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With this number is commenced the regular publication of a weekly edition of the CANADA LUMBERMAN. This issue will be supplemental to the monthly edition of the LUMBERMAN that has been published regularly for the past fifteen years. At the same time it will be quite distinctive, covering a particular and important field. The fourth issue in each month will be bound up with and form part of the monthly number.

Special attention will be paid in the WEEKLY LUMBERMAN to market conditions and tendencies in the principal manufacturing districts and the leading domestic and foreign wholesale markets. Reliable and up-to-date information will likewise be given regarding carrying charges by rail and water to the leading markets. Arrangements are being made for placing the paper regularly in the hands of the leading buyers in these markets.

In brief, the aim will be to provide a weekly medium of information and communication between Canadian timber and lumber manufacturers and exporters and the purchasers of timber products at home and abroad. Manufacturers of such products will be given the opportunity

through the pages of this WEEKLY EDITION to acquaint buyers with the character of the material which they have to offer. On the other hand, buyers can make known the particular kind of material which they are open to purchase.

No advertisements will be inserted in the CANADA LUMBERMAN WEEKLY EDITION other than those for the sale or purchase of timber products, mill properties, and second-hand machinery by mill owners. A Classified Directory of all advertisers in the monthly edition will, however, regularly appear in the WEEKLY, without cost to advertisers.

Notwithstanding the low price at which the LUMBERMAN is now offered to subscribers, and the expense which the WEEKLY EDITION will entail, no additional subscription will be charged during 1895 at least. Under these circumstances we confidently hope to retain all our present subscribers, and add many new ones to their number.

BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES AND CHANGES.

A. E. Alexander's shingle mill, Camp Hill, N. B., has been destroyed by fire. Loss about \$2,000; no insurance. Mr. Alexander has started to rebuild.

William Hall, vessel owner, Toronto, and formerly in the lumber business at Waubesa, has assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson, with liabilities estimated at about \$25,000.

McLachlin Bros., Ayrshire, have purchased the Barnett & Mackay limits, on Vinnawa River, near the head waters of the Ottawa River, the price being in the vicinity of \$155,000. Three years ago Mackay purchased the limits for \$65,000.

A press despatch from New York tells of a big deal in Canadian lumber, consummated by heavy American capitalist, including a purchase of \$50,000 acres of Nova Scotia timber lands together with 16 lumber mills, all in operation, and well established markets in England. Financially the syndicate is said to be unusually strong.

Re St. Lawrence Lumber Co., of St. John, N. B. The English liquidators named at a former meeting of creditors not having been heard from application has been made to the courts and January 11th set as the date for the appointing of permanent liquidators. In the meantime Richard Turner, of Quebec, creditor, is acting with provisional liquidator Senator K. F. Burns.

48 square miles of timber lands, comprising ten applications, were sold a few days ago at the crown lands office, Fredericton, N. B. Berths, 115 and 116 on Beaver Brook and Little Bartibogue were bid in by Sumner & Co. at \$38.25 per square mile for one berth and \$78 per mile for the other. Frank I. Morrison purchased two berths at \$15.50 and \$14.50 per square mile respectively. A. Randolph bought 17 square miles on Salmon River at the upset price.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

A CALL at the offices of most lumber concerns finds everyone busily engaged in stock-taking, and this, rather than immediate business, is receiving first attention. Though few balances have yet been struck, no one is anticipating large things from the trade of 1894. The volume of business done will show a shrinkage, and as one large firm has observed, the question is simply the size of balance on the wrong side of the profit and loss account. At the same time it is not to be understood that the trade of '94 has been such as to paralyze future effort. If lumbermen come out of the depression with their wings singed slightly there will be abundance of vitality left to enable each to soar as high as need be during the new year now opened. It is encouraging of the lumber trade, despite the dullness of the year, that there have been few failures of any moment to record.

Some difference of opinion prevails as to the shape trade will assume during the new year. Mill men are not disposed to break prices, which are firm, and to some extent evidence a disposition to advance. They argue that there will be a revival in the building trades in the spring, and so far as United States business is concerned, more than the average number of enquiries are now reaching them. Trade there, whilst not booming, is improving, and with smaller stocks on hand than many had anticipated, it will not require a large demand to soon make necessary the replenishing of supplies by the majority of dealers. A large owner of timber limits has made the remark that a further indication of coming revival in the lumber trade is seen in the call for limits. Quite a few changes in ownership are taking place and United States capital in no small degree is seeking investment in Ontario limits, all of which are held at good prices. Against this view of present conditions it is but fair to state that there are those in the trade, whose opportunities of sizing up conditions, and whose connections keep them closely in touch with a wide range of dealers, who hold that prices just now are higher than real conditions warrant, and before midsummer there will be a drop in prices. We write here, of course, of white pine.

