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THE AUSTRALIAN MARKET.

The last monthly timber report of Fraser & Co., Melbourne, says of the Australian market:

The extraordinary demand for timber being shown in so many parts of the world at the present time has led to further increased values being secured at the markets of export, while freight rates have also improved at most places, and apparently will be maintained for some time to come. Although our market has responded to some extent to the increase shown in f.o.b. and freight quotations, there is yet, however, room for improvement in this direction, for there are several important lines which are shipped to here, more especially in Baltic imports, which should be advanced in price. Business within the past four weeks has been fairly brisk, but as arrivals have been of no magnitude, there has been little to offer "ex wharf." A better enquiry, it is anticipated, will be experienced during the next few months, and as shipments of varied descriptions will shortly be to hand, there should be no trouble to obtain necessary requirements, though it is possible that importers will endeavor to procure slightly higher figures for some kinds than have lately been paid, which for a time may have the effect of keeping buyers from purchasing any quantity more than would be necessary for early actual wants.

OREGON PINE.—Imports: Nil. Stocks in first hands are limited, though holdings in the trade are sufficient to cover requirements until the first few shipments come upon the market, \$8 per 1,000 feet super. is now quoted for small lots, though no business of importance has been done at this figure.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

A few dealers and manufacturers tell of a slight improvement in the lumber trade during the past week, but the more general report is that the demand is developing very slowly. The month of June is generally characterized by considerable orders for stock, but in this respect the present month does not compare favorably with June of last year. Considering the demand, prices are reasonably firm. In some instances a slight weakness has developed. In the Ottawa valley shipping cull stock is a trifle lower, while lath is quiet and weaker. It is expected that lath will decline in price in the near future, as present prices are considered to be out of proportion to the actual value of the material. The trade has made a strong effort to prevent the prices of pine lumber from going lower, but it seems unreasonable to expect that present prices will hold throughout the season. On the other hand, we do not anticipate more than a moderate reduction, as the cost of producing lumber has been greatly increased within the last year.

Recent rains have increased the outlook for driving operations, but it is probable that from 10 to 15 per cent. of the cut of pine logs will be hung up. In the Ottawa valley a drive of 5,000,000 feet, taken out by a prominent manufacturing firm, is hopelessly stranded.

In some sections hardwood stocks are quite large, and manufacturers are showing some anxiety to dispose of their holdings. In the Warton district summer cut basswood, mill run, has been sold at \$15, and winter cut at \$17. Elm has been held fairly steady, but a decline in the price of this lumber is anticipated, as prices last winter were above normal.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

This spring has witnessed a marked revival in building operations in Winnipeg and in many of the smaller towns of Manitoba and the Territories. A number of important buildings are under way, and the season promises to be one of unusual activity. The movement of lumber is consequently large, and dealers and manufacturers report good business. In British Columbia the mills are busy. One mill has contracted to supply 22,000,000 feet of lumber for the foreign trade, and is said to have refused a contract for 10,000,000 feet more. Another mill expects to ship 50,000,000 feet before November, a large portion of which will go to China. On the whole the lumber trade of the coast is in a very satisfactory condition.

UNITED STATES.

Labor troubles, dull building operations, and a feeling of uncertainty as to the market situation generally, are responsible for the inactivity which characterizes the lumber trade of the United States. The movement of lumber has for some time been below normal, and were it not that stocks are held in strong hands, a break in the market would have occurred before this time. The mill men are practically carrying the stocks, as dealers and consumers are purchasing only for immediate

requirements. The demand for box lumber has fallen off perceptibly, manufacturers having purchased heavily early in the year. It is not likely, however, that there will be any serious decline in the price of box material. Reports from the Eastern States are to the effect that there is no sign of a general break in values, although in one or two instances lower prices are said to have been quoted. Lath, as was expected, has sold off, being about one dollar below the highest price of last winter. The price of spruce lumber has not receded, but quotations for delivery next month are being made at a decline of about fifty cents per thousand from present quotations.

