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 BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES AND CHANGES.
The planing mill of 1 . Lennox\& Co., Toronto. was dekeroyed by fire on Siturday 13 inst.
©ito Cassady \& Co. . I.td., Vancouver, B. C. bave sold out their branch lumber yard at Nanximo. to Mir. A. Haslam, of that place
A liense to cetl over on 36 square miles of timber limits in the rownship of Lumsden, on theVermilion litiver, will be put up at auction at Ottara on the 8 8th inst.
Sir. Joseph L. Coiby at New York, April 8th from Cientuegos, reports between Cape Hatlers and Body Island, passed alrout 100,000 fett of laniber, a ppurently but a short time in the water.
Cushing's steamsaw mill at Union Point, N. B. . one of the largest of the St. John mills, was burned a few days ago. They employ 150 hands and cur a nnually some $20,000.000$ feet of lumber for the State.
AnOttaxa dispatch says that a big deal is on betwen a Philadelphia syndicate and the owners of seretal large racts of umber lands on the opject Ulsama, by which the furmet will acyure oustemon of some of the heaviest tanber imats in sbe district.
Susin M. McMaster, of Toronto. has present al a peticion to the C'ircuin Court at lay City. it ch asking an injunction to restrain w. S Ccuuns from ren:oving machinery from the shangie mill there. The property has been adnerised for sale under mongage for enclosure by 3iss Me.Maser for Aprilisth. She chams that W. suxns tais laken some of the machinery from the tulls and has threatened to move other ma chanety. The injunction wns issued.

F-hall Bros. Canadian lumbermen. will shlp a graniny of timber by boat from Ontonagun, disch, 10 Voebec, there to be londed on ocean resseds for England.

## CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

 ontario.The middle of Ap:il shows that lumber trade is improving. There is nothin ${ }_{5}$ about this to enthuse over, for the volume of business is yat restricted. But general sigus of things moving are manifest in many ways. The season tor the startung of the mills has been late, but practically nost of these are now cuting, and will likely keep up work throughout, at least, an average season. It will be an agreeable disappointment if we should learn of nigh and day staffs to any large extent. Trade, is not likely to develop in that direction. How far work on the drives will prove easy temans yet to be seen, though at present there are no great difficulties that appear to be in the way of getting down the logs in good time, and in sufficient quantuties. Everyone has come pretty much to the conclusion that there is going to be no boom this year, but a steady, substantial and healthy business is expected. In Toronto a larger local trade than is teval will likely be done, as buiding will be more active than for several years past. Information from other cittes and larger towns indicate that the season will by no means be adull one. Shipments to the United States are growing, though the conservatism of buyers is very remaikable. Still later, everyone says, the demand will increase as stocks will have to be procured. The point is that just now business is not doing in the size that is usual for this period of the year.
gubbre and new brunswick.
Moving from the lethargy that has surrounded the winter's lumber trade, so far as their has been any, the trade in Quebec are commencing to see things make a statt, and it is believed by shrewd and careful lumbermen, that taking the season throughout it w.ll be found that a very fair trade will have been done. Whilst uncertainty, and in some quarters, dullness still prevails, in the United Kingdom, yet at other points business is louking up, and the shupments to Great Britann will be on a farr scale. Last year preses for umber were low. This year they will show some mprovement, at least. In the Manume Prowinces a good trade is antucipated with the United States, now that lumber is free. The condition of the spruce market is viewed with favor. And ye:, though prices are suff and at would secm adiancang in the United states, it cannot be satd that in New lirunswack and dova Scotia at nuticeab!e change in this respect has taken place. But it is expected that in sympathy with the United States trade, prices will advance some. The export trade to Great Britain from New

Brunswick is taking on some degree of activity.

