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### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The quantity of lumber which has been sold since the closing down of the mills has made large inroads upon the stocks in pile, and has brightened the outlook for spring trade. At the Georgian Bay mills the stock of unsold lumber is comparatively small, and with an active spring demand the entire supply would soon be cleaned up. Some manufacturers report an increased demand for mill culls, and sales are reported to have been made at \$12 at the mill. The position of the pine market generally is regarded as firm, with the prospect of an advance in certain grades which are in light supply. A good car trade is being done from some of the mills. A strong demand has arisen for hemlock, which is expected to sell at higher prices this year. The supply of dry stock is practically exhausted, and a shortage in the log output is expected. Hardwoods are fairly active, although consumers are not purchasing with much liberality, apparently believing that prices will not advance. Nevertheless, the bulk of the hardwood lumber is in the hands of parties who will strongly oppose any decline in values, particularly as present prices do not represent more than a fair margin of profit. An increased number of inquiries is reported for shingles and lath. A Detroit party is announced to have purchased 35,000,000 lath in Detroit, Ashland, Duluth, Midland, Ont., and other lake ports, with the object of securing a corner in that product. In Toronto No. 1 lath is selling at \$3.25 wholesale, and No. 2 at \$2.50.

### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Although the demand for lumber from builders is small, the outlook is somewhat encouraging. Shippers on this side have received more hopeful news from their representatives in England re-

garding the condition of the British market, and it seems probable that there will be an average consumption of Canadian spruce. The Quebec spruce is expected to bring prices equally as high as one year ago, but on the Maritime province production some shading is being done, equal, perhaps, to one dollar per thousand. Although the freight market has not declined to the extent that was expected, chartering is quite active. A number of vessels have already been engaged to load lumber at St. John, while it is announced that twenty-three vessels are under charter to load at Halifax for the United Kingdom in May. There is a particularly good demand at the present time for South American specifications, which command high prices. The United States market is steadily improving and prices are firmer. The best quality of cedar shingles are selling in small lots at \$2.55, but sales are reported slightly below this figure.

The estimates which have been made indicate that the cut of logs this year in New Brunswick will be considerably less than last year. The St. John river will produce about the same quantity, but on the Miramichi and Restigouche rivers it is estimated that the quantity will be little more than one-half that of last year.

### UNITED STATES.

Recent snow storms have somewhat checked the demand for lumber in certain sections of the United States, but the purchases by dealers have been sufficiently numerous to add to the confidence which has been exhibited by the trade for some time past. At Duluth and Ashland a number of important sales have been made at top prices, Chicago and eastern dealers being the principal buyers. At Chicago and Minneapolis there is a shortage of No. 1, 2, and 3 boards, as well as some lines of dimension stuff, while the stocks there generally are by no means large. Advice has been received that some manufacturers have marked up their stock fully one dollar per thousand. In the east, particularly Buffalo and Tonawanda, higher prices are being asked for No. 1 cuts and better and barn boards, while 10 inch pine box is selling at \$18, 8 inch at \$17, and 6 inch at \$16.50. Mill culls are held at \$15.

Maple and basswood are the strong features of the hardwood trade, which is not showing an improvement corresponding to that of pine and spruce. Inch maple is selling in Buffalo at \$22, and seems to be much scarcer than the thick

sizes. The opinion there is that the supply of hardwood by lake this season will be less than in late years. Rock elm is a little stronger, selling at \$21 to \$23, and some dealers are asking an advance of one dollar over our quotations on white ash, but we do not think that the bulk of sales are being made above \$34 for 1 1/4 to 2 inch and \$36 for 2 1/2 to 4 inch.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

Representatives of Canadian shippers are now canvassing the British market, and are reported to have been successful in effecting considerable sales. The uncertainty which existed among buyers as to the future stability of the market has given place to more general confidence. Considerable sales of spruce are announced to have been made to Spain. The chief buying in Great Britain up to present time has been by London houses, and transactions have usually been for deal specifications, the narrower widths being somewhat neglected. At a recent sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, 3x11 first quality pine bought £28 5s per standard, second quality £19 15s, and third quality £11 15s. Spruce brought £12 5s to £12 15s 3x9 for firsts, £10 5s for seconds, £9 70s for thirds, and £8 5s for fourths. Birch timber sold well, showing an upward tendency. Quebec rock elm also made fair prices. In Glasgow some sales of Quebec ash have recently been made at high prices, and the stock of that timber is becoming small.

### THE WHITE PINE SITUATION.

A careful review of the conditions surrounding the white pine lumber market leads to the conclusion that the situation as a whole is particularly strong and singularly free from any disturbing elements. The building outlook throughout Canada and the United States is promising, the agricultural community is enjoying a fair measure of prosperity, the steel and iron industry is in a prosperous condition, and manufacturing industries generally are operating to their full capacity. These conditions are favorable to an active consumption of white pine lumber.

From a statistical standpoint the pine market is strong. There is but a small stock of unsold lumber at the Ottawa valley mills, while the bulk of the production of the coming season has already been contracted for. In the Georgian Bay district the stock is equally light and much less than at the corresponding period for the past few years. A gentleman who towards the close of the sawing season visited all