Hardwood prices have shown weakness. Everything except poplar is slightly lower, and as a result enquiries for stock are increasing. At Buffalo the demand for birch, maple and basswood continues strong.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Although the tone of the British timber market is quiet, there has been no decline in prices, and those quoted are almost the same as the ruling prices one month ago. The market is, if anything, a trifle firmer, due to the impression that there will be a light import this season. The easiness in the money market is another favorable factor. Spruce and pine deals are moving with some freedom, and stocks at the leading importing centres have become considerably reduced. At recent auction sales prices have been well maintained, notwithstanding that building has been retarded by the high price of materials. Importers are holding spruce at £8 c. i. f. Liverpool, and believe that this is none too high in view of the scarcity of tonnage and excessive freight charges. It is said that the liners from Montreal have taken but a very small quantity of pine deals and boards, as there has been no dearth of freight for which better prices could be obtained. Concerning an auction sale held in London an exchange states that the St. John spruce sold very high, and that a capital price was realized for a very ordinary lot of Miramichi fourths. The unsorted parcel of floated spruce from Bay Verte realized £9 for 3 x 13 inch, £8 5s for 3 x 7 inch and 3 x 6 inch, and £8 for 3 x 5 inch.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The city council of St. John, N. B., will invite tenders for the supply of a cargo of deals for sidewalk purposes.

The German ship Arnold cleared last week from the Hastings mill, Vancouver, for Newcastle-on-Tyne, with a cargo of timber.

The barque Amore is loading lumber at Granville, N. S., for Buenos Ayres. The schr. Edna and ship Maren are loading lumber at Annapolis for Havanna.

It is reported that J. W. Munro, of Pembroke, has purchased from the Merchants Bank a timber limit on the Mississauga river, Georgian Bay district, and that he intends operating on it the coming winter.

The steamship Gladstrey took on 1,600 loads of timber at Quebec last week and

left for Three Rivers to complete cargo. The Isel Holme is loading a cargo of lumber at Indian Cove, Quebec, for London.

Three of the fleet loading lumber up the Annapolis river were towed to Digby last week. They were the barque Lovosa, bound to Burnos Ayres, and the American schrs. Navarino and A. R. Keene, for Havanna. The Lovosa took 835,594 feet shipped by H. J. Crow, and the Navarino took 400,000 feet shipped by T. S. Whitman. The Keen's cargo of 398,000 feet was shipped by Pickles & Mills.

The steamship Davenport is loading deals and timber at Montreal for the United Kingdom. The Riplingham is also loading a cargo of deals for the same destination. The Kinsale sailed last week from Montreal for Sharpness with a full cargo of timber and deals. The Rathlin Head sailed for Belfast, her cargo including 120 standards of boards, 265 standards of deals, 65 loads of timber, and 650 bundles of staves.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

The export lumber business in and about Ottawa is quiet at present. A member of a leading firm of mill owners stated to-day that one reason for this falling off was the difficulty in arranging for ocean carrying facilities. The increase in other lines of shipping, and the demands made on the ocean bottoms by the War Department, are responsible for the dearth of vessels for the lumber trade. The shortage in the local supply of lumber caused by the recent fire has also been in part responsible, but it is expected that this stringency will soon be tided over. Mr. J. R. Booth's mill is working night and day, and the Hull Lumber Company have two small mills running full time. As a result the burned district is looming high with lumber once more, and shipments are being made by rail and water to American points.

It is expected that a considerable quantity of lumber being cut now will be in shape for the English market before many months, although it will not class as well-seasoned stock. If the ocean carrying facilities show an improvement, the lumber business with Great Britain will increase in proportion, as there should be a sufficient supply to satisfy the demand. At present but little lumber is being shipped from Ottawa by water, owing to the fact that the yards nearest the river side, swept by fire, have not been restocked. The greater part of the shipments are being made by rail.

As might be expected, building operations are unusually brisk in Ottawa since the fire. As a result the prices of culls, shingles, laths, and other lines of lumber required in the local market remain firm, and the jobbers report an improvement in business. The various sash and door factories are also working full time and consuming large quantities of lumber.

