

TRADE REVIEW.

Office of CANADA LUMBERMAN,
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THE GENERAL SURVEY.

WERE it to be said that the lumber business in Canada was booming, the statement would be taken with a large grain of salt by business men generally, because commerce as a whole, in Canada, nor hardly anywhere else, seemingly, is not rushing at the present time. All over the world a depression in business exists, and Canada is not beyond the effects that touch the general body, though it can, with fairness, be said that there is nothing approaching the severity of distress here that has found a place in other countries.

Lumbermen will not, this season, make a pot of money, and yet of present trade it is to be said that matters are doing fairly well. Practically all mills at the leading lumber points are in operation. Word from Ottawa tells us that the large mill of J. R. Booth, as well as the other extensive mills of that district, are now running and expect to be able to keep going throughout the season. In the Georgian Bay territories the chief mills there are in operation. The Parry Sound Lumber Company have been sawing for a month past, and the mills of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company are also cutting. In the Ottawa, it is thought the logs will come along nicely, and that there will not be any delay in work for want of logs, but in the Georgian Bay section the outlook is not so hopeful and it is feared that a good many logs will be "hung up" in the streams this year. Export lumber trade, in the words of a prominent Chaudiere lumberman, is slow. The Quebec market for deal timber is considered to be somewhat improved over last year, but shipments to the United States are not brightening up very rapidly. With navigation opened, the trade between Ottawa, Albany and Oswego will, no doubt, develop, measurably, at least. Wholesalers do not tell of any large sales of lumber. What business is being done is of a very careful character. Sales are small. On another page the views of leading lumbermen in the Lake of the Woods territories are given. The trade there are agitated over the change in the tariff, making United States lumber free. They say that if any considerable quantity of Minnesota lumber should be brought in it is probable that both freight rates and prices would need to be reduced to meet the competition. In the meantime the uncertainty of the situation is giving a stagnant character to the lumber trade in those parts, that is not very acceptable at the present time, when trade is expected to be booming.

British Columbia conditions are not very much changed within a month. People there are not concerning themselves a terrible lot over the tariff changes, and yet they apprehend that these may have an influence on the trade of the province that will call possibly for some fresh moves among lumbermen. What export business is doing is not of an extensive kind. A number of vessels are loading for various points of shipment, but the actual selling of lumber for export is light. Shingle men are doing quite a good trade and they seem to be very well satisfied with the hold they are securing on Ontario. Some considerable shipments have gone forward to the east recently.

The mills in the Maritime Provinces are now at work and a large quantity of lumber will, it is expected, be cut this season. An improvement in the British markets, though slight, encourages the lumbermen in these provinces to look forward to a larger trade.

Nothing very bright is to be written of trade that is being done by local lumbermen, either in province, town or city.

UNITED STATES.

It would hardly be correct to say that the lumber trade of the United States is as badly in the dumps at the present writing as was the case a month ago. The new season being now well advanced, there is some measure of business activity. Lumbermen are recognizing that if they are going to do any trade at all it must be done now, and they are shaking off the lethargy that has grown upon them because of the long siege of dullness and uncertainty. Building operations are mov-

ing fairly well in some of the larger centres, and this is giving strength to the lumber trade. Fears of labor troubles that had commenced to show themselves at some points are disappearing. The drives are coming along in much better shape than was thought for a month ago. Whilst Congress continues to haggle over tariff affairs, still the feeling is that there is not going to be any radical change now in the tariff, and business men are beginning to accept that as the situation, and are disposed to enter with less fear into new ventures. These are the main features of the situation here, and are of a better class than the despondency and depression that has prevailed for so long a time. Yet these are not conditions that foretell any large amount of trade. This will only come by degrees. Prices are not just as firm as might be, but it is not thought that in white pine at any rate there will be any serious drop in prices.

FOREIGN.

If we say that the lumber trade in Great Britain is moving slowly that is the most that can be remarked of that field of operations.

Farnworth & Jardine, of Liverpool, Eng., in their monthly wood circular say of Canadian woods: "Of Waney and Square Pine the deliveries have been very small, values are practically unchanged, and stocks though not heavy are sufficient for the limited demand. Red Pine: The demand is almost nominal, the stock is light but quite sufficient. Oak: The deliveries have been on a very small scale, values have a downward tendency, and the stock is excessive. Ash moves off very slowly, prices are somewhat lower, and the stock is heavy compared with recent previous years. Elm has been in somewhat better request, prices are steady and the stock light. Pine Deals: The deliveries have been about the same as last year, values have been fairly maintained, several sales have been made for shipment, and the stock has been reduced to a more moderate compass."

