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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

THE best that can be said of lumber conditions in Ontario is, that trade is somewhat better than it was a few weeks since, though the mending process goes on slowly. Whether large stocks are held by the mills is a point on which opinions differ. We learn of some mill men, who have more lumber than they would like to hold at this season of the year, whilst others could be named who have sold out of dry stuff and are waiting on the new cut, finding it necessary to buy stock to fill current orders. A more healthy tone exists in country trade throughout the province, both east and west, and the volume is swelling. Shipments keep going forward to the United States, but the demand from that quarter is not at all large. Mill men like Robt. Thompson & Co., who manufacture deals for the British market, say they have no reason to complain of trade. The firm named send their stock to Glasgow, and their resident manager, who is at present in this country, says lumber trade is in good shape in Scotland, and in Glasgow this summer a large amount of building will take place. Ship building there is active, which, of course, is helpful to the lumber trade. The enquiry made of a local mill man as to whether there was any break in white pine prices, was answered in a qualified manner. "It would not be fair to say," remarked this party, "that there is any break, but there is doubtless a shading in prices when sales can be made in sufficient size and in good hands."

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The movement at Quebec and New Brunswick ports is being augmented from week to week. A study of exports from various New Brunswick ports, both going to the United Kingdom and also the United States, shows a very considerable

volume of trade. The figures are given in our Stocks and Prices column. The spruce market record tells of large sales that have been effected for points in Great Britain and Ireland. At the same time, it has to be said, that generally speaking, British buyers are not as eager to make contracts for lumber as it was hoped would be the case at this season of the year, whilst equal caution is manifest on the part of United States lumbermen. Among shippers who have already done a large business in spruce deals in Great Britain, Messrs. A. F. and D. McKay figure prominently. They are reported to have sold more than they had done up to a corresponding time last year, adding strength to the very prominent position they hold in the wood trade of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The news contained in our shipping column that lumber vessels continue scarce at British Columbia ports, and rates are keeping up, serve as an index to the measure of activity existing in the lumber markets on the Pacific coast at the present time. All throughout the coast a more hopeful feeling exists, and a decidedly improved demand from the outside world is manifesting itself. Large quantities of lumber are being exported to various foreign markets, considerable going to the United Kingdom. We learn also that car load shipments of lumber to the east are becoming frequent, indicating that domestic trade is improving.

UNITED STATES.

The market for white pine in the United States is much duller than it ought to be at this season of the year. There is more doing at lake mills, now that navigation is open, but even this does not bring business up to nearly like a satisfactory level. Developments in railway circles, there being a strong disposition on the part of leading companies to manufacture rolling stock in good volume this year, is helping to give a stimulus to business, where in other directions it has been suffering. It must be noted that wholesalers are usually slow to make contracts, being possessed in some cases with the idea that prices may decline a little, later on, though it must be admitted there does not seem to be any strong ground for this supposition. The substantial advance that has taken place in yellow pine ranging from fifty cents to two dollars a thousand, with the determination on the part of the mills to maintain higher figures, is a feature of the present season's trade, that gives backbone and strength to every other department of lumber. It is believed that it will only be a matter of time when pro-

nounced strength will show itself in the white pine field. The decline in prices, if it does come, is more likely to be seen in coarser grades than anywhere else. Better stocks, in fact, will hold firm to present figures, and, as is pointed out in an article elsewhere in these columns, there is some reason to suppose that an advance will take place.

FOREIGN.

Lumber trade in Great Britain has not resumed even its usual share of activity since the Easter holidays, a circumstance that always breaks into business to a considerable degree. The building trades in London, Eng., still flag, and there are rumors of a possible strike, which further tends to dullness. At Liverpool conditions are somewhat better, whilst reports from Glasgow, tell of a good business doing. British Columbia is benefited by some strength given to trade with South Africa. Hopes are held out that orders from Australia will be more encouraging in the near future, and a fair trade is being done in South America.

HARDWOODS.

A review of the hardwood markets of the United States is summarized in these words by our contemporary Hardwood: "There is a great improvement everywhere in the demand for dimension stocks of oak and other hardwoods, which, with a fair price now obtained for all the finishing grade of both red and white oak, both plain and quartered should be encouraging." An analysis of the individual markets across the border confirm this view. With building operations assuming a good size in New York, an increased demand is showing itself for hardwoods for house finishing. The greater interest in the New York market, as is the case at Buffalo and other points, is in quartered oak, which is in strong demand. Dealers are taking all of this lumber that comes their way, and yet are not having their wants fully supplied. Birch is receiving considerable attention in the United States markets, but the demand is hardly as strong for it as a short time since. It is expected that the demand for maple for flooring will show itself at an early date. At the same time, at some points, Buffalo, for instance, maple is slow, and prices not at all firm. Canadian elm is reported to be finding a good outlet through the Buffalo market. The market in Philadelphia is somewhat quiet. Locally, hardwood men are not disposed to grumble. They are not doing so large a trade as is desired, but they recognize the fact that things are moving nicely, and the outlook is strengthening.

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