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A. S. HARDY,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Department of Crown Lands,
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SHIPPING MATTERS.

The steel ship Scottish Lochs, now at Boston, has been fixed to load deals at St. John, N. B., for Liverpool or Barry at 33s. 9d.

The steamer Longhurst, after discharging a cargo of sugar at Montreal, will proceed to Quebec and load lumber for McArthur Bros., Co., Ltd.

The steam barque Orion, of Kingston, is loading square timber at Thornbury, Ont., for Quebec. The timber is being loaded from rafts.

The British ship Alexander, with lumber from Vancouver, B. C., is reported to have arrived at Calais, France, and the Hawaiian schooner, Queen City, from the same place for Kobe, Japan, has also reached its destination.

The season on the canal at Albany, N. Y., opens with unusually low rate of freights prevailing. The opening rate for lumber used to be \$1.75, then it got down to \$1.50 and now it is \$1.35. Competition with the railroads has had much to do with this decline.

The American schooner Comet has been chartered to load lumber at the Royal City Mills, New Westminster, B. C., and is now on the way to that port from San Francisco. Among other vessels chartered to load at British Columbia are the Puritan, to load at Moodyville, for Shanghai; the American barque Areturus, to load for Santa Rosalia; the barkentine Wrestler, now being fitted out at Port Angeles, to load lumber at the Brunette Saw Mills, for Shanghai, China. The following vessels are loading lumber at Vancouver. Chilian bark, Lake Leman, for Valparaiso, British ship, Earl of Hopetown, for Adelaide, N. S. W.; American schooner Volunteer, for Shanghai; British ship, Blairgowrie, for South Africa.

N. P. Clarke & Co., lumbermen, Minneapolis, Minn., have assigned, with liabilities of about \$500,000 and assets, roughly estimated at \$300,000. The firm is one of the pioneer lumber concerns of Minnesota, and considerable surprise is expressed at the failure. The head of the firm has been in poor health for some time.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

SHIPMENTS of lumber from the mills of the Province are increasing, but not to the extent that is expected at this season of the year, and especially in view of the dullness that prevailed during the months of March and April. Local trade, in different points of Ontario, though not of great volume, would seem to be more active, relatively, than is trade with the United States. Compared with other years, the number of buyers from across the border is small, and transactions are of a restricted nature. As the months go on, it is hoped that more activity will show itself in this direction. Around the mills there is abundance of life, cutting proceeding with energy. Summarized in a sentence, it may be said that a steady lumber business is being done, and the month's record will show a considerable volume of sales, possibly better than some are anticipating, though the general feeling is, that the season's trade is dragging. Prices are holding firm, unless comparisons are made with two years ago, and as between these years, prices of lumber to-day show a decline.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The shipping of lumber in Quebec has commenced for the season, and gives something of the old-time life to trade in that province. Exporters to the United Kingdom, with whom we have talked, anticipate a fair season's business. Not a little of the lumber that will go from Quebec will be brought to that point from Michigan, Sharpless Bros., McArthur Bros. Co., Ltd., and others operating in this manner. Within the week, the lumber situation in New Brunswick has not changed to any material extent, except that the amount of lumber shipped is on the increase, mills are actively cutting, and there is a good deal of movement with all those working on the drives. Elsewhere we have noted the condition of the drives at many important points. The spruce market continues to engage attention with New Brunswick lumbermen. In the United States, the strength that was given to spruce early in the season by the organization of the Northeastern Lumbermen's Association, does not wane, and New Brunswick lumbermen are hoping to secure advantage from this stiffening of prices, and the alleged shortage of supplies at different points. It must be admitted, at the same time, that one needs to weigh carefully the different statements that are given out regarding the conditions of the spruce market in the United States. There are shrewd lumbermen on both sides of the border, who question if

all the good things that are predicted of spruce will materialize.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Trade in the month of May, so far, shows quite an advance in British Columbia over that of the preceding month. Good sized shipments are being sent into the Northwest and Ontario. The Pacific Coast Lumber Co., of New Westminster, is reported to be shipping per C. P. R. from four to six car loads per week into the localities named. Shipments to the United States are numerous and of good size. A glance at the shipping records tell of an increase in exports to Japan, South Africa, China, and the United Kingdom. The larger opening of China ports for business, is almost certain to help the trade in lumber, from British Columbia; already considerable pine and fir from that district is going there. With the appointment of Mr. Forbes Vernon, as Agent-General for British Columbia in Great Britain, and the recent visit to England of the Premier, Mr. Turner, it is anticipated that an increased demand will be created for British Columbia lumber.

UNITED STATES.

The weather has been fine enough in May to give an impetus to business, and this condition, combined with favorable reports received of the growing crops, has helped to impart new life to even hard-headed lumbermen. Mercurial in a measure, some portions of the trade have been disposed to grow quite sanguine as to the future of the next few months, and tell us that we are now on the eve of a big season's trade. Everybody hopes that this brightening up of business will prove real. It cannot be said, however, that the size of orders received, nor the frequency with which they reach lumber offices, is swelling business to very remarkable proportions, though it must be admitted that things are improving. Recent sales of northern pine are reported from Duluth, and taken as evidence of improvement. One lumber journal, that is usually conservative in its prognostications, has gone so far as to say that "such premonitions indicate that extreme lassitude and indifference is passing, and that soon we are likely to witness the most remarkable scramble for white pine stocks that we have seen since the early eighties." Everyone concerned will say, "may this speedily be the case," for the wish is father to the thought with all. The mills at all points are fully into the season's business, and seem to be laying themselves out for a good sized cut. With navigation opened, there is a stir in this direction, a factor that helps trade even in the dullest times.