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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

Taking the province as a whole, trade in lumber is very quiet, but in some sections, notably Ottawa, a brisk local business is doing. The movement of stock from the mills is quite active, but most of this was sold early in the spring to be shipped out during the summer months. The situation in the Georgian Bay and Ottawa valley districts seems to be improving, and manufacturers are showing a strong disposition to maintain prices. It cannot justly be said that there has been any appreciable decline, as is evidenced by the sale of a large quantity of pine mill culls at \$10 at the mill. Our Ottawa valley correspondent reports that the tendency is towards higher prices for lumber, and that the price of lath has advanced fifty cents per thousand. Visitors to the Georgian Bay district confirm the reports that a large percentage of the logs taken out last winter are hung up, with little prospect of getting them out for this season's sawing, but it is expected that in the Ottawa valley nearly all the logs will reach the mills.

Hardwood dealers tell of a satisfactory volume of trade during the month of July, but with a small margin of profit. Manufacturers have been holding stock at firm prices, and the dealer in order to effect a sale has sometimes divided his profit with the buyer. Consumers are purchasing very meagrely, but they may be expected to buy more liberally in the near future, as there seems little hope of being able to purchase hardwood lumber this season at prices much lower than those ruling at the present time.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The midsummer dullness in the lumber market has presented itself in a somewhat pronounced form. There are no shipments of any consequence being made to the United States market, and local trade is by no means active. Prices for spruce deals are weaker, although it cannot be said that there is any great quantity of dry stock unsold. The proposed harbor improvements at Montreal, which are to be commenced this month, will require considerable timber. Export trade has been seriously handi-

capped by high freight rates. The withdrawal of steamers for transport service to China has caused a further advance in rates, and although tempting offers are made, few charters are being effected. The labor difficulty at St. John has been settled, the men returning to work last week.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The movement of grain by the farmers in Manitoba and the Territories is as yet light. Until after the grain is marketed trade in lumber on country account will be unimportant, but this is being offset in a measure by a good demand in Winnipeg and the larger towns. Prices are steady and no reports of cutting are heard of. In British Columbia the mills are working to their full capacity. The loggers are taking steps to keep up the price of logs, and to protect themselves the manufacturers will be compelled to sell their lumber at present prices, if not slightly higher. The export mills have sufficient orders to tax their capacity for the season to its utmost.

UNITED STATES.

The actual trade in white pine lumber is very light, and the situation in respect to prices is difficult of solution. From some quarters it is reported that sales are being made at figures ranging from 50 cents to \$1.50 below the list, while on the other hand, the largest manufacturers are understood to be holding firmly to list prices. The log supply seems to have had quite an effect in maintaining the strength of the market. It is feared that some of the mills will not be able to get a full supply of logs for their season's operations, and this, of course, will reduce the output of lumber for the season. The movement of lumber has been so backward that some of the manufacturers find their piling capacity taxed to its utmost, and unless the stock can be moved in the near future, they may be obliged to close down. Eastern buyers have shown a little more disposition to contract for stock at upper lake points, as the freight rate from Duluth to Buffalo has been reduced to \$2.25, as compared with \$4.50 in the fall of last year. But in the absence of a brisk demand from retailers and consumers in the east, the buying by wholesalers has not been heavy. High grade stock is little asked for, box lumber seeming to be in most urgent demand. At Saginaw white pine is held at \$16 and up for log run, \$15 and \$16 for box lumber, \$14 to \$17 for Norway, and \$14 and \$14.50 for mill culls.

In hardwood circles a slightly improved trade is reported, but the volume of business for the month of July was small. Prices are about nominal. A firm of hardwood dealers in Buffalo, writing to the CANADA LUMBERMAN, states that there does not seem to be any price list at the present time. Each firm appears to be governed by conditions which exist in its particular case, and that if prices were reduced even \$5 per thousand, the volume of trade could not be materially increased. White ash seems to be in short supply, and as it is expected that

furniture factories will shortly go into the market to buy, prices of this stock are likely to keep up. Owing to high water the usual supply of ash and oak from the southwest is not forthcoming.

The demand for spruce is better than it has been, and dealers are looking forward to a good fall trade in anticipation of increased building operations. Quotations at New York range from \$18.50 to \$20. Hemlock is lower in price, the minimum figures being \$13 at Buffalo and \$15 at Philadelphia and New York city.

FOREIGN.

