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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

If the Ottawa valley can be taken as the barometer of the lumber industry of the province, the outlook for pine lumber is decidedly promising. From that district an active movement of stock is reported, at prices slightly in advance of those ruling one month ago. One manufacturer reports he sold last week of one million feet of lumber at the highest price of the season. Almost every grade of pine is moving, with a heavy demand for box stock and for dimension 10 inches and up in width. The only weakness pertains to the lower grades, and this is far from approaching depression. Stocks in the hands of manufacturers are believed to be fully 25 per cent. less than at same period last year. In the Georgian Bay district there is a larger accumulation of stock in proportion to the production, but it cannot be said that the stock in any locality is excessive, and with a revival in demand, prices would be likely to advance. In Western Ontario the fall trade has been backward. Some members of the trade do not expect much improvement until after the turn of the year. The statistical position of pine lumber, however, is strong, and manufacturers have decided to take full advantage of the situation and keep up prices even in the face of a slow demand. The stocks of retailers and consumers are known to be light, and sooner or later they must replenish their supplies.

The hardwood market is in a somewhat uncertain position. The stock of hardwoods at the mills is larger than last year, while very little buying is being done. Perhaps the only exception to this is basswood, which is in light supply. The larger manufacturers have not receded from their position and are holding out for full prices.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Recent rains in New Brunswick have interfered with the lumber business. Some of the railroads have been tied up, making it impossible to ship lumber. The spruce market, although not active, is showing a little more strength, due to an improved demand and firmer prices in the Eastern States. Most of the mills have disposed of their export stock, but much of it has not yet been moved owing to the difficulty which shippers have encountered in effecting vessel charters at reasonable rates. As this stock is likely to be held over until the spring, there is

considerable uncertainty as to the prices which will rule next season. It may be said, however, that spruce lumber is each year gaining a stronger foothold in foreign markets, and that if manufacturers guard against an over-production, there is little doubt but that the product of the spruce mills will always find a market at fair prices. White cedar shingles are selling at \$2.75 on Boston rate of freight. Some large orders have been placed, as there is a likelihood that this price will be advanced in the near future.

UNITED STATES.

The lumber transactions of the past week would seem to indicate that the result of the Presidential election is being discounted. There has been a noticeable revival in trade, and consuming industries which until recently kept out of the market are now buying with some liberality. For the first week in October the sales of lumber in the Duluth market reached 10,000,000 feet. A certain portion of lumber dealers and consumers will probably not enter the market to buy stock until after the election, but other buyers believe that lumber can be obtained cheaper at the present time than after the election, and are acting accordingly. Pine prices are firm, with the better grades inclined to advance slightly. Some weakness is reported in certain low grades. No. 1 barn boards, for instance, are selling one dollar lower in the Albany market. At Buffalo they are also in large supply and weak, while the stock of the better grades of lumber is not particularly large. In the Chicago market the greatest weakness pertains to low grade inch. It is said that some common inch has been sold in that market as low as \$14.50, but about \$15.50 is the average quotation. Reports from the Eastern States tell of firmness in the spruce market. In New York northern spruce has advanced one dollar per thousand, firsts and seconds selling at \$20, while eastern spruce is about \$2 higher. Hardwoods are firm as the result of a better inquiry, but as yet there is no noticeable improvement in demand. Plain oak and birch have been more enquired for.

The position of the lath market is improving. No. 1 white pine is selling in Buffalo at \$3, mixed at \$2.75, and No. 2 at \$2.50. In Chicago No. 1 is quoted at \$2.75 and mixed from \$2.40 to \$2.50. An improvement is reported in the demand for shingles. A scarcity of red cedar shingles has developed, which has had an effect on the other grades. Some buyers

are said to have been unable to find a sufficient quantity to meet their requirements.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Statistics are to hand showing the stocks of timber in the public docks at the leading British ports on September 30th of this year as compared with the same period one year ago. Taken as a whole, the figures do not reflect a very satisfactory condition of the trade, inasmuch as the stocks generally are larger than last year. The receipts of North of Europe timber have been very heavy. From Canada, however, there has been a light import, and the figures of this trade are more promising. In the London docks there is a heavier stock this year of spruce deals and battens, oak, birch, elm, ash and pine timber, but pine deals and battens show a decrease of nearly 500,000 pieces. At Liverpool the stock of pine and spruce deals is about the same as last year, but oak, elm, ash, and waney and square pine timber are in smaller supply. The Glasgow showing is more favorable. Quebec deals are about half the stock of last year, while waney pine, red pine, oak and elm timber are considerably less. The market is firm, and prices quoted by the leading brokers are almost without change. In timber, oak seems to lead in point of firmness, selling at about three shillings per cubic foot for first-class stock. Spruce prices, which receded slightly towards the end of September, have now recovered lost ground. Little new business for next season has been done, and it is difficult to forecast what the opening prices will be. The selling season is likely to open later than last year.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Hurd Bros., of Buffalo, last week purchased two cargoes of lumber at Marinette, Wis.

The str. Scottish King sailed from Montreal for London last week with a cargo of lumber.

C. H. Witthun & Co., of Warton, Ont., last week received a raft of 2,800,000 feet of logs from Little Current.

Among recent sales of lumber at Duluth were the following: 500,000 feet of eastern No. 1 box at \$13.50; 1,000,000 feet of No. 2 and better at \$20; a lot of No. 3 4-inch strips at \$10.35. Prices have ruled at about \$12.50 for No. 3 except for special lots.

The str. Ameland sailed from Quebec last week for a United Kingdom port, with 3,200 loads of timber and 150 standards of deals, shipped by W. & J. Sharples. The bark Saga loaded timber and deals at Sil-

WANTED AND FOR SALE

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BUSINESS NOTES.

F. Larouche, lumber dealer, Taillon, Que., is said to be offering to compromise at 50 cents on the dollar.

The Boston Lumber and Brick Company has been incorporated, with capital of \$40,000 and head office at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

On October 1st the Keewatin Lumber & Manufacturing Company, of Keewatin, Ont., took over the retail lumber business of Dick, Manning & Company in Winnipeg. The new business will be under the management of Mr. Geo. A. Lister.