There is a good deal of activity in the woods, fully as large a staff of men being at work as a year ago, and the cut of 1894-95 will average equal to 1893-94, and probably go somewhat in excess of that. It is the case that several large firms will cut practically nothing this year, but again other concerns in the same

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WANTED

10 (10) CARS of 8x4, 1st and 2nd Hard Maple, 2 1/2 and 1 1/2 long, 6 in. and up wide. Above stock to be at least 4 months on sticks. Parties having any of the on sticks should address at once, BUFFALO HARDWOOD LUMBER CO., 910 Elk St., Buffalo, N. Y.

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locality are getting out a considerably larger cut. The amount of logs held over are smaller than a year ago, so that with an increased cut the probability is that the general output from the woods in the spring will average about the same as a year ago. In some sections the need of snow is felt and it is among the possibilities that trouble will be experienced in the spring in getting logs out.

There is difficulty in arriving at an opinion as to what extent lumber will be cut in Ontario rather than exported in the log to Michigan, but the fact that such concerns as Cutland & Savage, Wm. Peter and the St. Anthony Lumber Co., are operating large mills in Ontario would indicate that many logs that, under the old tariff would have been exported, will now be cut in the province.

The trade in deals with the United Kingdom shows improvement and it is expected that there will be an increase in this branch of trade on the Ottawa the coming season.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The improved conditions of the spruce market render the outlook in Quebec and New Brunswick more hopeful than it has been for some time. In the Maritime provinces there seems to be little doubt but that the change in the tariff will work for the improvement of the lumber trade. Lumbermen are anticipating this and making some preparation for an increase of business. The average of operations in the woods will probably be on a par with those of a year ago, though there are several important sections where the information comes to us that the cut will be much less, in some instances a reduction of at least one-half. The continued decrease of lumber shipments at the port of Quebec is a feature of the trade in that province that brings discouragement, and lumbermen are not hopeful of any remarkable improvement the coming season.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A development in the lumber trade of British Columbia is the continued shipments of lumber to San Francisco and adjacent markets. Experiments that were made in this direction shortly after the free lumber bill became law have apparently met with sufficient success to encourage the trade to further cultivate this trade, and elsewhere we note that several important shipments have gone forward to San Francisco. Local trade is fairly good and some of the mills are sending forward good sized stocks to the interior. Shingles, which form so large a part of the trade of the Coast province, do not show any substantial evidence of improvement. The lumbermen of British Columbia continue to hope for an early completion of the Nicaragua canal as a means of helping their export trade.

UNITED STATES.

Lumbermen enter into the new year feeling sanguine of a fair trade, and one that will level up, it is hoped, the dullness of the year just closed. Since the elections a revival in business generally has been manifest. At centres of trade plans are being laid for considerable building. Factories that have been closed, or running on short time, are commencing to resume active operations, and this is especially the case with those lines of manufacture in which lumber plays an important part. Whilst at Buffalo, Tonawanda and Albany large stocks of lumber are held, throughout the country retail yards are almost bare, and with a revival in trade it will not be long before wholesale stocks will become broken into. This is the view taken by mill men and they anticipate a good demand for the new product of the spring and summer. What is also worth noting is the improved demand that exists for the better grades of lumber, which shows that manufacturers are planning larger and better work. A feature of the lumber trade in the United States is the shipment of large quantities of pine from Duluth, direct into eastern markets. The LUMBERMAN a few days since was talking with a lumberman from Duluth, who said it was now a common practice for the trade in New York to place good orders with the mills in Duluth, and have

the lumber sent direct, without, as in the past, passing through several hands before reaching its destination.

FOREIGN.

