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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

Within the past few days a transaction has taken place in the Ottawa valley which is regarded as of great importance to the lumber trade. It was the purchase by Robert Cox & Company of next season's cut of deals of the McLaren Estate, of Buckingham, Que. That a sale should have been made at this early date augurs well for the prospects for next year. While the exact figure has not been made known, it is understood to be a slight advance over the prices realized for this season's production. Now that a start has been made, it is expected that exporters to the British market will shortly evince considerable eagerness to close contracts for next season's goods, and it would seem that at least fair prices are now assured. It is probable that the production of deals in the Ottawa valley next year will show a decrease as compared with this season, and that a greater quantity of lumber suitable for the United States market will be manufactured. There is a possibility also that no large quantity of deals for the Georgian Bay district, and altogether we look forward to higher prices for British deals next season.

Manufacturers and dealers report a continuance of inquiries for both pine and hardwood lumber. The movement of stock, however, has been restricted by a scarcity of cars, and it is probable that this matter will be considered at an early meeting of the Ontario Lumbermen's Association.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Fine weather in Manitoba and the Territories has greatly facilitated work on

the numerous buildings in course of erection, to which is partially due the great activity in the lumber trade. Dealers in sashes and doors at Winnipeg are scarcely able to keep up with orders, and for special sizes particularly are finding difficulty in meeting the requirements of the trade. From what can be learned dealers seem to be adhering pretty closely to the regular price list. In British Columbia both export and local trade is prosperous. About one month ago no less than five vessels were in port at Vancouver loading lumber for foreign destinations. The project to consolidate all the mills in the Kootenay and Boundary districts is still under way.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Spruce manufacturers in the eastern provinces are now in a position to give their attention to logging operations, the lumber shipments for the season having practically terminated on account of the scarcity of stock. The market is unusually strong, and in view of the high prices ruling it is understood that one or two cargoes of deals, now in the hands of brokers, will be shipped from St. John in January, the freight rate being 55s. The shipments from St. John for the last two weeks in October consisted of 1,297,000 feet of deals to England, 718,000 feet of boards and scantlings to Buenos Ayres, 1,550,000 feet of long lumber, 1,495,000 laths and 1,900,000 cedar shingles to the United States. Lumber tonnage from Nova Scotia ports to the River Platte is enquired for, but suitable vessels are rather difficult to obtain. Freight rates are about \$10.50 to Buenos Ayres.

UNITED STATES.

Have lumber prices settled down to a winter basis? This is the question which is being asked by the lumber trade of the United States. During the past week, for the first time in several months, no advances have been made, which gives strength to the argument that the top notch has now been reached. The general opinion seems to be that there will be no all-round advance on any class of lumber, and that any changes made will be on certain grades and sizes to even up the price list. In the eastern markets the demand for pine and spruce becomes more urgent as the time approaches for the close of navigation, but through energetic efforts dealers have secured a fair stock for the winter requirements. At Buffalo there is a great scarcity of 1 1/4 inch box and mill culls, and reports are made of short stocks in shelving and dressing. At Boston both pine and spruce are going into consumption freely. Stocks are badly broken and prices at least \$5 per

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thousand higher than they were one month ago.

The demand for hardwoods is keeping up well, and many of the large wholesale consumers have been giving some attention to supplies for next season.

Only a moderate trade is doing in shingles. At Buffalo white pine are quoted at \$4 and Michigan white cedar at \$3.70, while red cedars sell at \$3.75.

FOREIGN.

Reports from foreign countries are such as give strength to the timber market. The South American demand is unusually brisk, and the Australian market is just commencing to show signs of a long expected boom.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

The Bonny River Lumber Co., of Bonny River, N.B., will get out about 1,500,000 feet of logs this winter.

R. H. Tinsdale, of Mount Albert, Ont., wants tenders by 9th inst. for the supply of 110 cedar posts 3 1/2 feet long.

Rhodes, Curry & Co. are loading the bark Alert with lumber at Dorchester, N. B., for Buenos Ayres, South America.

It is reported that the Rathbun Co. are negotiating for the purchase of the Bronson timber limits in the Bancroft district.

H. R. Dunn, of Beachburg, Ont., invites offers up to November 15th for the supply of 500 cedar posts 16 feet long, to be delivered before March 1st, 1900.