The South American trade is considerably improved over what it was 12 months ago, and a good deal of lumber has been sent forward to those ports of late. Whilst there have been indications of further internal troubles in that country, it is not thought that these will develop to an extent to paralyze trade, as has been the case on former occasions. Australia is prominent before the people of this country at the present time owing to the visit of the Hon. Mr. Reid. It is likely that our trade with that colony will, in the future, increase, but at present lumbermen have not much to hope for from the Antipodees, commerce there being still very depressed.

TORONTO, ONT.

TORONTO, May 25, 1894.

CAR OR CARGO LOTS.

1-4 in. cut up and better	33 00	36 00
1x10 and 12 dressing and better	20 00	22 00
1x10 and 12 mill run	16 00	17 00
1x10 and 12 common	13 00	14 00
1x10 and 12 spruce culls	10 00	11 00
1x10 and 12 mill culls	10 00	11 00
1 inch clear and picks	28 00	32 00
1 inch dressing and better	20 00	22 00
1 inch siding mill run	14 00	15 00
1 inch siding common	12 00	13 00
1 inch siding ship culls	11 00	12 00
1 inch siding mill culls	9 00	10 00
Cull scantling	8 00	9 00
1-2 and thicker cutting up plank	24 00	26 00
1 inch strips 4 in. to 8 in. mill run	14 00	15 00
1 inch strips, common	12 00	13 00
1-4 inch flooring	16 00	17 00
1-2 inch flooring	16 00	17 00
XXX shingles, 16 inch	2 50	2 60
XX shingles 16 inch	1 50	1 60
Lath, No. 1	2 15	
Lath, No. 2	1 80	1 85

YARD QUOTATIONS.

Mill cull boards and scantling	10 00		
Shipping cull boards, promiscuous widths	13 00		
Stocks	16 00		
Scantling and joist, up to 16 ft	14 00		
" " " 18 ft	15 00		
" " " 20 ft	16 00		
" " " 22 ft	17 00		
" " " 24 ft	19 00		
" " " 26 ft	20 00		
" " " 28 ft	22 00		
" " " 30 ft	24 00		
" " " 32 ft	27 00		
" " " 34 ft	29 50		
" " " 36 ft	31 00		
" " " 38 ft	33 00		
" " " 40 to 44 ft	37 00		
Cutting up planks, 1 and thicker, dry	25 00	28 00	
" " " board	18 00	24 00	
Dressing blocks	16 00	20 00	
Picks Am, inspection	30 00		
1-2 in. flooring, dressed	26 00	30 00	
" " " rough	18 00	22 00	
" " " dressed	25 00	28 00	
1-4 in. flooring, undressed	16 00	18 00	
1-4 in. flooring, dressed	18 00	20 00	
" " " undressed	12 00	15 00	
Beaded sheeting, dressed	20 00	35 00	
Clapboarding, dressed	12 00		
XXX sawn shingles per M.	2 60	2 70	
Sawn lath	2 60		
Red Oak	30 00	40 00	
White " "	37 00	45 00	
Basswood, No. 1 and 2	30 00	30 00	
Cherry, No. 1 and 2	70 00	90 00	
White ash, 1 and 2	24 00	35 00	
Black Ash, 1 and 2	20 00	30 00	

HARDWOODS—PER M. FEET CAR LOTS.

Ash, white, 1 to 2 in.	18 00	20 00	Elm, soft	1	1 1/2	11 00	12 00
" " 2 1/2 to 4 in.	20 00	24 00	" " rock	1	1 1/2	12 00	13 00
" black, 1	1 1/2	16 00	" " Hickory	1 1/2	2	15 00	18 00
Birch, sq., 1	4	17 00	" " Maple	1 1/2	1 1/2	16 00	17 00
" " 4x4	8x8	20 00	" " Oak, red, p n i	2	4	17 00	18 00
" red	2	20 00	" " white	2	4	28 00	30 00
" yellow	2	22 00	" " quart'd	1	3	30 00	35 00
Basswood	1	14 15	" " Walnut	1	3	85 00	100 00
Butternut	1 1/2	23 00	" " Whitewood	1	2	32 00	36 00
Chestnut	1	2					
Cherry	2	4					

OTTAWA, ONT.

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Pine, good sidings, per M feet, b.m.	\$32 00	
Pine, good strips, " "	27 00	
Pine, good shorts, " "	20 00	
Pine, 2nd quality sidings, per M feet, b.m.	20 00	
Pine, 2nd quality strips, " "	18 00	
Pine, 2nd quality shorts, " "	15 00	
Pine, shipping cull stock, " "	14 00	
Pine, box cull stock, " "	11 00	
Pine, s.c. strips and sidings " "	11 00	
Pine, mill cull, " "	8 00	
Lath, per M.	1 60	

QUEBEC, QUE.

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WHITE PINE—IN THE RAFT.

