to secure the stock. As an  
instance of the strength of pine, \$22 per  
standard was recently realized at an  
auction sale for a small lot of 7-inch first  
quality. For Quebec spruce shippers are  
asking £10 for seconds and £9 5s. for  
thirds c.i.f. London and Liverpool. This  
represents an advance of more than 10  
shillings as compared with last year's  
figures, as a result of which less than  
the usual quantity of spruce has been  
disposed of. The conditions, however,  
favor the sellers, and it is believed that  
they will be successful in placing their  
stock at the higher values fixed upon.  
During the past two months the stock on  
hand has been considerably reduced. The  
feature of the square timber trade is the  
scarcity of first class waney pine, of which  
there is practically none in first hands.  
Birch and elm are in good demand.

#### STOCKS AND PRICES.

Taylor, Scott & Company, Toronto, are  
buying large quantities of first and second  
quality spruce boards.

Quotations on box lumber in car lots at  
Buffalo are as follows: White pine box,  
12-inch, \$20; white pine box, 6 to 12-  
inch, \$17.50 to \$19.50; white pine cull,  
\$15; poplar shipping culls, \$17 to \$18;  
basswood shipping culls, \$16.

By order of the underwriter, 451,000  
feet of spruce boards and scantling, now  
stored in the warehouse of the Halifax  
Dry Dock Company, is to be sold.  
Tenders will be received by H. D. Mac-  
Kenzie, Halifax, up to 20th inst.

It is reported that the Michigan Land  
and Lumber Company, of Blind River,  
Ont., have sold their entire cut of logs  
running about 13 to the thousand at \$22.25  
f. o. b. vessel. The logs will be sawn by  
J. & T. Conlon, of Little Current.

The Shier Lumber Company, of Brace-  
bridge, Ont., are taking out 6,000,000  
feet of hemlock logs this winter. Their  
birch stock will probably not exceed  
100,000 feet, whereas last year they cut  
600,000 feet.

The Turner Lumber Company, of  
Midland, Ont., write us as follows:  
"We beg to call your attention to  
an item in your paper of February  
11th, wherein it is stated that we have  
sold all of the lumber we are to manufac-  
ture at Midland this coming season, and  
makes mention of 10,000,000 feet of white  
pine logs of excellent quality belonging to  
this company. We have sold 24,000,000  
feet to be manufactured at Midland, but  
still have unsold the 10,000,000 feet of  
white pine logs referred to, which are also  
to be manufactured at Midland. We have  
also sold 25,000,000 feet to be cut at  
South River. This is the 25,000,000 feet  
referred to in the same paper as the  
quantity which the South River Lumber  
Company expect to manufacture this sea-  
son at their new mill. We have just con-  
tracted a large quantity of mill culls 4 to  
11 inches in width at \$11 f.o.b. rail of vessel  
here."

### THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN).

"Not in the history of the local lumber  
trade has stock been bought up so close  
as it is for the mill cut of 1902," remarked  
a dealer to-day. "Everything in the  
better grades is off the market with the  
exception of a few odds and ends. While  
the stock is out of the hands of the manu-  
facturers a portion is still offered for sale  
by dealers, but a small portion only.  
It is safe to say, moreover, that between  
one-third and one-half the mill cut of 1903  
has already changed hands."

The above sums up the lumber situation  
in Ottawa and the Ottawa Valley as far as  
the yard end of the business is concerned.  
Good sidings, strips and shorts and ship-  
ping cull strips and shorts are out of the  
manufacturer's hands. The same applies  
to shingles, and lath are scarce. Present  
negotiations between manufacturer and  
dealer are on next summer's cut, and the  
Ottawa quotations on the market page  
represent the former's estimate of the  
worth of his future output. Movement  
of lumber is only fair this month.

Will the present season's cut of logs all  
be cleared before the break-up of winter?  
This is the question that is agitating the  
lumber mind. Amongst Ottawa operators  
it is the impression that the first week in  
March will see a cessation of teaming  
operations that will compel the mill men  
and others, reluctant though they may be,  
to leave part of their log cut on the limits  
over another year. There is plenty of  
snow, but the ground beneath is free of  
frost, and the first spring rains will play  
havoc with the roads. Reports show that  
early snow-falls prevented the ice on the  
lakes and rivers attaining the usual thick-  
ness, and an earlier break-up than usual  
may be expected on water. Moreover,  
teaming has been retarded, as the log

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loads on account of the uncertainty of the  
ice have had to be reduced. The different  
firms report the loss of teams almost  
weekly on this account. The writer while  
in Pembroke this week made enquiries  
and learned that the logs cut along the  
Petawawa will probably all be taken out  
before the "break-up."

An old and experienced lumberman who  
returned from the Kippewa district to-day  
said that the predictions of an early spring  
would fall flat. "I never saw two early  
springs in succession yet," he remarked,  
"and I would not be surprised if winter  
holds on till April. While the ice is not  
very thick, there is plenty of snow and  
teaming will be carried on for many weeks  
yet."

Ottawa lumber operators who are get-  
ting out square and waney timber now  
regret that the 10 per cent. selling advance  
made in the early part of the season was  
not increased to twenty per cent. Unfore-  
seen difficulties have increased the cost of  
production fifty thirty per cent. over  
former seasons, and a second advance  
may be looked for on future sales.

Trouble has been caused by the in-  
experienced class of labor placed in  
the camps by the Ottawa employment  
agencies, and desertions are of daily  
occurrences. It is said that some camps  
resemble rural public schools from the  
fact that youths are strong in number,  
particularly in the road-making squads.  
While more square timber is being taken  
out this season than last, the quantity  
forwarded to Quebec by water will be  
considerably less. All the square timber  
being manufactured in the Kippewa dis-  
trict will be forwarded by rail, a branch  
of the Canadian Pacific making such a  
means of transportation convenient.

From a reliable source it is learned that  
the production of pulpwood along the  
Ottawa and its tributaries will be one-third  
greater than it was last year. Early  
sleighting made the movement easy and  
the stock will probably all reach the rivers  
and railways before the snow goes. A large  
quantity of pulp wood is being taken out  
this season on the Canadian Pacific Rail-  
way branch between Sudbury and Sault  
Ste Marie. Considerable poplar is being  
secured on the line around Warren Station,  
where settlers are busily engaged clearing  
land.

The latest quotations on spruce and pop-  
lar pulp wood are \$2.75 per cord, delivery  
being made at the railway.

OTTAWA, February 16, 1903.

### BIRCH SQUARES AND SEATS.

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