The steamer Benedict sailed from St. John, N.B., last week for Liverpool, with 1,823,332 feet of spruce lumber and 20,513 feet of birch lumber, shipped by Alexander Gibson.

Dr. J. W. Hart, John Whitesides and Geo. Paget, of Huntsville, Ont., have organized a company to deal in timber. They hope to purchase large quantities of square timber this winter.

R. A. Estey, of Fredericton, N.B., reports great activity in the lumber woods of New Brunswick. The cut on the Tobique is expected to reach 26,000,000 feet, as compared with 20,000,000 feet last year.

Tenders are invited up to noon of the 11th inst. for the supply of timber and lumber for the Quebec canals. Particulars may be obtained from Ernest Marcéau, superintending engineer, 1700 Notre Dame street, Montreal.

Chas. J. Willis, of Sackville, N.B., Canadian agent for H. & G. Curver & Company, timber importers of Liverpool, Eng., has made shipments of lumber from New Brunswick this season aggregating about 45,000,000 feet.

The Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa desires tenders by Friday, 10th inst., for 20,000 cedar railway ties, 100 cords of shingle bolts, and a quantity of fence posts, to be taken out during the ensuing winter by the Indians of West Bay Reserve.

The milling property and timber limits situated at Hill Grove, N.S., consisting of 1,400 acres of timber land, saw mill and buildings, and formerly owned by Jacob Binkay, of Yarmouth, has been purchased by Roger Warne for the sum of \$7,000 cash. The business will be carried on as usual under the superintendence of A. A. Perry, of Barton.

A report from Lorimer Lake, Ont., says that lumbering in that vicinity is unusually brisk. Y. Buchanan, George Vowels and George Kating have contracts for getting out logs for Galna & Danter, Daniel Beagan is taking out board timber, and Wm. Form, W. Kirkham and John Green are jobbing for Wm. Peter, of Parry Sound.

Following is a comparative statement of timber, &c., measured and culled at Quebec to November 7th, 1899:

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1897, 1898, 1899. Rows include Waney white pine, White pine, Red pine, Oak, Elm, Ash, Basswood, Butternut, Tamarac, Birch and Maple.

A letter in the Bangor News says: "Never in the past several years was lumber so scarce or in so great demand as at the present time. Nearly every wharf along the river here is stripped, and James Murchie & Sons, H. F. Eaton & Sons and H. F. Todd & Sons have already made the sale of more lumber than can be sawed before the water freezes. More logs will be cut this winter than has been cut in any one winter for ten years past. Everyone who has timber lands will be able to sell stumpage at a good figure."

Following are the shipments of lumber, etc., from St. John, N.B. for the week ending November 4th: Per sch. Fanny, for Boston, by Sumner & Co., 1,200,000 cedar shingles; per sch. Alice Maud, for New York, by Miller & Woodman, 700,000 laths; per bark Artisan, for Buenos Ayres, by A. Cushing & Co., 75,442 spruce boards, 179,492 planks, 755,407 scantling; per sch. Domain, for Salem f.o., by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 114,410 plank, 5,895 scantling; per sch. Ada G. Shortland, for Fall River, by Miller & Woodman, 25,500,000 cedar shingles; per sch. Ina, for Milton, by A. Cushing & Co., 20,000 boards, 61,932 plank, 45,501 deals, 18,891 scantling; per sch. Nellie Watters, for Boston, by A. Cushing & Co., 98,041 plank, 20,436 deals; per sch. Stella Maud, for New York, by Randolph & Baker, 725,000 laths; per sch. C. R. Flint, for City Island f.o., by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 321,670 deals; per sch. Ayr, for City Island f.o., by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 835,600 laths; per s.s. Benedict, for Liverpool, by A. Gibson Railway & Manufacturing Co., 1,566,401 feet deals and battens, 25,989 feet scantling, 12,476 feet ends, 109,537 feet boards, 17,069 feet birch planks, 972 feet birch scantling, 1,590 feet birch ends, 682 feet birch boards; per sch. Maggie Miller, for Beverly, by A. Cushing & Co., 23,250 feet boards, 18,934 feet plank, 34,500 laths; per sch. Wm. L. Elkin, for New York, by Hilyard Bros., 89,708 feet deals, 15,667 feet plank; per sch. Abbie G. Coe, for City Island f.o., by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 1,670,700 laths; per sch. D. Gifford, for New York, by L. M. Jewett, 2,9372 feet deals, per sch. Allen A. McIntyre, for Barbados, by Jarvis Wilson, 10,147 feet pine plank, 92,516 feet boards, 23,011 feet plank; Merritt Bros. & Co., 105,400 feet pine boards, 345,000 cedar shingles, 30,000 spruce shingles; per sch. Susie Prescott, for New York, by Stetson, Cutler & Co., 688,200 laths.