A better feeling prevails in lumber circles in the United Kingdom than for some time past. There has been a great deal of hoping against hope during the past year, but the opinion expressed by Denny, Mott & Dickson in their wood market report is that the effort to employ capital is perceptibly developing speculation and this must tend to react favorably on industrial enterprise, and therefore on the demand for timber, unless checked by serious political or financial disturbances, in respect to which the outlook just now is reassuring. The same authority says: "First-class waney pine must continue to hold its own in price and there is very little in the market owing to the prohibited price demanded for it by shippers having caused merchants to import very little to hold for winter stock." It is believed that trade is improving in Australia, though slowly, and there will be a better demand there for lumber. South American trade is holding a fair average.

HARDWOODS.

A quiet, though steady trade, is being done in hardwoods. The larger demand is for basswood, elm and ash, and prices remain firm. A western manufacturer tells elsewhere in these columns that there has been an advance of \$1.00 per thousand since the removal of a \$2.00 duty, which is tantamount to dividing the duty between buyer and seller. This, however, it is claimed, holds good only in the case of hardwoods exported to the States. Wholesalers who are doing a local business say that prices are no better now than they were before the change in tariff, unless it is that they are more firm and there is less disposition to cut prices. Maple is not in so large demand as some other woods. No special activity is being shown in the cut for another season, and it will be regulated largely by conditions that may arise between now and spring. An improvement in United States hardwood markets is indicated by the increased size of receipts at Philadelphia and other eastern consuming centres. Quartered sawed white oak is reported in good demand at all points.

SHINGLES.

Anything hopeful that can be written of shingles is encouraging, and the fact noted in two separate reports, that a slight advance has taken place in shingles in New Brunswick, and that prices are firmer in the Saginaw Valley, will be some solace to the extreme dullness that has prevailed in the shingle market for a long time past. Aside from this there is little else of moment to be noted regarding the shingle trade.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

CANADA.

The lumber cut along the Tobique, N. B., will be larger this season than ever before.

J. A. Christie, of the Brandon Lumber Co., Brandon, Man., says prices of lumber will be greatly reduced at his mill next year.

It is not thought that the total manufacture of square timber in the Ottawa district this winter will run beyond 1,500,000 cubic feet.

Alexander Gibson has 27,000,000 feet ready to haul on the Nashwaak, N. B. On the Bartholomew river he has 9,000,000 feet for his new Blackville mill.

M. L. Tucker, lumberman, Parrsboro', N. B., says that the cut along the Parrsboro shore this winter will be about the same as last year, namely 40,000,000. Very few deals have been held over this season.

The lumber cut in Cumberland county, N. S. this winter will be about the same as in 1893 and considerably in excess of 1894. In 1893 the shipments from Parrsboro amounted to 40,000,000. Last year they dropped to 35,000,000.

Robert Connors, the big St. Francis

operator, is authority for the statement that the cut of lumber up the St. John river, N. B., will be lighter this winter than last. Last season some 23,000,000 of logs, which had been held over from the previous year, came out, which will effect further operations.

The barquentine, C. C. Funke, will load 800,000 feet of lumber at the Brunette saw mills, New Westminster, B. C., for California. The Cosmopolis cleared customs at Vancouver a week ago for San Francisco and San Luis Obispo. She carries 340,000 feet of rough and dressed lumber, and 50,000 laths, loaded at the Royal City Mills. It is expected she will return and load another cargo at the same mills.

It is computed that about 1,250,000 feet of square timber will be made in the Ottawa district this winter. Klock Bros. will make about 250,000 feet, Wm. Mackay, 150,000 feet, Booth & Shannon, 125,000 feet, Barnett & Mackay, 80,000 feet, and A. Barnett, 150,000 feet. The David Moore Lumber Co., Cox & Co., and other operators, will supplement this cut.

UNITED STATES.

Quartered sycamore, ash, cherry and maple are reported in steady demand at Boston.

The total receipts of lumber in Chicago in 1894 fell behind those of 1893 about 27,000,000 feet.

20,000,000,000 of logs have been cut in the Saginaw district and converted into lumber since 1851.

Eastern spruce is showing quite a gain in the New York market and stands firm at \$15.50 to \$16.00 for 10 to 12 inch stock.

The receipts of lumber from all sources at Tonawanda, N. Y., during 1894 were 422,623,000 feet, which is only 38,000,000 feet less than was received during 1893.

A car load of yellow pine has been received at Muskegon, Mich., by Mann, Moon & Co. This is the first shipment of this wood to that point and is looked upon as a case of meeting the white pine lion in his den.

