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The Moodyville Land and Saw Mills Co.'s d, in Vancouver, B. C., and timber and aber at Moodyville, are under seizure by the vincial government, for nonpayment of timducs

# CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

" LUMBER must improve," was the confident response of an Ontario mill man, when answering the familiar inquiry, how is trade? It was admitted that at present business wasdull. "Indeed things are quite dull," said this mill man. But it cannot be expected, that with iron advancing as rapidly as it has done during the past few months, and apparently still on the ascendant, that lumber can continue to remain dull. There is no use in talking about present trade, for there is not much of it doing anywhere. The belief, nevertheless, is that the fall will show marked improvement. Crops, unfortunately, in Ontario are not going to show up very encouragingly, and this fact may militate against rural trade, but the smallness of the crop will, as compared with the past twelve months, be partly offset by better prices. The new cut is commencing to show itself on the piling grounds, and is awkwardly crowding in some districts. The caution to proceed slowly is not so easily heeded, for interest on the standing timber is a serious item with large owners. Prices are nominally firm.

### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The movement in shipping is quieter at Quebec and New Brunswick ports, which creates dullness in the lumber trade. In New Brunswick where shipments to Europe are slow, deal shipments to the American market are large. The complaint is that the lowness of water in the streams in New Brunswick is interfering with the manufacture of lumber. It is the expectation of New Brunswick lumbermen, that another season they will reap substantial benefit from the new trade relations made with France, and a reference to this subject in another column has interest to exporters.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Lateradvices from the Pacific Coaststate that there has not been an actual arrangement effected among lumbermen leading to an absolute advance in prices of lumber. At the same time prices are decidedly firm and stiffening, and it would appear, even without concerted action, that the upward trend of trade will itself effect a measure of reform in this direction. It would be a mistake, however, when the situation is so favorable, that lumbermen should not unite and make a profitable advance a certainty. The mills at Vancouver and other points are busy, and in some cases running night and day staffs. Rates for charters are somewhat higher, owing to the general increase in business. Lumbernen in British Colum-

bia are encouraged by the splendid crop reports from Manitoba and the Northwest, which are almost certain to quicken business, and produce an enlarged demand for lumber.

### UNITED STATLS.

Business is more in expectancy than in actual evidence. The opinion is expressed that by the middle of the month the promised revival in lumber will commence to assert itself, and this period is looked forward to with interest. In the west it is believed that there will be a good demand for coarse lumber, which is good news for eastern manufacturers, and will relieve them of an over plentitude of stock in these lines. Where crops are likely to be plentifal, the outlook is favorable for enlar, ed business. Contrariwise, where poor, there will be a shrinkage in the call for lumber. In all white pine markets, trade at present in quiet, but with stocks very light at distributing centres, there must be activity soon, if any business whatever is done. The same marked care and caution is to be noted of trade wherever one looks.

### FOREIGN.

Trade is fickle in Great Britain. No sooner hardly is a report received of an apparent improvement, than comes word that it is loubtful whether the hardening that had taken place is possessed of any real backbone after all. The hope has been that British trade was improving, but according to late reports, no one is just so sure that this is really the case. In the London market, deals are reported to remain a drug, due to some extent to the fact that large quantities of inferior goods are being continually thrust on the market. Battens are firmer, and operations are underway for Autumn delivery, whilst flooring is strong. A steady trade is doing at Liverpool. At Glasgow, the imports of Canadian timber so far have been light, and this is believed to have had a favorable influence on the market. Trade as a whole in Great Britain, as might be expected, has been affected by the elections, politics rather than business, being uppermost for the time being.

### HARDWOODS,

It cannot be said that there is no movement whatever, in hardwoods, for some trade is doing, but it is light, as in other lines, with a favorable outlook for a little later in the season.

The steamer Eckdale, will load lumber at the Sound, B. C., for South Australia.

Bark Kelvin takes lumber from Montreal to Buenos Ayres or Montevido, at \$8.25.

The Traveller will load deals at St. John, N. B., for Liverpool, at 33s 9d.

STOCKS AND PRICES. CANADA.

No. 31.

Two car loads of sill lumber for Shorehani, Minn., and a car of rough lumber for Manitoba, were shipped from the Royal City Mills, New Westminster, B. C., a few days ago.

The steamer Van Allan has cleared Port Arthur for Oswego, N. Y., with a cargo of lumber consigned to the Standard Oil Co., Oswego. It is the first shipment east from mills from West Algoma.

At the annual sale of mixed and unmarked logs at Fredericton, N. B., a few days ago 500,000 spruce logs sold at \$8.05 a thousand, 30,000 pine logs at \$2.40, and cedar logs brought \$5 55 a thousand.

The Vermillion Lumber Co., operating near Three Rivers, Que., have sold the entire output of the mill for the season. 12,000,000 feet. Seventy per cent. is for the British market, and the remainder will be held in Montreal.

J. Willard Smith, St. John, N. B., has sold over 4,000,000 of Alex. Gibson's cedar shingles this season. He has also been receiving considerable supplies from Chas. Miller, to meet the demand. The shingles were sold in the provinces, a large number being sent to Nova Scotia.

The report of supervisor of cullers of timber for Quebec says, that the timber measured and culled at the opening of the year to the end of July and compared with the previous year, was as follows. Waney white pine, 1894, 1,257,252 cubic feet 1895, 7:0,7 19, white pine, 1894, 450,-515 feet, 1895, 3,027 ; red pine, 1893, 27,-378 feet, 1895, 39,628; oak, 1894, 932,480 feet, 1895, 776,026, elm, 1894, 312,680 feet, 1895, 450,017; ash, 1894, 133,538 feet, 1895, 122,018, birch and maple, 1894, 130,-500 feet, 1895, 206,637. These figures, it will be noted, are unfavorable to 1895.

Exports for the week from St. John, N. B., were represented by 1,323,173 feet of deals shipped to Great Britain, and 4,-000,000 feet of long lumber, 600,000 shingles, 1,462,753 lath, and 965 cords of wood for United States ports.

The following lumber shipments were made from St. John, N. B., during the past week : Per sch. Wendal Burpee, for Stamford, by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 27,-151 deals, 306,000 laths, 480,000 shingles. Sch. James F. Wiley, for City Island, by Hilyard Bros., 309,063 deals; sch. Centennial, for City Island, by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 167,952 deals ; sch. Olivia, fer Boston, by Chas. Miller, 1,300,000 shingles; sch. Maggie J. Chadwick, for New Haven, by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 95,210 deals, 231,909 plank ; sch. Ella Maud, for New York, by Randolph & Baker, 273,000 laths.