PROPOSED SALE OF TIMBER LIMITS.

The Ontario Crown Lands Department has decided to offer for sale certain timber areas in the Algoma, Nipissing and Rainy River districts, their disposal being rendered necessary by forest fires which occurred during the past summer and the influx of settlers in some of the townships. Part of the timber is so damaged as to require that it should be cut this winter.

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Sen & Co., in their circular of October 28th, review the Barbados lumber market as follows:

There have been four arrivals of lumber, as follows: Edward D., from Liverpool, N.S., 148 M feet merchantable, 33 M feet 2nd quality white pine boards; sold at \$23 merchantable, \$17 2nd quality—bond, delivered at Demerara. Moss Rose, from Port Hebert, N.S., 93 M feet shipping, 81 M feet 2nd quality white pine boards; sold at \$22 shipping, \$17 2nd quality. Priscilla, from Liverpool, N.S., 80 M feet shipping, 60 M feet refuse white pine boards, sold delivered at Demerara. Moss Glen, from Liverpool, N.S., with 57 M feet shipping, 45 M feet 2nd quality, 48 M feet refuse white pine boards, on offer. The dealers are all fairly supplied, and demand is abnormally light. There has been no arrival of spruce since Dixon Rice's cargo, noted in our last. Nothing has been done with the cargo per Maiden City advised as offered. In shingles there have been no further receipts of Gaspe cedar. A lot of 880 M cedar laying, per Taymouth Castle, sold at \$2 45 Shooks—We have had the St. Thomas, from Portland, with 12,300 New R. O., contracted for, and 1,900 bundles from New York, which were sold at \$1.20 to arrive.

LONDON PRICES FOR WOOD GOODS.

At an auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., on October 26th, Canadian pine and spruce sold at the following prices:

PINE.—Ex Memnon, from Montreal—13 ft., 3 x 12-21, first quality, £17; 13 ft., 3 x 11, £16 and £16 15s; 12-13 ft., 3 x 9, £14 15s; 12-16 ft., 3 x 10, second quality, £10 15s; 12-16 ft., 3 x 9, £12; 9-11 ft., 3 x 4-10, £10. Ex Kinsale, from Quebec—12-15 ft., 3 x 9, first quality, £17 5s; 9-11 ft., 3 x 5 11, £14; 9-12 ft., 2 x 5-11, £13 10s; 12-14 ft., 3 x 9-11, second quality, £14 5s; 9-14 ft., 3 x 5-11, £11 5s; 9-11 ft., 3 x 5-9, £9 10s; 10-12 ft., 2 x 5-11, £10 5s; 6-11 ft., 3 x 7-8, third quality, £7 10s; 7-11 ft., 3, fourth quality, £6 15s. Ex Cromwell, from Quebec 9-15 ft., 3 x 7-11 in., second quality, £8 15s; 10-13 ft., 3 x 6-11 in., third and fourth quality, £7 5s. Ex Amyl, from Quebec—9-12 ft., 3 x 7-17 in., first quality, £22 15s; 6-8 ft., 3 x 7-13, £15 5s; 9-12 ft., 3 x 11-20, fourth quality, £8; 12-14 ft., 3 x 7-10, £7 5s; 9-11 ft., 3 x 7-11, £7. Ex Yola, from Quebec—15-16 ft., 3 x 12-22, first quality, £23 10s; 12-14 ft., 3 x 12-22, £22 15s; 10-11 ft., 3 x 12-21, £22 10s; 12-16 ft., 3 x 11, £24 5s; 9-11 ft., 3 x 11, £21 10s; 15-16 ft., 3 x 10, £19 10s; 12-14 ft., 3 x 10, £19 10s; 15-16 ft., 3 x 9, £18 15s; 12-16 ft., 3 x 8, £16 10s; 12-16 ft., 3 x 7, £16 5s; 12-16 ft., 3 x 6, £14 15s; 12-16 ft., 3 x 5, £14; 12-16 ft., 3 x 4, £14 10s; 9-11 ft., 3 x 9, £16 10s; 9-11 ft., 3 x 8, £14 15s; 9-11 ft., 3 x 4-5, £14; 6-8 ft., 3 x 11-9, £15 10s; 6-8 ft., 3 x 7-10, £15; 6-8 ft., 3 x 3-6, £13 15s; 16 ft., 3 x 11, third quality, £9 10s; 12-15 ft., 3 x 11, £9 15s; 10-11 ft., 3 x 11, £9 15s; 9-15 ft., 3 x 12-19, £8 10s; 12-16 ft., 3 x 10, £8 15s; 15-16 ft., 3 x 9, £8 10s; 12-16 ft., 3 x 8, £7 15s; 12-16 ft., 3 x 7, £7 15s; 9-11 ft., 3 x 9-10, £8 5s; 9 ft., 3 x 9, £8; 9-11 ft., 3 x 8, £7 15s; 9-11 ft., 3 x 4-7, £7 5s; 6-8 ft., 3 x 11-20, £8 15s; 6-8 ft., 3 x 8, £7 10s; 6-8 ft., 3 x 3-7, £7.

