

**SUCCESSFUL TIMBER LIMIT SALE.**

As announced, the timber limits in the township of Ermatinger, on the north shore of Lake Huron, jointly owned by Messrs. Peter Ryan and E. R. C. Clarkson, were offered for sale in the rotunda of the Board of Trade, Toronto, on Thursday, April 18th. The township comprises thirty-six square miles, and was divided into four lots of 9 square miles each. Mr. Ryan was auctioneer. The attendance of lumbermen was large and the bidding at times quite spirited, particularly for the north-east quarter. The limits were disposed of as follows:

South-east quarter, \$42,000, to J. W. Munro, M.P.P., of Pembroke.

North-east quarter, \$96,000, to Ferguson and McFadden, Renfrew.

South-west quarter, \$63,000, to J. W. Munro, Pembroke.

North-west quarter, \$55,000, J. W. Munro, Pembroke.

The net proceeds of the sale were \$256,000, or over \$7,000 per square mile, which is regarded as an exceptionally good price. When the same limits were offered for sale a short time ago the reserve bid of \$125,000 was not reached, and the limits were withdrawn. The wisdom of this course has now been demonstrated

consumption has been checked. Spruce deals, on the other hand, have dropped considerably in the month of March; Quebec 2nd and 3rd being now 105 to 155 per standard lower than in February, and St. John deals having been sold at very unreasonable rates, from which recovery should be rapid. Birch timber and planks have been in better demand, and elm and ash timber also in a retail way. In white pine there is no change to record. Oak has continued difficult to sell favourably.

**DOORS AND MILL WORK.**

The condition of the sash and door industry, according to the American Lumberman, is most satisfactory. That journal says:

A practically unanimous report comes from all sections of the country regarding the unusual strength of demand and general satisfaction existing in the door and mill work industry. Building operations everywhere show an enormous increase over the corresponding period of a year ago, being variously reported at from 50 to 200 per cent. augmentation in volume, and the sash and door people are already obtaining a considerably increased percentage of this big demand for building material. Jobbers here state that they are simply overwhelmed with orders and some would no doubt be glad of a short respite in order to catch up.

It was feared by many of the manufacturers and jobbers that the establishment of the new price list on April 3 would be

new list has not been as yet extensively circulated, but wherever it has been received it is meeting with favor. The placing of list prices at a figure close to the actual selling price is believed by most dealers to have been a good move, one great advantage being derived from the fact that the retail trade is also receiving no small benefit, which it will not be slow to appreciate.

Among other strengthening features of the door market is the scarcity of shop and better lumber. Prices on all grades of stock above common have advanced \$1 a thousand since the first of the year and will average over \$2 a thousand higher than they were a year ago, quotations on some items of stock, as shown by recent sales, being from \$3 to \$5 higher now than last spring. This is caused by scarcity alone. Users of factory lumber are no longer timid about paying the better prices asked by manufacturers and wholesalers, their chief solicitude being to obtain the kinds of stock they need, the price, if within reasonable bounds, cutting a small figure.

**TRADE ENQUIRIES.**

A British firm are open to represent on commission a responsible Canadian manufacturer of maple flooring and maple wood blocks who is in a position to quote delivered prices. In such a case the firm would remit 75 per cent. of the invoice upon shipment of the goods. Particulars may be obtained by communicating with the publishers of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.

The High Commissioner for Canada has received an application through the Canadian Government Agent in Dublin for the addresses of firms importing from Canada

small boards suitable for making butter boxes.

A merchant in Amsterdam is open to take up agencies for Canadian firms.

A correspondent in Nova Scotia states that he is in a position to supply hardwood, such as birch, beech and maple manufactured into squares, also maple rollers and paving blocks.

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The following figures show the stock of timber, deals, etc., on the public docks at London on March 1st for two years:

		1900.	1901.
FOREIGN	Deals.....in Pieces	996,000	1,977,000
	Battens....."	2,044,000	3,361,000
	Boards....."	9,578,000	12,188,000
	Wainscot Logs....."	658	759
	Oak Timber.....in Loads	1,882	2,025
COLONIAL	Fir Timber....."	732	1,938
	Pine Deals.....in Pieces	904,000	892,000
	Spruce ditto....."	550,000	1,100,000
	Oak Timber.....in Loads	1,558	1,715
	Birch Timber and Planks....."	1,953	3,545
	Elm and Ash Timber....."	454	2,182
	White Pine....."	464	1,117
	Red Pine....."		
	Pitch Pine Timber....."	10,511	11,033
	" Deals.....in Pieces	77,000	116,000
EAST INDIA	Teak.....in Loads	10,094	13,993

Messrs. Churchill & Sim, of London, say regarding London trade: The pine deal market has suffered less than any other from the general fall in volumes, but prices have eased off a little and the volume of

followed by some deflection in trade, but such has not appeared to be the case, the demand being so strong that no disturbance of the excellent movement is reported in any locality. In some sections the

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