William Peter, of Bay City, Mich., will put in 45,000,000 feet of logs this winter, 10,000,000 feet to stock his Newaygo mill and 35,000,000 feet in Canada, a portion of which will go to Michigan, and the rest will be cut at his new mill on the Georgian Bay.

1894 as compared with 1892 shows a depreciation of at least an average of \$3.00 a thousand in prices for lumber commodities at Saginaw, Mich., and 40% in the volume of trade. Lumber that sold readily in 1892 at \$20 to \$25 was a drug in 1894 at \$17 to \$20.

Boston reports from the lumber regions say that the cut on the Penobscot this winter will not exceed 60,000,000 feet of logs, which is hardly one-half the figure of last season, and the cut on the West Branch is also to be about 25,000,000, or one-half the usual amount.

Log run is offered in the Saginaw market at \$12.75 to \$18. Recent sales, however, ranged from \$14 to \$15.50. There has been an increased enquiry for shingles and sales are reported at \$1.75 for clear butts and \$2.75 for No. 1. Operators say the stock of shingle logs for next season will be very light.

THE SITUATION.

REFLECTED THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE OF "WEEKLY LUMBERMAN."

T. H. DECEW, Essex, Ont.: "Hardwood business is very quiet in the west, but will doubtless improve now that the year has opened. Prices are fair for what we do sell and about \$1.00 per 1000 in advance of last year in most kinds, which is about dividing equally with the American consumer the \$2.00 duty. Slack barrel staves are dull, although I have closed a contract for 6,000,000 for the new year at 25c. advance per thousand of last year's prices, therefore shall expect to do as much business in 1895 as in 1894. I have about 1,500,000 feet of hardwood lumber in stock, composed chiefly of black and

white ash, sycamore, soft maple, etc., red oak and cottonwood."

Guy E. Robinson, General Manager, New York and Canada Lumber Co., Ltd., New York: "From the fact of the early sale of most of Canadian stocks last season, they received better prices than could have been obtained later in the season, and from that fact we think that Canadian lumber has been higher than that of the western stock of this country, and therefore am inclined to think that the western people have been shipping more stock to this market in proportion than usual."

The Longford Lumber Co., Longford Mills, Ont.: "Yards full of lumber and about 3,000,000 feet of logs in Lake St. John. Had a good season's cut, neither of our mills losing a half day from breakages. Operations in the woods this winter are small on account of dull market, but in 1895 the company will have a full stock to sell with what they take out this winter, the logs at the mill and lumber unsold."

William Foster, Owen Sound, Ont.: "Business for the three closing months of 1894 was good, especially shipments to the United States markets. Several large stocks have changed hands lately, making stocks for sale light. Several good contracts have been taken for next season. All the mills intend to get out heavy stocks this winter. We feel the need of an improved system of inspection, and frauds on this account are not unfrequent."

A prominent lumberman, over the signature "White Basswood," writes of Eastern Ontario conditions as follows: "East and southeast from Ottawa comparatively little pine is to be found. Lumbermen are found operating country mills, cutting basswood, ash, maple, birch and other hardwoods, but the principal out-turn is in basswood and ash lumber. Many of the mills are found with stocks of 300,000 to 500,000 feet of ash and basswood lumber yearly, and though the stocks to draw from are now showing signs of depletion some millions of each of these kinds of lumber may be expected for some years to come from this section of Ontario. Basswood is principally sold in the Montreal market, while ash goes largely to the United States. The depression of the last two years has had the effect of leaving stocks of ash lumber on the hands of the mill men. About 1,000,000 feet of dry brown ash lumber is now in pile for sale in the vicinity of Alexandria. Some is moving off in small lots, and from inquiries made the indications point to clear yards shortly. Notwithstanding the depression in the United States, stocks have not been sacrificed by holders, and unless a buyer could see profit in buying good log run ash at \$14 per 1000 feet on cars at Alexandria, he would not buy a great deal. Good mill run basswood is staple at \$13.50 to \$14 per 1000 on cars, but there is practically none in first hands. Soft elm is sawn to a considerable extent. It is customary for buyers to contract for mill stocks during the winter, as soon as dry enough for shipping the mill yards are quickly cleared of their stocks on hand. James Rayside and A. McArthur & Son, of Lancaster; Macpherson & Schell, of Alexandria; McEwen & Monro, of Moose Creek, and A. McLennan, of Casselman, are the largest operators, and any of these firms handle from one to three million yearly."