## hritisil col.unbia.

The foreign cargo trade on the Pacific coast partakes of an encouraging nature. Compared with other years the size of sales, perhaps, do not show any very matterial difference, but the enquiries this year are growing, and would appear to be developing into good size. We sec further evidence of this in shipping firections, where the call for charters is improving. It is believed that shipments to South Africa will assume a good size, and with some appearance of the insurrection in South America subsiding, trade at that point, which is always represented in fair fgures will take on something like natural proportions. Theic can be no doubt that British Columbia mill men are mereasing: their trade in Calitomia. The milts must trace a good deal of the work they are to day doing to the outet that bas been furnished by this new field. Uf course, this fact is causing grumbling in Washurgton :erritory, but the C.lifornians are evidently satisfied with the stock they are geting and the pricesteing charged, or this trade could not grow as it has done within a few months. Domestic trade this spring and sumuer will be better, it would appear than a year ago, and so with shipments from the coast into the Northwest territo ies.

## united states.

The same measure of activity is not to be found in nortiorn pine districts of the United States this season as is the case where yellow pine finds its home. The reports from the south are that the mills are all running, and in some cases night as well as day gangs are at work, it not being the easiest matter to keep well up with orders that are coming along. This inay mean one of two things, ether that yellow pine is encroaching aggressively on the field of white pine, and to some extent supplanting it, or, and there is reason to beleve that this is the case, that yellow pine is making a markel for itsclf in uses for which it seems to be specially designed. Though trade in the south is still much disorganized, and prices have had to beat the brunt of many changes, at the same time the solid lumbermen of that district are getting closer together and holding fimer to prices. There is not as much confidence res.arding the future of prices for white prene, as is desirable at this seasol. of the year. No change is taking place. Trade has been slow enough in opening to give rise to fears of what the future may bring forth. At the same tume the impression grows that prices for better stock throughout the sea-
son will teman unchanged, unless in the direction of a slightadvance. Operations in railway constuction will be on a larger scale than for some years, and considerable quantities of lumber will be consmmed in this manner. In the leading markets of the Eastern States there are signs of spring trade having been reached. At Albany business is active. Things at Buffalo are still somewhat quict. Again in New York trade is brightening a little. foremes.
The upnard and better movement in lumber $m$ the United $K^{\prime}$ ngdom, is so slight that it is difficult to say much of improved conditions. Business is from all accounts impioving, but except a: particular points, it is hard to s.as that this improvement is of any great size. The past week or two in lumber in Liserpool has not developed a large stare of strength. Healthy progiess in the Glasgow trade, prewously noted, continues. Weather conditions of the past few weeks have acted beneficially on tade generallyand more confidence exists there in the timber trade. Bualding operations in this district are securin: the benefit of this. New contracts for tonuage have been placed lately and as a consequence an increased de mand for timber comes from ship builders. Of the Glasgow narket, Timber says, the deliveries of deals from the storage yards procecd satisfactorily and will compare favorably with the corresponding months of previnus years. l'ine deals of all kinds are in fair demand, but spruce docs not show any improvement except :hat extreme lengths are in active request. No very checrv news of a large demand for lumber comes from Australian points, nor vet from South America.

## barnwoods.

What Canadian hardwoods are going into the C'nited States are commanding a fair price. It can hardly be said that Canadian dealers are setting the full benefit of the removal of the $\$ 2$ duty, but it has in a measure worked in their favor Enquines from the i'nited States are sumewhat active and the trade generally, are able to take care of all orders that come to them. The hardwood market in Great Brituin does not seem in a very healthy condition. The current issue of Timber Trades Journal, of London, Eng, tells of a shipment of ash that went under the hammer at prices that showed a sad depreciation for this formerly high class timber, the same may be said of the market for rock clm, of which buyers appear to be dull to the fact that the present f. o. b. cost is something lake is 5 d per foot. Hardwood saw millers are likely to have a busy scason.

## hillstatis.

We are glad to hear from mill men at different points that this season they will either curtail the usual cut of shugles, or as in the case of the South River Lumber Co., will not manufacture any shingles Whatever this season. No better policy could be pursued to help in bringing up the shingle market to something like a natural level.

## STOCKS AND PRICES.

The schooner Miranda has left St. John, N. B., for Boston, with 536,00 laths shipped by A. Cushing $\&$ Co.
J. R. Warner \& Co., are shippong from St. John, N. B., to Boston, $113,5 J^{S}$ plank, 12,000 boards and 35,000 laths.
(ico. Mckean, of St. John, N. B., is shipping to the United Kingdom, 3.311 pieces of spruce deals and 101,925 sup feet.

