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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.
A slackening of the demand for lumber is permitting the trade to give the necessary attention to balancing up the business of the year and arranging plans for next season's operations. We believe the year 1898 has, in general, shown some improvement over its predecessor, although but few reports have as yet been received. One point, however, on which there is little doubt, and which is encouraging to the trade, is that the quantity of low grade pine in the hands of manufacturers is comparatively small. Even mill culls are not in heavy stock, and the price thereof is higher than it has been for some years. It is also true that for the last two years several of the mills in Ontario have not been in operation, and consequently the stock of lumber in the yards has been considerably reduced, if not cleaned out entirely. The shingle market is also strong and the supply light. The outlook at the close of the year, therefore, is not the darkest, more especially as there is a good prospect

of a continuation of active building operations in 1899. Hardwoods continue to be sought after, all classes being in demand. No better indication of the scarcity of these woods can be found than the number of enquiries received at the office of this journal for stock of different kinds. There appears to be a desire to contract with mill men for their cut, evidently to ensure securing the necessary lumber for requirements.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Building operations are still being proceeded with in Manitoba, the Northwest, and British Columbia, and consequently some lumber is moving from retail yards. More than usual activity marks the closing days of a successful year, so far as the lumber trade is concerned. The outlook for next season is also promising. The improved condition of the west is attracting capital, and a number of new enterprises are likely to take definite shape in the spring, to the benefit of lumber manufacturers and dealers. An effort has been made on the Pacific coast to advance prices to a profitable basis, and at a recent conference of mill men \$9 was decided upon as the figure for standard lengths, while \$9.50 was suggested as the price of overlengths. Local trade is good, and the foreign demand is improving.

UNITED STATES.

The demand in the United States for lumber is much better than in December last year, and the tendency of the market is upwards. The east has recovered of late in an almost surprising degree, and the year will close with a satisfactory volume of trade to its credit. One feature of much significance is the demand for low grade boards in almost all kinds of lumber, but particularly in pine. This is due, in a measure, to the activity in box making. It is believed that the box requirement will continue for a year at least, so that there is no prospect that the demand will diminish in the near future. At the head of the lakes lumber is well sold out, and No. 3 and No. 4 boards have advanced in price. At Buffalo and Tonawanda dealers are closing the year in good spirits. There is a scarcity of box lumber, some grades of barn boards, and nothing is in full supply except cutting-up stock. Advanced prices are looked for before many weeks, or at least as soon as the spring trade commences to move. In New York, although the movement of stock is light, prospects are quite encouraging, and the market is

firm. This is also the outlook at Pittsburgh. The consumption of hardwoods is very large throughout the United States in the manufacture of agricultural implements, wagons, furniture, etc., and at the close of the year the situation is very strong. Perhaps the most activity is in the Eastern States, where there has been an industrial revival since the close of the Cuban war. Advanced prices for all the hardwoods are being obtained, and with dealers it is more a question of securing the dry stock than of getting orders. Basswood has taken on increased strength of late.

FOREIGN.

At the recent auction sales of wood goods in Great Britain there has been exhibited perhaps more than the usual eagerness to secure stock, and consequently the tone of the market is firm. All the wood-consuming industries have large orders on hand, although some of them are closed down for the holiday period. Shipbuilding on the Clyde is active, and deals landed by the steamers from Canada have been disposed of ex quay. In another column are given the results of a sale held by Churchill & Sim. In some instances the lumber was of inferior quality, which accounts for a slight depreciation in prices. In general, there has been a decided advance in spruce deals, and a tendency to strengthening of prices in the case of pine deals and some other lumber. Buying for next year is progressing as favorably as could be expected, and after the turn of the year more buoyancy is anticipated. The reports from other foreign markets tell of a quiet demand.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

W. Cook and R. Oliver are taking out ties on Bedford Island, near Little Current, Ont.
William Hone, of Topping, Ont., has purchased 50 acres of timber land in the township of Stanley, Huron county.
L. P. Hovey is getting out 1,500,000 feet of spruce in Compton county, Quebec, for the Turner Falls Lumber Co.
Joseph Dobson, of Stoney Creek, N B., is lumbering at Lower Hillsboro', and expects to get out 600,000 feet of deals.
Messrs. DeCew & Sons, who have purchased the Thornton stove factory at Fenelon Falls, Ont., are buying large quantities of elm logs.
Messrs. Turner and Coleman, of Euphemia township, Lambton county, have sold the elm timber on their farms to Wideman & Co., obtaining therefor \$1,220 and \$750 respectively.
The Rat Portage Lumber Company is said to have purchased all the lumber of

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