Samuel Patterson, Quaco West, N. B.: "There are no stocks of lumber on hand in this section except what is held by Salmon River and Bostwick's Mills. Lumbering operations, however, are on a larger scale this year. There are five portable mills within the radius of a few miles of each other, besides various stationary mills."

H. G. Ross, Victoria, B. C.: "The conditions of lumbering and the trade in British Columbia is so different from what it is in the eastern portions of this continent that it is impossible to give the increase and decrease of stocks, for the reason that none, comparatively speaking, are kept on hand, the business being a hand-to-mouth one; that is, the sawing is done and orders come in, and any stocks on hand

are in the log, with the exception of a few small lots of the best grades for finishing work. The only exception, perhaps, to this rule, is in the case of one or two mills that took out the best of their cedar shingle bolts and cut small stocks of upper grade lumber from them. Our lumber is finding its way into United States markets on this coast and our hope is that the shipments will increase. The B. C. M. T. and T. Co. will shortly load a vessel for a foreign port at their New Westminster mills.

Emile Dube, Riviere du Loup Station, Que.: "Shingles are getting scarce and are sold at fully 25c. advance with success."

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

LUMBER freight rates for pine on the Grand Trunk Railway have been made a fixture, until, at least, April 30th, 1895. Of any intended change after that date due notice will be given the lumbermen at a conference to be held in February.

General instructions in shipping by Grand Trunk are embodied in these words in the tariff schedule: On lumber in carloads, minimum weight, 30,000 lbs. per car, unless the marked capacity of the car be less, in which case the marked capacity (but not less than 24,000 lbs.) will be charged, and must not be exceeded. Should it be impracticable to load certain descriptions of light lumber up to 30,000 lbs. to the car, then the actual weight only will be charged for, but not less than 24,000 lbs. The rates on lumber in the tariff will not be higher from an intermediate point on the straight run than from the first named point beyond, to the same destination. For instance, the rates from Tara or Hepworth to Guelph, Brampton, Weston or Toronto, would not be higher than the specific rates named from Warrington to the same points. The rates from Cargill and Southampton to points east of Listowel and south and

west of Stratford will be the same as from Kincardine, but in no case are higher rates to be charged than as per mileage table published on page 9 of tariff.

Rates from leading lumber points on pine and other softwood lumber, shingles, etc., are as follows: From Glencairn, Creonore, Aurora, Barrie and other points in group B to Toronto, 6 1/2c.; Collingwood, Hometang, Coldwater, Waubaushe, Sturgeon Bay, Victoria Harbor, Midland, Fenelon Falls, Longford, Gravenhurst and other points in group C, to Toronto, 6 1/2c.; Bracebridge to Toronto, 7c.; Utterson, Huntsville, Navor, Emsdale, Katrine to Toronto, 7 1/2c.; Burk's Falls, Herriedale and Sundridge, to Toronto, 8c.; South River, Powassen and Callender to Toronto, 9c.; Nipissing Junction and North Bay, 10c. Rate from Goderich, Kincardine and Warrington to Toronto, 6 1/2c. These rates are per 100 lbs. Rates from Toronto east to Belleville are 7 1/2c. per 100 lbs.; to Deseronto, 9c.; to Brockville and Prescott, 10c.; to Montreal and Ottawa, 11c. The rates on hardwoods average about from 1c. to 2c. per 100 lbs. higher than on softwoods. For rates on railway ties, mahogany, rosewood, walnut, cherry, and other valuable woods, application must be made to the district freight agent.

On the Canadian Pacific the rates on pine and softwoods may be illustrated as follows: Cache Bay, North Bay, Sturgeon Falls and Warren, to Toronto, 10c.; Algouna, Cook's Mills, Massey, Spanish River and Whitefish to Toronto, 13c.; Ottawa to Toronto, 10c. From Ottawa, Hull, Aylmer and Duchesne Mills to station on the Lake Erie and Detroit River, Erie and Huron, Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo, and Michigan Central Railways, the rate is 14 1/2c. per 100 lbs. Regulations apply as to minimum size of carload of 30,000 lbs., and an advanced rate is charged for hardwoods.