The schnoner Ayr is carrying to Newport for A. Cushing \& Co., St. John, N. 13., a shipment consisting of 123,$26 ;$ boards and 220,000 laths.
IV. C. Purvishas shipped from St. John, N. B., for City Island, per schooner Wildon, 157,389 plank, 149,050 deals, and per schooner Isa D. Sturgus, $1,450,000$ laths.

Mr. Cook, manager of the South River LumberCo., reportsthat theyaregettingout bik stocks, consisting of hemlock, birch, spruce and pine, and will be kept busy, culting all summer.

It is believed that the Bratish Columbia mills will ship to California this season 50,000,000 fett of lumber, which is about one-sixth of the recelpts of pine in that State during iSot.

Randolph \& Bake. have shipped from St. John, N. 13., per schooner Annie Lazuric, for Boston, 130,132 boads. J. R. Warner \& Co., for same point, per schr. Essie, 62,50S lioards, 40,661 scambling.
The Brunette saw mills Co., New Westminster, B. C,. hive shipped a rargn consisting of $6,38,000$ feet of fir lumber and 33(r,000 lahs per barkentme C. C. Funk, to San Francisco. This is the second cargo of lumber rarried fiom New Westminster by the Funk this year.
A. Cushing \& Co., of St. John, N. B., are evporting to Hamilton, Bermuda, a cargo consisting of $\$ 5,600$ onion grates, 5,138 boards $5,112=$ deals, 4,907 plank, $25,-$ oco laths and 55,000 cords of fire wond. They are also sending per schooner Maggic J. Chadwick, to New York, 324,533 deals.
Exports from St. John, ㅅ. 13., to United States, for the past week, consisted of 3 ,500,00 feet of lons lumber; about t,$\infty 00,00$ lath, over $2,500,000$ shingles, and $j \infty 0$ cords of wood. The exports to British ports numbered $1,000,000$ feet of deals; and a rarso of shooks, lath, etr , went to Bermuda.
James T. Hurst, of Bay City, Mich., who has an interest in the Ilolland-Emery lumber Co., says that this concern has $j 2,00,000$ feet in the ficorgian Bay district. He has also let contracts for a number of millinn fect in ficorgian llay The roncerns in which he is interested will manufacture about $150,000,000$ feet of logs in Bay City and Tawas this scason. usitel viate.
Spruce of ciery arade is searce att Albany, N. Y., more especially in $1 \times \eta$ stock.

J IV. Fordney, of Sagimaw, Mich., has sold 4,500, . . feet of logs to S. (i. M. Bates, of Bay City, at $\$ 12.50$ a thous.and where the logs lie.
The wholesale trade at Saginaw, Mich., for last week, is reported to have been unusually dull.
D. S. Pate \& Co., Cheago, have made a contract for luget Sound cedar shingles to the amount of one car load a day until Dec. Ist.

There is a revival in the Puget Sound lumber trade, so far at least as the American ports are conceined. At Tacoma 13 vessels are being loaded whose cargoes agsiegate $0,0 \infty 0,0 \infty$ feet. Four million feet of this shpment go to Australiat a million and a half of Chili, the balance being destined for Hawaii and China ports. Other mills on the Sound repurt large shipments. The prospects for developing a large Oriental trade this season are regarded as being unusually bight.

## roki:ges.

Timber News, Livel pool, says: "Quebec square and waney board pine show an increase ; sawn pitch pine loss, planks and boards show a considerable decrease, and hewn pitch pine a slight decrease; oak planks, a decrease; birch a decrease, while spruce deals and Baltic boards and planks are ,bout on a pitr. with the corresponding period last year."

