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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

The feature of the lun, ber trade of the past week has been the number of enquiries for stock of all kinds. Manufacturers and dealers abke agree that the outlook for spring business is exceptionally bright, and unless unforseen obstacles arise, there is likely to be an advance in lumber prices generally, but particularly in low grade pine. Stocks at the mills are lower than they have been for years, and in no grades is there a surplus. The scarcity of hardwoods has perhaps resulted in a greater consumption of hemlock; in any case, the market for that lumber seems to be widening, and the mill men have succeeded in disposing of stocks which had been accumulating for years. Shingles, both pine and cedar, are scarce. The supply of the latter is scarcely equal to the demand, which is almost entirely of a local character. Hardwoods remain firm, although we would caution manufacturers against a probable overproduction. With a favorable winter, there is certain to be taken out a large quantity of logs, and unless discretion is used, prices are likely to be affected.

OHEREC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

There is a quietness in lumber circles in Onebec that is not easily understood. For some reason, contracting for stock for spring delivery is backward, and manufacturers, some of whom are carrying heavier stocks than last winter, are not entirely sausfied with the outlook. But now that the holiday season has passed, we believe more life will be exhibited. The condition of the trade in New Brunswick during 1898 is shown by the deal shipments from St. John, which were 183,413,918 feet, as against 244,169,-459 feet in the previous year. Within the last two months, however, the outlook has brightened. Many of the manufacturers are carrying over less stock than usual, and are also operating very moderately m the woods. This has produced a hope that prices for all classes of lumber, mcluding deals and shingles, will improve in the spring. In Nova Scotia a light production of logs was contemplated, and this has been further reduced by unfavorable weather for logging operations.

UNITED STATES.

Reports from the lumber markets in the United States are devoted largely to reviewing the trade of 1898, which was, on the whole, a satisfactory year. The east revived late in the season to an un-

expected extent, and buyers entered the market with a great eagerness to secure Wholesale dealers found that stock. their stocks were likely to become inadequate and sought to replenish them but the prices asked at northern manufacturing points were considered beyond their reach. Later they were compelled to buy to some extent, meeting the situation by advancing wholesale prices. At many of the wholesale distributing cities stocks are badly broken. While at Buffalo and Tonawanda the great scarcity pertains to box lumber, yet of other grades of pine the supply is not ample. The demand from the east is such as to produce the hope that the spring require ment will be unusually large. Consumers have light stocks, and retailers are by no means oversupplied. Every class of hardwoods is still enquired for, and there is no likelihood of the shortage being relieved for some weeks at least. At Buffalo there are no stocks of basswood and elm, and ash, birch and maple are sold as soon as they pass into the hands of the wholesalers. Spruce seems to be gaining ground steadily at Boston.

FOREIGN.

The condition of the timber market in Great Britain at the close of the year was satisfactory. The demand has continued active, and there is a strong hope that the spring trade will open up briskly. Some contracts have been entered into for Canadian deals and timber for spring delivery, although buying has not been as active as in some previous years. On the east coast of England, where a considerable quantity of spruce was placed in 1898, there appears to be an inclination to wait, to ascertain the turn which prices of Baltic whitewood will take. At present whitewood is selling at £5 15s per standard, and spruce at an average of £6 155. Should these prices rule for spring goods, some believe that whitewood will be given the preference, but there is a possibility that Baltic whitewood will be advanced in the near future, to the advantage of sprace. There is a good demand for red pine of good quality, and if carefully manufactured, it is certain to compete successfully with Baltic redwood. In pine deals the most urgent demand seems to be for 11 inch stock of first quality, which is in light supply at Glasgow and some other importing centres. Hardwoods are not in heavy stock, and the demand is fair. Oak is quoted at 25 8d to 25 10d per cubic foot for 65 to 75 feet average, and ash is steady at 19d to 22d for 13 to 15 inch average.