Lumber freight rates on the Canadian Atlantic Railway are as follows: Ottawa to Toronto, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft., (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Ottawa to Montreal, \$1.25 per M ft., (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Amprior to Montreal, \$1.75 per M ft., (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Ottawa to Quebec, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Amprior

to Quebec, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, track delivered 15 cents; lightered 17 cents; Amprior to New York, track delivery 17 cents; lightered 19 cents; Ottawa to Boston, Portland and common points, local 15 cents, exports 13c. per 100 lbs.; Amprior to Boston, Portland and common points, local 17 cents, export 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Burlington, 5 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to St. John, N. B. and common points, 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Halifax, N. S. and common points, 22 1/2 cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight for shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 30,000 lbs., and rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs., except when quoted per M ft. the minimum carload charged is 10 M ft.

MODIFICATION OF HARDWOOD RATES.

THE Grand Trunk Railway and Canadian Pacific have receded in part from their arrangement of a few weeks since when they combined and made the rates on hardwood from certain points to Toronto and Hamilton 8 1/2c. per 100 lbs. John Earls, W.D.F.A., of the Grand Trunk, has written the hardwood men as follows: "After careful consideration we have come to the conclusion that, on and after Jan. 1st, 1895, a modification will be made in the present arrangements for hardwood lumber, to the effect that the rate will be 7 1/2c. per 100 lbs. from our Northern and Northwestern branches to Toronto and Hamilton. This rate, however, will not apply from main line points and the straight run between Toronto, Sarnia and Windsor, also that so far as rates on common lumber to points like Guelph, Galt, London, Woodstock, Ingersoll, etc., from all lumber shipping stations the rate will be the same on hardwood as on pine." On the old principle, we suppose, that half the loaf is better than none, hardwood men have something, possibly, to be thankful for, though there is no good reason why the rates generally on hardwood should not be as low as on pine. It is understood that the C. P. R. rate will be made uniform at 7 1/2c. from same points.

SHIPPING MATTERS.

The sch. Athlete, is loading lumber for New York at St. John, N. B.

The rate of lumber from St. John to New York is \$3.00. Shipments are light.

Freight rates at Boston are steady at \$4.75 from Atlantic ports and \$5.75 to \$6.00 from the Gulf.

The Glendale, capacity 400,000 feet, will load lumber at the Royal City Mills, New Westminster, B. C., for San Francisco.

The season's receipts of lumber by the lake at Buffalo were 232,959,000 feet against 287,562,000 feet last year, 293,967,000 feet in 1892. This deduction, however, in this particular is well leveled up by the increased receipts by rail. Shingles increased from 48,829,000 in 1892, and 47,644,000 in 1893 to 101,281,000 in 1894. This remarkable increase is attributed to the growth of the red wood trade. Lath shows a decline as follows: 1894, 6,137,000; 1893, 16,697,000; 1892, 11,753,000.

Reports of shipping for 1894 show 494 vessels, aggregating 110,664 tons remaining on the registry books at St. John, N. B., at the close of 1894, as against 522 vessels of 131,990 tons for 1893. There are only three vessels now building in New Brunswick, namely a 100 ton steamer at Chatham for J. B. Snowball, a 400 ton barque by Messrs. Wallace, at Gardner's Creek, St. John County, and a 124 ton schooner at Cumberland Bay, Queen's County. Ten vessels totaling 1,090 tons were registered at St. John last year. The falling off for the province during the year is over 20,000 tons as compared with the preceding year and is in keeping with the steady decline in wood shipping during the past decade.

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PRICES CURRENT.

TORONTO, ONT.

Toronto, Jan. 9, 1895.

Table listing prices for CAR OR CARGO LOTS, including items like 1 1/4 in. cut up and better, 1x10 and 12 mill run, etc.

HARDWOODS—PER M. FEET CAR LOTS.

Table listing prices for various hardwoods like Ash, white, black, Birch, Basswood, Butternut, Chestnut, Cherry, Elm, soft, rock, Hickory, Maple, Oak, red, white, Walnut, and Whitewood.

QUEBEC, QUE.

Quebec, January 9, 1895.

WHITE PINE—IN THE RAFT

Table listing prices for White Pine in the Raft, categorized by quality and measurement.

RED PINE—IN THE RAFT

Table listing prices for Red Pine in the Raft, categorized by quality and measurement.

OAK—MICHIGAN AND OHIO

Table listing prices for Oak from Michigan and Ohio, categorized by quality and measurement.

ASH

Table listing prices for Ash, categorized by measurement.

BIRCH

Table listing prices for Birch, categorized by measurement.

TAMARAC

Table listing prices for Tamarac, categorized by measurement.