## DUTY ON RED CEDAR.

1 decision has been handed oun by the Board of l'uited States Gereral Apprasers, in the case of the protest of the British Columbia lumbernien, as presented by Mr. J. C. Scott, manager of the Pacific Const Lumber Co., of New Westminster, B. C. The julgurent in i: there words and bears the signatures of Wibler F. I.unt, J. B. Wilkinson, jr., Thad. S. Sharretts, constituting the Board of Appraiscrs.
The merchanilse is elressed lumber from the "oxd of a tree knoun botanically as "Thuya Gigantea," and poppually known as "Ked
Cedar" or "Canoe Cudar." Cedar " or "Canoe Cedar."
It was ansencel for duty at 25 per cent. under paragraph 181, Act Cugut 25,1894 , and
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num Vitac. Lancewwod, Elxny, Box, (iranadilla, Mahogany, Kosen ooxl, Stainwood and all other calinet woods.: If ilic wood inquestion in cedar, of course it is excepted from the provision.
Froman examination of lexicons and works of lontany, and from expert testimony we !rarn that the trae cedar, or codrus, is a tree of the conifersus groupe, of which three sepecies are known, viz, the Cedar of Lelanon, and Allas Cedar of Algeria and the IImalagan Cedar. But the name of cedar is given to various coni. \{erom trees of genern, nearly allied to cedrus. Some of these species are the Juniperus Vir. giniana, largely used at one tume for making Shingles, but now chicefly in the pencil industry, the white cedar of the Exstern States, the ce. dars of the ropma. "hich are not, however, of the conifernus family:
As the wood of the tree Cedrus is not in article of trade or commeree in or with the Cnited states, it is necessary to enquire what kind of redar did rongress intend io caclude from the provision for frec lumber?
The appellants clairn that the exelusion ap. piics only to sucls cedar as is a cabinet wood, vir, to that which is commonly known as Sipanish ceder.
The wexdl of Thuya (iigantea is but slightly fragrant, and it is soft, light and does not take
a prolish. It is not of the class of wool known an calnnci wouls, and on thisaccount we should Ioc indined to sustan the procest, but for the fact that Congress has shown in legistation that it dud not intend to retrict cedar to classitication as calunct wood. Paragraph 219 of the Aet Octoler I , iSono, was as follows: "C.cdar: That on and afer March :, 1Sgi, paving dar: That on and after March:, 1s91, pawing posis, rairond ties and iclephone proles and
iclegraph poles of ecdar shall ie dutiable at inenty per centum ad valorum."

These articles are not the products of the kind of cedar used as calinet wood, and we are therefore, of the opinion that the wood Cedar as used in the tariff must be constructed in its common antl oommercial sense.
We find (1) that tise lumber in question is sawn from a vooul comevercially known as ecdar, the qualifying words red cedar or canoe cedar being generally used
2. That it is not a cabinet wood. We further find, at the request of the appellants, that the Cedar la Odorato imported from the tropies is a calinet wood, and is known as cedar.
The finding is, as has already been anticipated by the Canaba lemmarkman, and it is to be expected, of course, that redi cedar will now be admitted into the United States frep of duty, though in this connection there are get difficulties to be nvercome.

## CANADIAN LUMBER in the united

"The quietness in free-on-board business from the north of Europe ports," says the Timber Trades Jnurnal, "is reffected in the pine trade, the inquiries for opening stocks being as dull as possible. Several leading shippers of Canada over here on their castomary visit are prolonging their stay, doubtless in the endeavor to make the usual placements. The acknowledged shontness of Lower Port spruce stocks hats helped business for white wood, though nothing like the custumary briskness has been expenenced by those who have been zound the coast; still better results have attended the efforts of spruce sellers than the dull state of trade might have led them to expect. The large auction sales of pine in L.ondon have further impeded free on board business for high class goods, but there is plenty of time for the market to rally when the usual sprin; clearance of spot goods has been effected."

