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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

There is a feeling of unrest among the lumbermen of Ontario, due to the mild weather and the absence of the necessary snow for logging operations. Reports received from different districts state that the situation is anything but encouraging. A large cut of logs has been made, but as yet no hauling of any extent has been done. If, however, sharp winter weather, accompanied by snow, should now set in and continue for the next two months, it would be possible to get most of the logs to the banks of the streams. Naturally, the possibility of a short log crop has given increased strength to the lumber market. Some of the Ottawa valley manufacturers are reported to be holding out for a price which the shippers have not as yet shown their willingness to give. Buyers from the United States can now be found in all parts of the province for the purpose of buying dry stock and contracting for their season's requirements. A quantity of the pine lumber cut in western Ontario next season will find a market in

Michigan, the production in that state now being less than is required for manufacturing purposes. This is in contrast with the conditions existing before the enactment of the manufacturing clause, when lumber sawn in Michigan from Georgian Bay logs was marketed in western Ontario. Within the past week common lumber has advanced in the Toronto market about one dollar and mill culls about fifty cents per thousand.

There is one feature of the hardwood market which differs from that of pine. While no heavy stocks of pine are held in the province by the manufacturers, dealers or consumers, there is a liberal stock of hardwood in the hands of consumers, such as furniture and implement factories, wagon factories and wood-workers generally. The result of this will be that these industries will not be in the market for supplies early in the spring.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Business is opening up this year in a manner that is very satisfactory to the spruce manufacturers of the eastern provinces. The price of British deals has been advanced by from \$2 to \$4 per thousand feet. That shippers are meeting this advance is borne out by the fact that large contracts have been entered into. We do not think that manufacturers will make a mistake in adhering firmly to their asking prices, particularly in view of the fact that the production of spruce logs this winter is not likely to be as great as was anticipated at the beginning of the logging season. The weather thus far has been unfavorable and there has been a scarcity of labor and teams. It is probable that the demand will readily absorb the cut, and that present prices will be maintained, if not advanced.

MANITоба AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The absence of snow is causing the lumbermen in the west some anxiety. Reports from the woods are to the effect that hauling is somewhat at a stand-still. This condition has further strengthened lumber prices, as it is quite probable that the log production this winter will be less than was contemplated. The mild weather has also permitted of out-door work being carried on almost without interruption, and thus the consumption of lumber has been increased. The Lake of the Woods mills put into effect on January 1st a new price list making certain advances. This list will be published in our next issue.

In British Columbia the local lumber market is a little quiet, but several enquiries on foreign account are receiving the attention of manufacturers, and altogether the outlook is hopeful.

UNITED STATES.

Statistics of white pine stocks at the mills in the United States show that a shortage exists of over 750,000,000 feet as compared with one year ago. In Michigan there is very little stock that is not in the hands of dealers or consumers. The greatest shortage of stock is, of course, in the lower grades, No. 4 and No. 5 boards being especially scarce. As a result of this condition the manufacturers in the

Mississippi and Wisconsin valleys have advanced prices of common boards by from 50 cents to \$1.50 per thousand. While the demand for lumber is not particularly active, there is scarcely a weak spot in the United States market. Those who predicted that prices would weaken towards the spring now hold a different view, inasmuch as logging operations in the northern woods have been seriously retarded by lack of snow, and the log crop this winter is not likely to be any greater than it was last year. Good building weather has stimulated the consumptive demand in the east, and building promises to be brisk in the cities and larger towns during the coming summer. Spruce prices are very strong, with an upward tendency, and the supply of lumber is below the requirement. In hardwoods there is very little doing, although prices are being firmly maintained. A scarcity of basswood is reported, with prospects of a famine in that lumber before spring. White ash and maple are also enquired for to some extent, while elm is moving only very moderately.

The lath situation is somewhat uncertain. The supply is not equal to the demand, but as the unusual strength of the lath market is almost certain to stimulate production this year, there is some doubt as to how long present prices will be maintained. At Minneapolis \$4.25 is being asked by manufacturers for No. 1 white pine, and \$4 for mixed.

FOREIGN.

The Board of Trade returns show that in the season of 1899 there were imported into the United Kingdom 6,429,019 loads of timber and lumber, against \$334,250 loads in 1898 and 9,972,733 loads in 1897. The import was, therefore, about 600,000 loads more than 1898 and 500,000 less than in 1897. The condition of stocks is favorable to a satisfactory trade during the coming year, while prices are at the highest point which has been reached for many years. Spruce is being offered in the London market at £8 17s. 6d. for 3 x 9 second quality and £8 7s. 6d. for third quality. There is a great scarcity of 3 x 11, which commands a high figure. Importers have been forced, by the high prices ruling in producing countries, to advance their asking prices considerably. Quebec spruce deals of poor quality are announced to have been sold on the basis of £8 per standard delivered on dock at Liverpool, and New Brunswick spruce is understood to have been purchased at £7 17s. 6d. delivered on dock at same port. These prices, although high, are not regarded as representing the highest values that will be reached during the year. The South African war has strengthened the value of deals, particularly 3 x 11 and 3 x 9 pine and spruce.

The steamer Segun has been chartered to carry lumber from a Georgian Bay port to Montreal, two trips, at a reported rate of \$3.50.

The schooner Eric has been chartered to load lumber at Annapolis, N. S., for New York at \$4. The barque Cudoon will load lumber at Weymouth, N. S., for Buenos Ayres, at \$11, or Rosario at \$12.