Shipments of culls and the lower grades of lumber to the American market have fallen off considerably in the past month, and prices have declined slightly in odd lines. This is due to the fact that the American market is over-stocked at present in these particular lines. Shipments of the better grades to American points are large, however; both J. R. Booth and the Hull Lumber Company are shipping several carloads daily by rail. Much of this is being forwarded direct from the mill.

The local mill owners report that the drives in several of the smaller streams running into the Ottawa, Gatineau, and other large rivers, have been interfered with by low water, as the spring freshets have all passed, and the streams are all reduced to normal level, in some cases even lower. No less than 37,000 logs belonging to Gilmour & Hughson have been stuck on the Tomacine river, a tributary of the Gatineau. The blockade was caused by the breaking of a large dam which lowered the water. The logs that were got into the larger streams early in the spring, however, are being rushed down to the Ottawa mills, and the river is at times covered with them. It has been remarked that, despite the destruction of the mills, the drives on the Ottawa and Gatineau appear as large as ever.

At present there is a well-organized strike among the laboring classes in Ottawa, which has interfered considerably with the building operations, but as the carpenters have not joined in, the effect on the lumber market is not as great as it otherwise would be.

A stringent fire by-law calls for the erection of fire-proof buildings only in Hull. This covers the entire city, and hence the demand for lumber is not as great as it would be were frame buildings allowed to be erected. Not-

withstanding, several of the neighboring mills are working full time to supply lumber for local consumption in Hull and Ottawa.

It is expected that Shurley & Dietrich, saw manufacturers, of Galt, will establish branch works in Ottawa to supply the market of the Ottawa Valley. About fifty hands will be employed at the outstart. The site chosen is that on which the Ottawa Paper Co.'s mill stood at the Chaudie.

Work is progressing steadily about the premises of the E. B. Eddy Company, and preparations for rebuilding are well under way. The match factory and paper mills will be running before the end of the year, but the woodenware and sulphate works may not be completed till later. One of the first buildings to be completed and fitted up will be the saw mill.

Charlebois & D'Amour, whose planing mill and box factory on Brewery street was destroyed in the recent Hull fire, have decided to rebuild. The new factory will cost about \$8,000 when fitted up. Neither Parr's planing mill nor the Ottawa Specialty Works are likely to be rebuilt. These were amongst the leading woodenware industries.

Geo. Daghish's new match factory at Hull is now being operated. The first matches turned out were given over to the Relief Committee and distributed amongst the fire sufferers. These matches were the first turned out in Hull since the fire. Up to this time Hull, the situation of the Eddy Works, was the match centre of the world.

The English war office has placed an order with the Walters' Axe Company, of Hull, for 100 axes of the type used by the Canadian lumbermen. The present is a trial order, the axes to be used in the army and navy.

Many rivermen and lumbermen have returned to Ottawa from the drive and camps. They report the past season a busy and profitable one on account of the high wages and plenty of work.

It has not yet been decided whether the Hull Lumber Company will rebuild its mill or not.

During the past week over 75 men have left Hull and Ottawa to work in lumber mills at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. A similar number have left for Sturgeon Falls to work in the mills, and others have left for Michigan points, to resume work in the lumber industry. Many of the men were previously in the employ of the E. B. Eddy Company and Hull Lumber Company.

Ottawa, June 12th, 1900.

MARKET CONDITIONS AT LIVERPOOL

According to Farnworth & Jardine's wood circular of June 1st, the arrivals from British North America during the past month have been 9,872 tons register, against 29,300 tons register during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to this date from all places during the years 1893, 1899, and 1900 has been 105,694, 121,525 and 119,404 tons respectively. The business, has been fairly satisfactory, but quiet. The imports, with few exceptions, have not been too large, the deliveries show some improvement, and there is little change in values to report; stocks generally are light.

PINE TIMBER.—Of waney and square there is little change in the market to report; the first of the season's shipments of waney pine has just arrived and will probably go largely direct into consumption; the deliveries have been fair; the stock is light and values are very firm. Square is only in limited demand. Red pine has arrived more freely, but the demand is quiet. Oak: There has been a moderate import and the deliveries have been fairly satisfactory; the demand has slightly improved and prices are firm; stocks, however, are fairly large. Elm: One small parcel has arrived which should meet with ready sale, as the stock was almost exhausted; prices are steady. Ash has been more enquired for and the stock is light.