SPRUCE. Ex Canada, from Quebec—12-14 ft., 3 x 7 in., first quality, £10 5s; 9-11 ft., 3 x 9, £9 15s; 13-15 ft., 3 x 9, £10 5s; 11 ft., 3 x 9, second quality, £8 5s and £8 10s; 12 ft., 3 x 7, third quality, £7 15s and £8; 13 ft., 3 x 7, £8; 9-11 ft., 3 x 7, £7 10s; 16 ft., 2 1/2 x 9-11, unassorted, £7 15s; 12-14 ft., 2 1/2 x 11, £7 10s. Ex Kinsale, from Quebec—12-14 ft., 3 x 10, 11 in., first quality, £12 10s; 10-11 ft., 3 x 7-8, £9; 12-14 ft., 3 x 10, second quality, £9 10s; 9-14 ft., 2 x 7-10, £8 5s; 9-14 ft., 2 x 6, £7 10s; 12-14 ft., 2 x 4-5, £7 5s; 8-11 ft., 2 x 4-8, £7; 9-14 ft., 3 x 9-14, third quality, £8 10s. Ex Morven, from Montreal—12-13 ft., 2 x 8-11 in., first quality, £10 15s; 12-13 ft., 2 x 5-7, £9 5s; 6-11 ft., 2 x 8-11, £9 15s; 6-11 ft., 2 x 5-7, £8 10s; 12 ft., 3 x 9, £10 10s; 13 ft., 3 x 9, £10 15s; 10-11 ft., 3 x 9-16, £10; 6-8 ft., 2 x 4-12, £8 10s. Ex Holywell, from Quebec—9-12 ft., 3 x 9 in., first quality, £10; 9-13 ft., 3 x 8-31, second quality, £8 10s; 10-13 ft., 3 x 6-11, third quality, £8. Ex Mount Royal, from Quebec—12-13 ft., 3 x 9 in., second quality, £8 10s. Ex Montauk, from Montreal—10-14 ft., 3 x 6-8 in., first quality, £9; 11-14 ft., 3 x 5-6, second quality, £7 15s; 9-14 ft., 3 x 6-9, third quality, £8; 11-15 ft., 3 x 5-6, fourth quality, £7 5s. Ex Ashanti, from Quebec—11-14 ft., 3 x 9-15 in., third quality, £9 10s; 11-13 ft., 3 x 7-13, fourth quality, £7 15s.

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BUFFALO AND TONAWANDA.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

I am in some doubt whether I can at this writing impart any information that will add to the sum total of knowledge that the Canadian lumberman has of his business. We are of the opinion on this side of the line that he already knows too much. We are sorry about it. Why could he not have remained child-like and mentally undeveloped till we could have gone over there and made off with the best of his season's cut of lumber? It would have added to our regard for him as a neighbor, and would have made our pockets bulge still more than they do.

