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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

SEVERAL factors enter into a review of the lumber situation at this time. We are at the parting of the roads, going out of the summer season, and entering the early fall. It is to be expected that a better feeling would prevail among the trade, and that improved business would be looked for. But mere feeling does not always materialize in substantial trade. How will it be this fall? There can be no doubt that the general outlook for business is better. The splendid crop that is to be harvested in Manitoba and the Northwest territories is proving more than an offset to any shrinkage in the crop in Ontario, and is inspiring confidence in all sections of the Dominion. The lumber trade will be benefited by these conditions. Again, the past week, has shown more life than for two months past. Enquiries have been larger, and buyers from the United States are now coming to the Canadian market, which gives strength to the view that stocks in the yards there are light, and as fall trade opens there must be a stocking up. A report from the Parry Sound district says that the demand for lumber there from the United States has increased considerably, and cargoes of lumber are going out with a good deal of activity. Among those who are loading this week, may be mentioned William Case, at Peters Mill, shipments for Toledo, Ohio.; a cargo per D. R. Van Allan, at the Parry Sound Lumber Co's docks, for Oswego, and the sch. New Dominion, at the Congor docks, for Hamilton. Little alteration is taking place in prices, and the improvement here is only fair, but it is reasonable to suppose that as larger quantities of lumber go into consumption prices would show an upward tendency.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The situation in Quebec and New Brunswick maintains the average of some weeks past. Shipments are perhaps a little lighter than formerly, though it cannot be complained that they are on the light side. The decision of the Northeastern Lumbermen's Association, which embraces a number of lumbermen in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, to lower prices for a time would seem to indicate a measure of weakness, as the special purpose of the Association was to hold firmly to prices. A good deal of spruce from the Maritime Provinces has been going into the New England States, and at a price that has entered seriously into competition with United States spruce, so that perhaps the decision of the Northeastern Lumbermen's Association was the best in

the premises. It may be expected that there will be a lull for a time, as perhaps the best part of the season's trade is over.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The week's trade in lumber has been of an encouraging character, and would seem to indicate that shipments for the early fall will assume a good size. Trade with California holds its own, and accumulates strength. With the undoubtedly large harvest in Manitoba and the Northwest territories, lumbermen on the coast are looking forward to a good trade with these provinces, as they have the field, if they like to cultivate it, very largely in their own hands. Taking the shipments of British Columbia for the season from January to July inclusive of this year, we find that there were 46 cargoes of lumber loaded in British Columbia. Of that number reports on 41 show the following destinations and amounts. To California ports 23 cargoes, containing 10,925,000 feet of lumber; to Australia, 3 cargoes of 2,926,000 feet; China, 3 cargoes of 1,964,000 feet; Cork, 2 cargoes of 1,027,000 feet, and to other foreign ports, 10 cargoes of 9,130,000 feet, making a total of 26,672,000 feet.

UNITED STATES.

The improvement in lumber that commenced to make itself manifest a fortnight ago, has more than held its own during the past week, and inspires lumbermen with the hope that the fall season will open out with lumber decidedly strong. From whatever points conditions are studied, though there will be some variation, they tell of an improved outlook. Stocks are light in most of the yards in the eastern states, and that the trade are recognizing this fact, is shown in the activity during the past week in looking around for new stocks, and in not a few cases making purchases. The better grades of soft pine are in very limited supply, and there can hardly be any doubt that prices will become firmer, if not advanced, before the trade gets well into fall. In anticipation of an advance in prices, yardmen are considering whether it is not wise to stock up, and that more generously than has been their custom at any time during the year. In point of price, white pine is weaker than other grades of lumber, and quotations are not at all satisfactory to manufacturers, but they hope to count in with the general uplifting of business that will certainly take place almost right away. Yellow pine men are in better shape than white pine; mills are running actively, and prices are firm.

FOREIGN.

It is the opinion of at least one English lumber journal, that the wood market, to

use the British technical term for lumber, is on the brink of some important change, whether for the better or the worse it is not certain, but the position the one way or the other will be decided very shortly. Prices have not lost ground, and buying is more active than it was. Low prices unfortunately continue, and in London trade is slack. The report from Liverpool is that there is a better tone in the trade, and although immediate business is not large, better things are expected shortly. Continued favorable reports come from Glasgow where the demand is good and prices firm. Trade in Australia is gradually improving, and the lumber business is receiving some benefit from this improvement, which it will appreciate after the prolonged depression in that country.

HARDWOODS.

Perhaps on the whole, the month of August will hardly total up as large for Canadian shippers as July, and yet there will be comparatively little falling off, with indications that soon business will assume larger size. Mill men are holding lumber, rather than accept some prices, at least, that are offered them. This will seem to tell of better things for this fall.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

CANADA.

The cut of Buell, Hurdman & Co., Ottawa, this season, will be about 25,000,000, and has been sold to the Gobel firm of Quebec.

Large quantities of this year's deals from J. R. Booth's mill, Ottawa, Ont., are now being shipped over the Canadian Atlantic Railway. The purchasers are principally John Burstall & Co., and S. & W. J. Sharpless, Quebec, and Robt Cox, of Liverpool, Eng. The cut will be about 35,000,000 and will be worth in the neighborhood of \$750,000.

The Alameda and the Alice Cook, both lumber-laden vessels, for Sydney, N. S. W., from the Moodyville and Hastings Saw Mills, Vancouver, B. C., have left port. The Alameda has the following cargo: 1,040,303 feet rough lumber, 2,287 bundles of pickets, 1,578 bundles of laths; value, \$8,000. The Alice Cook has 853,124 feet of rough lumber, and 274,050 laths, valued at \$7,610.19.

Lumber shipments from port of Montreal during the week ending 20th Aug.: Marigoso to Liverpool, 42,299 ft. lumber, 1,563 deals; Sardinian, to Liverpool, 5,775 deals; Gerona, to London, 4,230 deals, 16,295 boards; Warwick, to Glasgow, 6,488 deals; Parkwore, to Liverpool, 2,161 scantling, 11,929 boards, 3,841 deals; Etolia, to Bristol, 3,003 deals; Brazilian,

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is also allowed of 40 cents a thousand on
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province. The rebate does not apply,
however, to lumber shipped to Manitoba
and the Northwest territories from British
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