STAVES

Table listing prices for Staves, categorized by quality and measurement.

DEALS

Table listing prices for Deals, categorized by quality and measurement.

SAGINAW, MICH.

Saginaw, Mich., Jan. 9, 1895.

UPPERS AND SELECTS

Table listing prices for Uppers and Selects, categorized by measurement.

PINK COMMON

Table listing prices for Pink Common, categorized by measurement.

PINK COMMON OR NO. 1 CUTTING

Table listing prices for Pink Common or No. 1 Cutting, categorized by measurement.

STRIPS, A AND B (CLEAR AND SELECTS)

Table listing prices for Strips, A and B, categorized by measurement.

FINE COMMON OR C

Table listing prices for Fine Common or C, categorized by measurement.

SELECTED NO. 1 SHELVING OR FENCING STRIPS

Table listing prices for Selected No. 1 Shelving or Fencing Strips, categorized by measurement.

NO. 1 FENCING OR NO. 3 FLOORING

Table listing prices for No. 1 Fencing or No. 3 Flooring, categorized by measurement.

NO. 2 FENCING OR NO. 4 FLOORING

Table listing prices for No. 2 Fencing or No. 4 Flooring, categorized by measurement.

SHELVING

Table listing prices for Shelving, categorized by measurement.

BARN BOARDS OR STOCKS

Table listing prices for Barn Boards or Stocks, categorized by measurement.

SHIPPING CULLS OR BOX

Table listing prices for Shipping Culls or Box, categorized by measurement.

SHAKY CLEAR

Table listing prices for Shaky Clear, categorized by measurement.

COFFIN BOARDS

Table listing prices for Coffin Boards, categorized by measurement.

BEVELLED SIDING—DRESSED

Table listing prices for Bevelled Siding—Dressed, categorized by measurement.

TIMBER, JOIST AND SCANTLING

Table listing prices for Timber, Joist and Scantling, categorized by measurement.

SHINGLES, 18-IN.

Table listing prices for Shingles, 18-in., categorized by measurement.

WHITE PINE LATH

Table listing prices for White Pine Lath, categorized by measurement.

BUFFALO AND TONAWANDA, N.Y.

Tonawanda, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1895.

WHITE PINE

Table listing prices for White Pine in Buffalo and Tonawanda, categorized by measurement.

NEW YORK CITY.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1895.

WHITE PINE LUMBER

Prices for white pine lumber are governed entirely by source of supply, rendering it useless to give prices for local market.

WHITE PINE TIMBER

Table listing prices for White Pine Timber, categorized by measurement.

SPRUCE

Table listing prices for Spruce, categorized by measurement.

ALBANY, N.Y.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1895.

PINE

Table listing prices for Pine in Albany, categorized by measurement.

LATH

Table listing prices for Lath in Albany, categorized by measurement.

SHINGLES

Table listing prices for Shingles in Albany, categorized by measurement.

OSWEGO, N.Y.

Oswego, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1895.

WHITE PINE

Table listing prices for White Pine in Oswego, categorized by measurement.

SIDING

Table listing prices for Siding in Oswego, categorized by measurement.

1X12 INCH

Table listing prices for 1x12 inch lumber in Oswego, categorized by measurement.

1X10 INCH

Table listing prices for 1x10 inch lumber in Oswego, categorized by measurement.

1X10 INCHES

Table listing prices for 1x10 inch lumber in Oswego, categorized by measurement.

1X4 INCHES

Table listing prices for 1x4 inch lumber in Oswego, categorized by measurement.

1X5 INCHES

Table listing prices for 1x5 inch lumber in Oswego, categorized by measurement.

SHINGLES

Table listing prices for Shingles in Oswego, categorized by measurement.

LATH

Table listing prices for Lath in Oswego, categorized by measurement.

BOSTON, MASS.

Boston, Jan. 9, 1895.

EASTERN PINE—CARGO OR CAR LOAD

Table listing prices for Eastern Pine—Cargo or Car Load, categorized by measurement.

WESTERN PINE—BY CAR LOAD

Table listing prices for Western Pine—By Car Load, categorized by measurement.

SHINGLES

Table listing prices for Shingles in Boston, categorized by measurement.

HEMLOCK

Table listing prices for Hemlock in Boston, categorized by measurement.

LATH

Table listing prices for Lath in Boston, categorized by measurement.