Prices for lumber are firmer in the British market than they were at last report, due to the difficulty in making vessel charters. It is believed that if the freight situation is not relieved before the autumn, prices heretofore unheard of will rule. The prospect at the present time is that the import of wood goods into the United Kingdom this season will be exceptionally light. There was an average quantity of spruce received at London in the month of July, but it had no unfavorable influence on prices. Third quality regulars are still quoted at 9 c. i. f., but the bulk of shipments which arrived were sold in advance. Concerning the arrival of a cargo of Canadian deals, etc., the Timber Trades Journal says: "The pine deals are principally of broad dimensions and of first quality, and as the stock of this description is probably the lowest on record, there is every likelihood of these parcels being disposed of ex ship. From the dressed pine boards landed a fair amount of deliveries from ship's side are being made. Broad whitewood boards have been imported only to a limited extent of late, and, being in demand, the one or two parcels ex this liner should find purchasers ex quay."

Unfortunately the disturbances in China have closed, temporarily at least, a promising market for the lumber of British Columbia. During the early part of this year large shipments were made to China, and Canadian lumbermen were looking forward to a growing demand from that quarter. But when that country is again opened to development an export trade of great magnitude may be expected.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Last week the amount of lumber received at Buffalo by lake was 4,245,000 feet.

The str. Ramleh is loading deals at Sillery Cove, Quebec, for Dobell, Beckett & Company.

White pine shingles are quoted at Saginaw at \$4.15 and \$3.15, and cedar shingles at \$3 and \$2 respectively.

The Nelson Saw & Planing Mills, of Nelson, B. C., have just received a boom of logs containing 600,000 feet.

The Rathbun Company's saw mill at Tweed, Ont., closed last week, after cutting 240,000 feet of lumber, 47,000 railway ties, and 700 cords of slab wood.

The str. Ailsa Craig sailed from Halifax on July 24th for Liverpool, with 1,554 standards of deals, valued at \$32,700. Chas. J. Wil's & Company, of Sackville, N. B., were the shippers.

Last week at Duluth, Minn., Saundry & Company sold a cargo of mixed lumber at the following prices: No. 2 and 3 shop, 2 inch, \$25; 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 inch, \$22; No. 3, 6 inches and wider, \$14.50; 1 1/2 in. box, \$15; No. 5, \$10.

The Saginaw Lumber & Salt Company last week received at Saginaw, Mich., a raft of 3,000,000 feet of logs from the Georgian Bay. This company is taking over 30,000,000 feet. The Charltons have also sent over a couple of rafts.

The steamship Feronca is loading deals at West Bay, N. S., for the United Kingdom. The str. Labuan cleared from Parisboro, N. S., on July 25th, for Manchester, with 3,452,507 feet of deals, scantling and boards, shipped by M. L. Tucker for W. M. Mackay.

A correspondent writes from Alpena to the American Lumberman as follows: The condition of the Alpena market and the movement of lumber bears no com-

parison to the conditions of one year ago. It is estimated that there is now on the mill docks from 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 feet of lumber, and one mill has shut down because the firm has no more piling room available. Another concern has 7,000,000 feet on the mill dock and will have to shut down the mill unless shipments increase.

Following is a comparative statement of timber measured and culled at Quebec up to 31st July, as reported by the Supervisor of Cullers:

	1898.	1899.	1900.
Waney White Pine	1,111,443	1,237,83	748,951
White Pine	751,023	438,437	317,415
Red Pine	144,39	110,49	20,973
Oak	599,881	442,240	331,113
Elm	395,344	405,851	445,252
Ash	47,923	54,146	75,550
Basswood			241
Butternut	887	60	92
Tamarac		475	71
Birch and Maple	106,538	231,940	386,374

An estimate has been made of the probable output of the large Ottawa valley saw mills for the season of 1900, the total production being placed at 500,000,000 feet. J. R. Booth will likely reach the eighty million mark. The Hull Lumber Company, who are running the old Bronson mill, will cut about 25,000,000 feet; W. C. Edwards, Ottawa, 50,000,000 feet; Rockland Mills, sixty to seventy millions; McLaurin & McLaren, 25,000,000; McLaren, of Buckingham, 30,000,000; Gilmour's Hull mills, 40,000,000, and mills at Braeside, Arnprior and Pembroke, 100,000,000.

Mr. R. H. Roys recently returned to Saginaw, Mich., from the Georgian Bay district, and states that fully 35 per cent. of the logs put into the streams last winter are hung up. Owing to this cause many mills started sawing late and a number of new mills which were built during the winter did not start early. He says the feeling is very strong as regards prices, and reports the sale of 2-500,000 feet of mill culls to go to Ohio at \$10. When the freight and \$2 duty is added it brings the price up to about \$14, which is a high figure for mill culls. According to Mr. Roys, there is no accumulation of lumber, and it is not expected there will be much congestion in this regard.

THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

The local market furnishes the chief feature of interest at present. While export trade with the United States is only moderate, and that with Great Britain little better, the extensive building operations in Hull and Ottawa consequent on the fire has created a brisk demand for all lines of building lumber. Prices, with the exception of lath, have not advanced, however, in the past fortnight. The figures show an advance of 20 per cent. over those ruling the same time last year. Lath have advanced 50 cents all round, the better class selling from \$3.50 to \$3.75, and second grade \$2.50 to \$3.00. The local mills are all running full time, and planing factories, sash factories, etc., are rushed with orders. Prices which were high before the fire, took a jump shortly afterwards, and have retained their position with prospects of another slight move upwards.

Although the yards are again piling high with lumber for export trade, the shortage caused by the fire will be felt for many months to come. Lumber is being shipped in quantities by rail direct from the saw, and considerable shipping is also being done by water in the green. The increased total demand has had its effect, depleting the supply otherwise destined to reach the foreign market.

It has been rumored on the street that Ottawa lumber magnates were to come to an understanding and by concerted action protect themselves against the vagaries of the market. The proposed deal in short meant the formation of a company to regulate the output of the local mills, and thus guard against an overstocking of the market and a possible decline in prices. No definite action has been taken in the matter, and though prominent lumber men state such steps may not be taken for some time, the impression prevails that for mutual protection they will ultimately have to arrive at an understanding as to the placing of stock on the market.

The first and probably the only raft of square timber to come down the Ottawa this season was piloted through the Chaudiere slides last week. The raft was formed on the Coulonge, having been cut off Gillies Bros' limits. It consisted of thirty-two cribs of timber, con-

taining in all 40,000 cubic feet. To cover the distance to the destination, Quebec, the raft was floated a fortnight. Only ten years ago between fifteen and twenty such rafts were floated down to tide water, containing at least 1,500,000 cubic feet of timber.

This year considerable square timber was shipped from the Upper Ottawa country by rail. Amongst others interested in the shipments were William Mackie, George Gordon, Allan Francis, Booth & Shannon, and Gillies Bros.

Gillies Bros' mill at Braeside, near Ottawa, is working full time at present, with prospects of a season's output of 35,000,000 feet. The operations on the limits this coming season will be conducted on a large scale, though not as extensive as last season.

Reports from the various log drives show that but few of the firms centering on the Ottawa and Gatineau have logs "tied up." The last logs have just been moved out of the Dumoine for J. R. Booth and E. B. Eddy & Co. None of the mills have as yet experienced slack time on account of a scarcity of logs.

The Ottawa Lumber Co.'s limits on the Rouge promise to be the scene of extensive operations again next season. Large quantities of spruce taken out last season are being cut at the mill.

Indications point to another season of all round activity on the limits, and the men will at no distant date be returning to their work. The wages are likely to remain as high as last season owing to the demand for labor.

The W. C. Edwards & Co. have taken charge of the Capital Milling Co.'s plant and premises, both of which are undergoing a thorough overhauling. New machinery will be installed and increased facilities provided for the turning out of the heavier planing work. The finer branches office furnishings, etc., will be similarly treated in their Edinburgh headquarters.

Recently an employee in Davidson & Thackeray's planing mill met with an accident, death ensuing in a couple of days. Although there was a rush of work on at the mill every department was shut down and the employees attended the funeral in Hull in a body with the members of the firm.

Sutherland & Holbrook have just been awarded the contract for the erection of a new paper finishing establishment for the E. B. Eddy Co. The new building will be a three story one, 500 feet long and 100 feet deep. The building will be a solid brick one and will be ready for occupation on Sept. 15th.

SALE OF CANADIAN LUMBER.

Foy, Morgan & Company, London, Eng., held an auction sale of wood goods on July 18th, at which the following prices were realized for Canadian lumber:—

SPRUCE—Ex. Greta Holme, from Quebec—10-15 ft. 3 x 11 in. unassorted, \$9 10s; 12 ft. 3 x 9 in., \$8 10s; 10-14 ft. 3 x 9 in., \$8 10s; 10-14 ft. 3 x 7-8 in., \$8 5s. Ex. Starlight, from Quebec—10-13 ft. 3 x 9 in., \$8 15s. Ex. Annie M. Smull, from Miramichi, N.B.—9-22 ft. 3 x 11 in., \$6; 6-23 ft. 3 x 9 in., \$5 5s.; 6-19 ft. 3 x 7-8 in., \$4 17s 6d. Ex. Greta Holme, from Quebec—11-13 ft. 3 x 9-10 in., third quality, \$6 5s.

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K. Ctibor, who has been in Weymouth, N. S., for two years past acting as Nova Scotian buyer for F. Ctibor, Buenos Ayres, S. A., manufacturer of native woods and importer, left for New York a few days ago on his way to Europe for a few months on a business trip. Mr. Ctibor, whose advertisement appears in this issue, is asking for quotations on native woods of various kinds. He has been a heavy buyer of spruce hitherto in Nova Scotia.

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