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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The volume of trade secured by lumber dealers during the month of September has not been large, yet it shows a satisfactory increase over the previous month, which was one of extreme quietness. Recovery from the inactivity of the summer months promises to be slow, burdened by the uncertainty of the result of the Presidential election in the United States and its consequent effect upon the national currency. The report comes from the western part of the province that mills have closed down owing to the inability of manufacturers to obtain payment for lumber shipped to the United States in anything but American money. They have resolved to remain inoperative until the election is over. The Ottawa valley mills will close down early in October, having sufficient lumber on hand to supply the demand for some time. A number of barges used in carrying lumber have gone into their winter quarters owing to the dullness in shipping. Prices of lumber remain unchanged, and manufacturers who are in a position to hold their stock are making no effort to effect sales at the present low values. Others are obliged to accept the figures in order to secure funds to conduct logging operations. The better grades of pine are in short supply, and values indicate an upward tendency. For the lower grades there is little or no demand. In hardwoods birch and oak are in fair request.

Indications point to very light operations in the woods this winter. It is probable that operations in the Ottawa valley will be about equal to those of last year, but in the Georgian Bay district a large curtailment promises to be made. A number of Ontario manufacturers will not operate at all, while several Michigan firms holding limits in Canada have a large quantity of logs on hand, and will do very little in the woods this winter. In the Spanish river

district it is said that jobbers are being paid bonuses not to put in the amount contracted for.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The demand in Great Britain for spruce lumber has been the salvation of the lumber trade in Quebec and New Brunswick. Local trade, as well as that of the United States, is devoid of activity, and the purchases therefor have but a slight bearing upon the market. For the British market the mills are cutting vigorously, many of them running day and night, and still being behind with orders. It is not expected that prices will weaken this season. On the other hand, if the election in the United States is favorable to sound money, an advance in mill prices will probably occur. Freight rates continue to rise, recent charters being made at a further advance. Owners of vessels are experiencing a demand for cotton and grain tonnage, which has made it difficult to secure steamers for lumber. The winter's operations in the woods promise to be on a large scale, and the input of logs will perhaps be in excess of that of last season. The low price of lumbermen's supplies is assisting in this direction.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND MANITOBA.

The lumber trade of British Columbia continues to be of satisfactory volume, and most of the mills are working to their full capacity. The Royal City Mills, of New Westminster, shipped last week six car-loads of bridge timbers to eastern markets, besides filling local orders, including lumber for the Delta dyke. The Brunette Saw Mill Company also shipped five single car-loads and two double loads to the eastern provinces. The salmon industry is consuming large quantities of boxes, while several orders have been received from the Northwest for butter and fish boxes. In Manitoba the movement of the new grain crop has created some demand for lumber, while retail dealers are purchasing lightly for stocking-up purposes.

UNITED STATES.

The developments of the past week have clearly indicated that trade is improving, although as yet it has not reached any volume. The fall demand has commenced, and as the date of the Presidential election draws nearer, confidence in the result is becoming more marked. Among the encouraging features to note are a greater movement of lumber at Minneapolis and Duluth, an increase in shipments from Chicago during September as compared with the previous month, and a stronger market in the east. It has now

become recognized that prices have reached their lowest point, and as this belief becomes more general it is sure to result in purchases being made both for requirements and for speculative purposes. One cause which is restricting the development of the speculative trade is the position which the banks have assumed, it being almost impossible to obtain advances necessary to purchase any quantity of stock. A factor which is influencing the movement of lumber is the advances which have taken place in the prices of grain, which indicate a return of commercial prosperity. At northern pine centres the volume of trade has increased, while dealers are holding their stock with more firmness, and are not disposing of their lumber unless they secure the prices asked. The first of October has witnessed the shutting down of a large number of the mills, and the quantity manufactured until the close of the season will be very small. Little interest has been manifested in logging operations, and from nearly every point the report comes to hand that the input of logs will be greatly restricted. Manufacturers are apparently recognizing the fact that a reduction in the quantity of lumber placed upon the market is an important factor in improving the trade. At Buffalo and Tonawanda wholesale dealers are purchasing quite liberally, but are confining their trade to first-class stock, for which it is always possible to find ready sale. In New York money matters are a little easier, and spruce holds a satisfactory position. Plain red oak is the leader among the hardwoods, chestnut and poplar being also in some request. A better movement in maple is also announced.

FOREIGN.

The embarrassment of the large importing firm of Holme, Wainright & Co., Liverpool, Eng., has somewhat unsettled business at that port. It is the one subject of general conversation, as the firm were thought to be one of the strongest in the business. Notwithstanding the disturbance, however, the market keeps firm, and a fair business is reported. The greater portion of cargoes arriving are going direct into consumption, and the state of trade is considered most healthy. Imports at that port have not slackened off although they are not excessive. The spruce market continues to improve at most ports, in view of the advancing freight rates, which are restricting the quantity imported. While 37s. 6d. ruled early in the season, 55s. is now asked. The demand for pitch pine is one of the