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Huron Shore, Mich., mill operators dissatisfied with the slow market for bulk stocks are starting yards at Lake Erie points. Albert Pack, of Alpena, is running one at Cleveland, O., as the A. Pack Lumber Co.; Frank Gilchrist, of Alpena, under the style of F. W. Gilchrist & Son, is planning a yard enterprise in Buffalo, and Geo. M. Fletcher is making a like venture in Toledo, O.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

ENTHUSIASM is an element that does not play much part in the lumber situation of to-day. The trade believe that business will be all right, but it is a hard matter to get them to warm up on the subject. They have been waiting from week to week and month to month, expecting that each would bring an improvement in trade, but it must be admitted, that whilst there is no discouraging depression in the lumber trade, there is no large amount of stir as yet this spring. Everybody is hanging off. "In a week or two, or within another month, no doubt, trade will open out," is the frequent answer that one will get from wholesalers and mill men when the question "How is business?" is put to them. We do not ourselves believe there is any need for despondency. Trade is slower opening out than is usual, but it will open out before long. At the same time this continued peering into the future for sales and turn over of stock is one of the things that, when there is too much of it, goes hard with average human nature. Some transactions of an ordinary character are taking place, but there is no general moving of stocks. There are spurts here and there, trade moving a little in spots, but nothing better to report. It can be repeated that prices are just as firm as at any time during the season. Mills are getting in good shape for the season's cutting. It will be a fortnight, however, before the saw mills of the province, as a whole, will be in full swing. Caution is being exercised in this branch of work as well as in every other. It is not believed that stocks are heavy at any point, and at the same time the winter's work in the woods will, perhaps, be a little less than had been figured on a month or two ago. These are all conditions that will help to keep prices firm and give backbone to what trade is doing.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Representatives of Canadian houses, who have been spending part of the season in the British markets looking up trade, are either on their way back again, or are preparing to return at an early date. They will bring back with them some business, and this will start trade in Quebec and New Brunswick moving. There is some doubt, however, whether the orders booked are of large size, as the English market is slow to improve. Denny, Mott & Dickson, of London, Eng., say on this point: "Quebec shippers, who are still on this side can only hope to book very few orders in this market for next season's goods, as the prices demanded deter cautious traders from buying for stock." The current issue of the Timber

Trades Journal says: "In the Canadian trade we hardly ever recollect such a quiet time at this unusually busy season of the year. Trade is not active as compared with other seasons, or yet as compared with what might reasonably be expected. The market is in a state of suspended animation; sales of fourth pine and Lower Port spruce stocks of the log being reported as unusually small, while on the Upper St. Lawrence there is for an ordinary demand no over abundance. Prices are expected to hold, but in London sales are very difficult at present, importers have no confidence in the stability of values. There is nothing here in first hands that can be called dry, and the demand is mostly for small parcels in anticipation of possible contingencies." Business from these provinces with the United States remains in the same quiet condition, though there are some signs that in the near future fair shipments will go forward.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

It would look as though a fairly satisfactory business would be done on the coast the coming season. The domestic trade is assuming very decent proportions, and exporters are finding profitable and somewhat liberal outlets for stocks. If Australian trade continues to improve, as is expected, British Columbia will profit nicely by the change. The demand for vessels is better, and to some extent vessels are scarce, especially those suitable in the China trade. The charters for the past month have been more distributed, though there is little doing in any particular quarter. A new development is the fixing of a steamer to carry lumber to South America.

UNITED STATES.

It is hardly possible for the opening of navigation to be so close without a better feeling prevailing in the lumber trade. Almost for a certainty, business will this year move with greater freedom, and yet it must be admitted there is no swelling of business to mark the situation generally. Manufacturers are a little more active, and in saw mill sections operations will commence within a week or two; all these things will help trade. But the movement of lumber continues, with a few exceptions, at particular points where local conditions are favorable, to be nearly as slow at the end of March as at any time since the first of the year. This is the worst feature of the trade. Business, everybody says, has got to be better, and of course will be better, but practical lumbermen would like to see these things shown in a removal of stocks from their yards and in their stead bank drafts in their vaults or their bank account swollen on the right side. When

the season's trade comes to be figured up, and everything is taken into consideration, it will likely show up pretty fair, but nothing large need be expected. The money made will be due a good deal to the caution that is going to be exercised in selling goods. There will not be much reckless selling this year. And also in the fact that expenses will be kept down. The cut of logs, particularly of white pine, will not be over large, probably will come less in size than the cut of a year ago.

FOREIGN.

We do not know any section of the lumber world more difficult to secure reports from, that would point to decidedly better conditions, than Great Britain. The movement of goods in February was, of course, phenomenally small, because of the prolonged frosts, and it would be unfair to give any statistics of English trade for that period. This fact has swollen the deliveries for the month of March, but as Denny, Mott & Dickson remark, it can scarcely be hoped that the leeway will be fully made up, as postponed purchases have an awkward tendency to diminish in bulk during dull times. English lumber journals all join in the one refrain that immediate business is slow and the prospect of the future is not bright. Reports that we publish elsewhere from New South Wales and Australia indicate that there is an anticipated improvement, even though this improvement is not a present factor.

HARDWOODS.

Lumbermen, whose business is more particularly in hardwoods, are not complaining very much of the conditions of trade. No one is doing anything large, but there is a very fair movement in hardwoods of all kinds. We learn of quite a number of shipments of mixed car loads going to United States points, and perhaps a better demand exists among the home trade. Maple is the slowest hardwood at the present time. In fact it is dragging a little. Birch continues in good demand, and some difficulty is experienced in getting just the kind that is most called for. Ash, elm and basswood are all on good call. A lumberman who has recently visited the hardwood districts of the north tells us, that stocks are getting pretty well thinned out. Asked the question, how the cut of hardwoods was this year, he thought that this was fully as large as, and perhaps, a little beyond the average. With abundance of snow the temptation in hardwood districts was to cut generously, as the mill men were able to get their logs out easily. Mills cutting hardwood will likely have a busy summer. Prices for leading lines are disposed to advance a little.