## the situation.


J. Lawrence \& Son, Watford, Ont: "In this section there is very littie dry stock of either lumber or staves on h.and. Ish and red oak are it, most demand. Prices do not change very murh, indicating nether a decline or an advance:"
McCall \& Mason, St. Williams, Ont.: "Wic cannot say that there is much immediate business doing. Stocks are moving slowly. Oak, 13, ash, elin and maple are among the lumber most on call. Have contracted for asi, clm, maple at $\$_{12}, £_{9}$ and $\$_{10.25,151}$, ind and com. The tendency of prices is toward firmness. llave a million feet of logs, chictly hardwood, to cut this season."
S. Schryer, Ridgetown, Ont.: "All the dry steck has been shapped from thas district, and as yet little of the new cut is ready for market. Consequently, for the present there is litte in the way of stock moving. Stocks will be of good size and fair quality, principally clm and 13. ash; very litte demand for white ash. Prices are firm at present. Black ash, 1 think, is held too high. The demand will not warrant it."
Samuel Hotel, Clifford, Ont.: "Among the stocks moving most actively are common and good dressing pine and hemlock. In point of size stocks in this district ate not nearly so large as last year. The tendency of prices is towards an advance. There is very little pine left now in this district."
Robert Christic, Chesley, Ont.: "Prospects are that stocks will show a fair
movement shotly. Basswood, B. ash, and birch are in demand, but there is a considerable enquiry for all classes of hardwood. Among iecent sales may be noted, 75,000 ft. ist and and $1 I^{\prime}$ maple . 1 $\$ 11.50$ f. o. b. here from IV. \& J. Ander. son. A fair stock of logs on hand, thourh little in maple. Prices have a tenden' $y$ to advance."
M. F. Beach \& Co., Winchester, On: "Not much movement of stocks. Ba,.wood is most active, inch ash and soft elm next. Last year's stock mostly disposed of, except small quantities of ash. This season's cut not ready yet-of which there will be a good-sized stock. 'Tendency of prices is firm, except ash, which is dull. Mostly small mills in this locality, but haget stocks than usual."

## SHIPPING MATTERS.

A ship is reported as fixed to !oad lumber it St. Jehn. N. B., for Australia.
Ship Loanda will load deals at West Bay, V. B., for the Cinite! Kirgdom.

Vessel freights are expected to open at Siggang, Mach., at \$1. 50 to Buffilo and Tonawanda.
Offers are beeing made by Montreal luniber shippers for boats to take lumber from Mannque, Mich.
The barque William Gordon, on her way 'o St. John, N. B., will set 375 d on deals to E. © Ireland.
The schuoner Elma has been chartered to loud lumber at Bridgewater, N. S., for Lias Palmas, 36 American gold.
The S. S. Architect, now at Philadelphin, has been fixed io load deals .it St. John, N. B. Itor Liverpool at 35s.
It is reported that the steanier Nelson Mills and consort have been chartered to carry 20. $\infty, 000$ feet of lunber from Escanaba to Tor 1 wanda at the going rate.
Barque Dunvegan, now on her way tos. John. N. B., from Middlesboro, will load de.ils for Belfast at 375 cx.

Rarkentine P'eerless is hartered to lowit tunums at St. John, N. B. for Barbadors or Port Span. at $\$ 7$ and river towage.
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The Britsh ship Earl, of Hopetown, just artind from Valparaso, will load lumber at the Hanto ongs Minl, Vanconver, B. C., Lor England.
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The schovier Deechill, now at New York, has
 N. B. for San Domingo, at s6 and part charen.

The American schooner Meteor is at Piont Angeles, Cial, on ber way to New Westminiter. B. C.. 10 load lumber for the Branelte Sitio Mill Co. Ohher schooners are expected on the same mission in a few days.
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Luniber rates from British Colnmbia and Puen Sound are quoted as follows: Valparaiso orders. 38s gi: Synhey, zos: Melbourne. dirat tos. Pore liric. direct 365 gd 10 yos, Lenus Shanghai 475 bd ; Trentsin. 55s, nominal: South Africa, $63 s$ gil nominal.
Kummaniler Svend is 10 load lumber at Dal. hous. This is the great Nova Seotia bunth twip W. D. Lawtence. which was soldto a Norwecis house and underwent a chanjec of name. It said that the Kommander Siend carrics 80.100 Quebee standards or $2,150,000$ s. f. deais.
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