PINE DEALS.—There has been a moderate import, and as the deliveries have more than kept pace, stocks are now reduced to a moderate compass, viz., 6,600 standards, against 12,700 standards for corresponding month last year, values have improved but owing to the uncertainty as to what extent the recent fire at Ottawa will affect this branch of the trade, there has been little business negotiated recently. Red pine deals continue in fair demand, and prices are firm.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA SPRUCE AND PINE DEALS.—The arrivals during the past month have been small, viz., about 1,500 standards, against 11,500 standards for corresponding month last year. The deliveries have been fairly satisfactory and the stock is now reduced to 7,200 standards; there has been more enquiry and prices continue fairly steady. Pine deals have improved in value; and stocks are light.

BIRCH.—Of logs, Quebec has been imported moderately. The arrivals, however, have been chiefly from the lower ports. The deliveries have been unsatisfactory and values are weaker; stocks are not too heavy. Of planks there has been a very large import, but the deliveries have been satisfactory and there is little change in value to report; the stock is not too heavy, but caution should be exercised in consigning to a more moderate extent.

Following are current prices for Canadian stock:

	Per Foot.	Per Sid.
White pine, Quebec square wood	15 3d to 25 4d	
" " Waney board	25 2d to 25 10d	
" " St. John, 18-in. average	15 6d to 25 2d	
" " Dalhousie, etc.	15 0d to 15 4d	
Red pine	15 5d to 18 10d	
Oak, 1st quality	25 0d to 35 0d	
" 2nd quality	15 0d to 25 0d	
Elm	25 6d to 25 10d	
Ash	15 6d to 25 0d	
White wood	15 4d to 15 10d	
Birch, St. John	15 5d to 15 8d	
" Quebec	15 5d to 25 0d	
" Nova Scotia, etc.	15 2d to 15 6d	
" planks	15 0d to 15 1d	
Masts, Calliper Measure,		
" Red	15 9d to 25 0d	
" White	15 9d to 25 3d	
	Per Sid.	£ s. d.
Deals, Quebec, white, 1st quality	20	0 10 24 0
" " 2nd quality	16	10 10 17 10
" " 3rd quality	10	10 10 10 10
Spruce deals, St. John, Miramichi, &c.	7	15 10 8 00
" Nova Scotia, etc.	7	10 10 7 15
boards, etc.	6	15 10 7 00
Oars, Ash	0	3 10 0 4

COOPERAGE STOCK.

Concerning the cooperage stock market Messrs. Sutherland, Innes & Co., of Chatham, Ont., say:

The stage jointing season is now in full swing, and mill men are beginning to catch up with their orders, coopers being in better shape for dry stock than they have been for months. The demand continues equal to the supply; in fact, of No. 2 staves, the supply is still very short. Prices continue to be fully maintained; for choice No. 1 staves most of the manufacturers are looking for high prices. The visible supply of logs is very much less than was estimated on April 1st.

Some of the hoop manufacturers got severely rattled during April and early May, thinking there were more than enough hoops to go around, taking it upon themselves to cut prices \$2, and even \$3, per 1,000 below March prices. These men are now rushing to the other extreme, quoting figures higher than the market warrants. From \$10 for 6 foot hoops, they dropped to \$7, now are back to \$9, while \$8 is about the market price. The splendid show for fruit has been the cause for these mercurial changes.

The hoop market is really in better condition than for the past six months, as, while prices are lower than for some time, the market is steady, and there is not that uncertain feeling predominating which is so disastrous to producers and consumers alike.

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tract purchases. The extremely high prices paid in some cases during the early part of the year are, of course, out of vogue, but no cutting is being done on the part of the mill men, for the simple reason that they can still get their own prices, provided they are not exorbitant. Stocks of heading bolts, more especially basswood, are very light, and unless there is unusually good trucking weather this summer and fall, there is going to be a shortage this season.

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