For inferior and ordinary according to average, quality etc., measured off	14	@ 18
For fair average quality, according to average, etc., measured off	16	@ 27
For good and good fair average, " "	23	@ 30
For superior " "	28	@ 30
In shipping order " "	29	@ 35
Waney board, 18 to 19 inch " "	30	@ 40
Waney board, 19 to 21 inch " "	37	@ 40

RED PINE—IN THE RAFT.

Measured off, according to average and quality	14	@ 30
In shipping order, 35 to 45 feet " "	22	@ 30

OAK—MICHIGAN AND OHIO.

By the dram, according to average and quality	45	@ 51
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ELM.

By the dram, according to average and quality, 45 to 50 feet	30	@ 30
" " " 30 to 35 feet " "	25	@ 28

ASH.

14 inches and up, according to average and quality	30	@ 34
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BIRCH.

16 inch average, according to average and quality	20	@ 23
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TAMARAC.

Square, according to size and quality	17	@ 19
Flatted, " "	15	@ 18

STAVES.

Merchantable Pipe, according to qual. and sp'ct'n—nominal	\$330	@ 350
W. O. Punccheon, Merchantable, according to quality	90	@ 100

DEALS.

Bright, according to mill specification, \$115 to \$123 for 1st, \$78 to \$82 for 2nd, and \$37 to \$42 for 3rd quality.		
Bright spruce, according to mill specification, \$40 to \$43 for 1st, \$27 to \$28 for 2nd, \$23 to \$25 for 3rd, and \$19 to \$21 for 4th quality.		

OSWEGO, N.Y.

OSWEGO, N. Y., May 25.—The opening of navigation has not brought with it very much activity for the lumber trade. Compared with some recent years trade is quite slow.

WHITE PINE.

Three uppers, 1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 2 inch	\$47 00	@ 48 00
Pickings, " "	39 00	@ 40 00
No. 1, cutting up, " "	34 00	@ 35 00
No. 2, cutting up, " "	24 00	@ 25 00
In strips, 4 to 8 wide, selected for moulding strips, 14 to 16 ft.	32 00	@ 34 00

SIDING.

1 in siding, cutting up	32 00	@ 39 00
1 in dressing	19 00	@ 21 00
1 in No. 1 culls	14 00	@ 15 00
1 in No. 2 culls	13 00	@ 14 00
1 in No. 3 culls	11 00	@ 12 00

1X12 INCH.

12 and 16 feet, mill run	21 00	@ 24 00
12 and 16 feet, No. 1 and 2, barn boards	19 00	@ 20 00
12 and 16 feet, dressing and better	27 00	@ 31 00
12 and 16 feet, No. 2 culls	15 00	@ 16 00

1X10 INCH.

12 and 13 feet, mill run, mill culls out	21 00	@ 23 00
12 and 13 feet, dressing and better	26 00	@ 28 00
1x10, 14 to 16 barn boards	18 00	@ 19 00
12 and 13 feet, No. 1 culls	16 00	@ 17 00
12 and 13 feet, No. 2 culls	15 00	@ 16 00
14 to 16 feet, mill run mill culls out	21 00	@ 23 00
14 to 16 feet, dressing and better	26 00	@ 28 00
14 to 16 feet, No. 1 culls	17 00	@ 18 00
14 to 16 feet, No. 2 culls	15 00	@ 16 00
14 to 13 feet, No. 3 culls	11 00	@ 12 00

1 1/4 X10 INCHES.

Mill run, mill culls out \$22 00 @ 25 00	No. 1 culls	17 00	@ 18 00
Dressing and better.. 27 00	No. 2 culls	15 00	@ 16 00

1X4 INCHES.

Mill run, mill culls out 17 00	No. 1 culls	14 00	@ 15 00
Dressing and better.. 24 00	No. 2 culls	13 00	@ 14 00

1X5 INCHES.

6, 7 or 8, mill run, mill culls out	20 00	25 00	6, 7 or 8, No. 1 culls..	16 00	@ 17 00
6, 7 or 8, drsg and better	25 00	30 00	6, 7 or 8, No. 2 culls..	14 00	@ 15 00

SHINGLES.

XXX, 18 in pine	3 70	3 90	XXX, 18 in. cedar	3 50	@ 3 70
Clear butts, pine, 18 in.	2 70	2 90	Clear butt, 18 in. cedar	2 50	@ 2 70
XXX, 16 in. pine	3 00	3 20	XX, 18 in. cedar	1 90	@ 2 00
Stock cedars, 5 or 6 in.	4 50	5 00			

LATH.

No. 1, 1 1/4	2 30	No. 2, 1 1/4	2 25
No. 1, 1 in.	1 80		

SAGINAW, MICH.

SAGINAW, Mich., May 25.—Marking a start in the season's business, two transactions of some size were reported the early part of the month. Joseph Turner, of Bay City, closed a sale of 7,000,000 ft. E. T. Carrington is said to have sold 11,000,000 ft, which, it is thought,