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BUSINESS NOTES.

W. Donough, lumber jobber, Grattan township, has assigned to T. H. Grant.

George Wilson, planing mill, St. Catharines, Ont., is reported to have assigned.

F. & F. Corbell, lumber merchants, Ferris township, have assigned to A. E. Landrian.

J. R. Vanleet, lumber, Brantford, Ont., has assigned to A. K. Bunnell. Creditors will meet on the 29th inst.

The failure is reported of Fitch & Aldrich, saw and door manufacturers, Elmira, N. Y. Tonawanda dealers are said to be creditors to the amount of \$40,000.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO

The reports which come to hand from mills throughout the province tell of more activity in the lumber business. Stocks which were sold in the early spring for first open water are now being shipped out, and United States dealers are buying more freely in anticipation of the duty. Manufacturers appear to be more hopeful, and are holding stock at firm prices, in the belief that the worst has been passed. In the Ottawa district shipping is quite brisk, the entire fleet of the Ottawa Transportation Company being employed loading lumber. The Canada Atlantic Railway also reports a steady call for cars for the timber trade. Several of the mills have commenced sawing, including those of W. C. Edwards & Co., Bronsons & Weston, Hawkesbury Lumber Co., Ottawa Lumber Company, J. R. Booth, and the McLaren Estate. Good lumber is constantly asked for, while there is little demand for the common grades. Culls have been in fair request, also pine and hemlock bill timber. Of hemlock some fair sales are reported for local work. Cedar also meets with some favor. Comparatively, hardwoods are in greater demand than pine. Sales have been made at better prices than last year, and stocks are smaller. Elm, maple and oak are the leaders, and in some sections these woods are commanding advanced prices. Wholesale dealers in Toronto report business fair, with prospects brightening.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Preparations for shipping are now engaging the attention of the shipping houses at Montreal and Quebec, where indications give promise of a busy season. Nearly everything suitable for the British market has been contracted for, at prices equal to or in advance of last year's quotations. The stocks of timber at the coves in Quebec are small, and are given in another column. The sale of about one thousand niles of government timber limits, which is being held to-day at the Crown Lands Department, is attracting some attention. A report of the result will be given in our next issue. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce continues in active demand, and the requirement of the British market has placed manufacturers practically in an independent position so far as the United States is concerned. Such cargoes as have been sent to American ports have realized fair prices, the average being

about \$12, while the same stock last year sold at \$10.50. The cedar shingle trade is active, and large quantities of stock have been shipped from provincial mills across the border.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the British Columbia market very little change has taken place. The mills are busily engaged on export and local orders, and in some sections it is impossible to obtain the lumber as required for building purposes. The situation as a whole presents an encouraging outlook. Weather conditions in Manitoba and the North-west account for the depression in the lumber trade at the present time. Recent floods have paralyzed business in some parts, but as soon as the waters subside there is certain to be a brisk demand for lumber for repairs. In the city of Winnipeg more building is projected than last year.

UNITED STATES.

The lumber trade of the United States has not yet returned to normal conditions, and generally there is less business doing than usual at this season of the year, when the spring demand should present itself. Dealers are somewhat backward about making contracts, and only purchase when there is a fair prospect of turning over the stock. The holdings by retail and wholesale dealers have become reduced to a very low point, and the season's business can only be carried on by a replenishment of their stocks at an early date. There is a buoyant feeling shown in the west, and agricultural improvements are looked to as likely to consume a fair quantity of lumber. In the northern states the mills are preparing for the season's work, and to make piling room are shipping some stock to wholesale points. Wholesale dealers at Buffalo and Tonawanda have experienced somewhat of a revival of demand, especially for white pine for shipment to the east. Barn boards, siding and hard thick boards are becoming scarce, in comparison with the stocks which have been held of late. There is also a short supply of 5,4 and 2-inch fine common. A better business is reported from Philadelphia and New York, and at the latter city spruce lumber and lath are strong. Orders are coming in freely for hardwoods, and the requests for immediate shipment show that stocks have been allowed to run low. Oak leads in the requirement, but prices are below those ruling in more prosperous years. Birch has taken on new life, and several manufacturers are reported to have made large sales at fair prices. Basswood, poplar and rock elm are in moderate request.

FOREIGN.

The demand in Great Britain for wood goods generally continues fair, and contracting on that side during the past winter has been exceedingly heavy, being fully one-half greater than last year. The temporary structures to be erected in connection with the jubilee celebration have materially stimulated the demand for the lower grades of deals, particularly pine and spruce culls and 4th quality, and

business throughout the summer is certain to be brisk. The first-open-water stocks have all been sold, and offerings are now confined to late arrivals, but buyers do not feel disposed to contract so far in advance. On the west coast pine and spruce are gaining ground, the number of inquiries increasing each week. At Hull shippers are holding out for high prices. The arrivals at the Clyde continue light, and stocks have been freely sold. The consumption of St. John spruce deals has absorbed the import as well as reduced the yarded stock. High prices are obtainable for 7 x 3 in. and 8 x 3 in. spruce. Deals are in favor at London, especially large sizes of 2½ x 7.

Shippers have this year been somewhat disappointed in the South American market, which so far has been very dull. Several manufacturers have considerable stock which was cut for that market on their hands, which they find difficult to dispose of. The Australian and South African markets are improving.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

CANADA.

A couple of American boats are loading lumber at Penetanguishene, Ont.

Three large schooners are loading lumber at the mill at Chemainus, B. C., for export.

The Rathbun Company is shipping large quantities of shingles and ties from Lindsay, Ont.

Nearly 8,000,000 feet of lumber were shipped from St. John, N. B., to British ports last week.

Alfred Dickie, of Lower Stewiacke, N. S., has 10,000,000 feet of logs ready to be floated to his mill.

The steamer Coquet cleared from Parrsboro, N. S., last week, for Garston, with 1,036 standards of deals.

John Kilburn, of Kingsclear, N. B., has 250 men at the headwaters of the river waiting to commence stream driving.

John Carew, of Lindsay, Ont., has 20,000 pieces of timber in his Gull river drive and 5,000 pieces in the Burnt river waters.

Thomas Mackay, of Ottawa, is reported to have sold to W. C. Edwards, M. P., of Rockland, a quantity of board timber valued at \$40,000.

A quantity of logs are held at Georgian Bay points, for which the owners are asking \$11 per thousand feet. There is said to be very little demand.

The C. Beck Mfg. Co., of Penetanguishene, Ont., are shipping 2,000,000 feet of hemlock and mixed grades of pine. This stock was sold some weeks ago.

The Spanish steamer Santanderino will load at St. John, N. B., for Liverpool. Her cargo will consist of timber from Jarvis Wilson and deals shipped by W. M. Mackay.

The Ottawa Transportation Co., of Ottawa, have an exceptionally large number of barges loading at the different mills at Ottawa, Hull, Hawkesbury, Calumet, etc., for Quebec and Montreal,