When the price of lumber, and especially of pine, began to race up the scale, it was found that the western saw mill man on our side was entirely without reason. He wanted about as much for his stock as we in the middle of the trade, geographically, could get from the seaboard consumer. We were at a loss what to do, for to set up prices at the rate they were advancing in the west was to shut off the conservative easterner and reduce the bulk of trade. The result would be also that the east would get into the bad habit of going around us and buying of the producer direct—a fatal fashion.

So it was agreed, each man with himself, that the thing to do was to go over into Canada, take it for granted that the country was mostly asleep, and pick up all the available lumber and shingles before it wakened up. The thing was tried so thoroughly that for a considerable

time every man that came back from the Georgian Bay district reported all the woods full of our lumbermen, looking for stock. Well, they got some, just as they are still getting some here and there at home, but it was not long before the report was that Canadian prices were as high as our own, and it was not of the least use to go there after lumber unless there was danger of the home cut giving out entirely.

Since that time there has been considerable buying of pine in Canada, but unless a lot can be discovered in the back district where the owner doesn't take the papers, or where the particular cut is more exactly adapted to the buyer's wants than any other that he can find, he is about as well off at home. The Canadian lumberman is generally awake these days.

For a time there was considerable buying of shingles in Canada, for they have been scarce here right along, but it is now reported of the Canadian shingle maker, as well as of our own, that it has been found more profitable to make other lumber than shingles, and that a great part of the shingle mills are shut down. This will keep the price of shingles up, especially since it has been found impossible to get a full supply of red cedar shingles for winter. The orders have been sent in for them, but there have been so many calls for cars that only a part of the orders could be filled.

The producer of hemlock is making the largest percentage of profit on his business, supposing that he was making a living before the advance. At old prices hemlock was

wholesaling at less than \$9 here, but the demand soon sent prices up, till the base price is now \$14, with so much prospect of more demand right away that New York city has been advised by authority that it will have to pay \$20 before spring. The price is \$16.50 there now.

There is considerable pine coming down from Georgian Bay this fall, especially to the Holland yard at Black Rock, and the Montgomery's are getting ready to bring down their recent purchase at Midland, though it is not expected that it will all come this fall. For a while the cut in rail rates made by the Grand Trunk considerably demoralized the carrying trade, but that has been fixed up again.

The September meeting of the pine interests here, following the more general meeting in Detroit, again resulted in higher prices, the advance in some cases being \$3, in spite of the already high price all round. Box and mill-cull grades are so scarce that they had to go up with the rest, though they had already been advanced a larger percentage than anything else in pine. The box factories have never done such a rushing trade as they have during the past summer, and they are still very busy, though the biggest customer, the canned-fruit industry, is about out of the rush for the season.

The hardwood dealers are very confident of a continuation of the good prices now enjoyed, especially on account of the general scarcity of stock. They are all buying timber tracts and looking to them closely, but there is no accumu-

lation of stock. Angus McLean, of Hugh McLean & Co., is almost continually at the Indiana mills of the firm of late, urging the cut forward. The Buffalo Hardwood Co. has again sent T. H. Wall to Memphis for the winter, to be on the spot where the oak owned by the company comes in. F. W. Vetter, of the Empire Company, has come back from the company's Arkansas tract for a breathing spell, with the third mill already going up there since he went to the tract in the summer. H. S. James will return to his new tract on the Yazoo delta of Mississippi in a short time. Scattered & Son and Taylor & Crave are increasing their operations in the south-west. All are sorry that the nearer by hardwood districts of Canada have given out. T. Sullivan & Co. are lake shippers this season, and are just now rejoicing in the receipt of a big lot of elegant white ash, thick as well as thin, something that is getting to be very hard to find.

The event of the month is the preparation of the Superior Lumber Company to retire from business. This company is an auxiliary of the Keystone Lumber Company, whose mills are at Ashland. Till now a great part of the cut has been sent here for sale, ever since A. P. Strong established the yard at the Tiff Farm, Buffalo, in 1890, but the cut has now been sold in a lump in Chicago, and there is no longer need of the Buffalo yard. The company will close up in the spring, and the yard will no doubt go into other hands, as it is a fine one.

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