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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

In another column will be found a report of a meeting of the Lumbermen's Association of Ontario held in Toronto last week. This meeting was called for the purpose of considering the market situation. The figures presented by the secretary showed that, from a statistical standpoint, the pine market may be said to be strong. On the other hand, it must be admitted that the demand is far from satisfactory, and that the quantity of stock purchased for fall and winter delivery is small. After a careful study of the situation, the conclusion was reached at this meeting to adhere to present prices. It seems to be the opinion of manufacturers that the demand will improve at an early date, as the stocks held by retailers and consumers are light. At the present time there is a sort of deadlock between manufacturer and consumer. The former seems confident that present prices will be maintained, while the consumer apparently believes that lower prices will rule, or at least is willing to await developments. In the face of these conditions, the dealer is practically doing nothing. The probability of any material break in prices is, in our opinion, very remote, when the cost of producing lumber is considered. The position of hardwoods is not quite as favorable as that of pine, but as the furniture and other factories using hardwood lumber as raw material are in a prosperous condition, an improved demand in the near future is anticipated. In Toronto, 1x10 and 12 inch mill cull stocks are selling, wholesale, at \$14.50, mill cull sidings at \$14.00, and 1, 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch box at \$15.50. Shingles are slightly weaker, No. 1 white pine selling at \$2.50 to \$2.60, and No. 2 at \$1.60 to \$1.70. No. 1 lath, 1 1/2 inch, is worth from

\$2.60 to \$2.75, No. 2 \$2.25, and inch Norway \$2.50.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The situation in respect to spruce lumber presents few new features from last week. On the whole, the outlook is a little more favorable, there being an increase in the number of enquiries from the Eastern States. Freight rates, however, continue to cause the shipper much uneasiness, and the supply of tonnage has become no greater. New Brunswick cedar shingles are selling moderately at \$2.75 for extras, and \$2.35 to \$2.50 for clears on Boston rate of freight. Lath are steady.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A more hopeful view of the outlook for fall trade is now taken by lumber dealers, based on the fact that in Manitoba and the Territories the crop prospects are better than had been anticipated, and that the damage by rain has not been serious. Building operations are proceeding favorably. In British Columbia the trade is in a prosperous condition, and the quantity of lumber exported this season promises to exceed that of any previous year. Fourteen vessels sailed for foreign destinations from British Columbia mills during the month of August, six being from Chemainus, five from Moodyville, and three from Hastings, carrying over 12,000,000 feet of lumber. Several vessels are chartered to load during September and October, notwithstanding that freight rates are high.

UNITED STATES.

The strike of miners in the Pennsylvania coal regions has not tended to improve the position of the lumber market, as it is feared that it may interfere with industrial development. For the present consumers of lumber are going slow and purchasing only for the requirements of the near future. The downward trend of prices, however, seems to have been checked, and manufacturers and wholesale dealers have decided to patiently wait for the fall demand, which they believe will soon present itself. The stocks at manufacturing points are not large, and a fair demand would soon make inroads upon the available supply. Information from Albany is to the effect that box and the cheaper grades of pine weakened slightly early in September, but that the better grades are firm. A slight weakness in lath is also reported. Spruce lumber, particularly of the coarser grades for building purposes, is strengthening.

In New York city, 2-inch stock is held at a range of \$14 to \$16, and the 6 to 8-inch cargoes at \$13 to \$14.50, as compared with \$12 to \$14 one month ago. Spruce frames, 10 and 12 inch, are held at \$16 to \$17.

Hardwoods generally are reported to be dull. The supply has been steadily increasing for some time, and in the absence of an active demand, the tendency of the market has been to weaken. Prices are governed entirely by the quantity of the different kinds and grades of stock which the dealer has in his yard.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The import of wood goods into the United Kingdom last year was unusually heavy, being for the first seven months 4,176,846 loads. For the same period this year the import has been 4,256,125 loads, or 79,279 loads more than last year. In the face of this large import and a rather quiet demand, it is a question whether the market will maintain its current strength. The fact that freight rates are still climbing up is likely to be of advantage in keeping the market firm. A comparison of the figures showing the stocks at the leading ports indicates that the stock of Baltic deals, battens and boards is considerably larger than at the corresponding period last year, while Canadian pine deals and battens show a decrease of over 300,000 pieces at London and 8,000 standards at Liverpool. The outlook for pine deals has improved, and so far the supply has scarcely been adequate to meet the wants of the trade. In spruce deals the situation is different, the stock at London being 200,000 pieces, and at Liverpool 6,000 standards greater than on August 31st, 1899. Prices of spruce deals are slightly weaker, although it is believed that the market will recover as the winter approaches. Transactions are reported at about £7 7s 6d to £7 11s 6d c.i.f. Liverpool for St. John specification.

Square and waney timber is not active. A Liverpool report refers to one or two good sales in waney and square pine timber. At London oak and birch are becoming scarce, and an improvement in the price of the latter may be expected.

The bark "All" has been chartered to load lumber at Bridgewater, N.S., for Barrow, at 57s 6d.

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