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#### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO

The topic of conversation among lumbermen is the fire at the Chaudiere, which destroyed a vast quantity of lumber and several mills and yards. It is difficult to estimate the effect of taking out of the market upwards of 150,000,000 feet of lumber. Much of this stock was sold for shipment to England and the United States, and the remainder was intended to supply the local demand. Other sources of supply will have to be found, and the result will likely be a decided stiffening of prices. In addition to the lumber burned, mills were destroyed, and thus the market will be relieved of a portion of the intended cut of these mills. Some of the logs will probably be manufactured by other mills, but the total cut of the Ottawa Valley for the season is certain to be considerably reduced by the fire. The lumber was dry stock, which at the present time is very scarce. In our opinion, there will be a general advance in the price of white pine, this advance to hold until the dry stock of this season's manufacture is ready for shipment, which will not be until mid-summer at least. At the present time contracts for new stock are being entered into very freely. There is an exceptionally good demand for export lumber, both of pine and hardwood.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Some of the Montreal and Quebec shippers were affected by the recent fire at the Chaudiere, and as a result export

trade is somewhat unsettled. The destruction of such a large quantity of lumber may possibly diminish the shipments from the St. Lawrence. The Quebec timber market is quite firm, square and waney pine showing a tendency to advance in price. Square pine, 40 to 45 feet average, is quoted at 30 to 36 cents, and Ottawa waney, 19 to 21 inch average, from 38 to 47 cents. In New Brunswick and Nova Scotia the outlook for the season's trade is good, although it is feared that a considerable quantity of logs will be hung up in the streams. In Nova Scotia, River Plate specifications are selling about \$1.50 per thousand higher than last year, as the cut in some districts will be about 50 per cent. short of last season, on account of a scarcity of logs. Several vessels have been chartered to load at Yarmouth for Buenos Ayres.

UNITED STATES.

The peculiar position of the United States lumber market renders it difficult to give a review setting forth the actual conditions. It cannot be disputed that trade is by no means as active as it should be, although there has been some improvement during April. Manufacturers in the west are holding firmly to prices, but as it is admitted that the present high values cannot rule throughout the season, some dealers have concluded that the time has come to reduce their prices. The white pine dealers of Buffalo held a meeting last week to discuss the price question, at which it was decided to hold to the present list. In the Albany market 2½ and 3 inch uppers have been reduced to \$65, 4 inch uppers to \$70, 2½ inch selects to \$55, 2½ inch fine common to \$45 to \$50, 1 by 10 and 12 shippers to \$22, 1 by 12 No. 1 barn to \$28, and 1 by 10 and 12 No. 2 barn to \$24. From Bay City and Saginaw comes the report that prices are slightly weaker, 1 to 2 inch uppers selling at \$54, and selects 8 inches and up at \$49. A reduction of about \$1 per thousand has also been made in No. 1 cuts, barn boards, inch box and shaly clear stock. The best grade of white pine shingles is quoted at Saginaw at \$4.15, and C. B. shingles at \$3.15. Cedar is worth \$3.20 and \$2.20 respectively, and lath is quoted at \$4 and \$4.50.

The spruce market has recovered as a result of a meeting of spruce manufacturers held at Bangor, Maine, on April 24th, at which it was agreed not to ship any lumber on the market, but to sell all cargoes before loading. A price list, published elsewhere, was also adopted.

Although no break in hardwood prices can be reported, the market is somewhat weaker, particularly for the class of hardwoods used in building operations. For elm, basswood, and maple for manufacturing purposes the demand is keeping up. At Boston maple sells at \$30 for 1½ inch, \$31 for 2 inch, and \$34 for 2½ and 3 inch.

FOREIGN.

There is still a feeling of uneasiness in the British market, due to the high price of lumber and the consequent decrease in consumption at London and a few of the other leading ports. Inland buyers and builders are buying with the strictest economy, and unless the demand shall improve very considerably, some dealers anticipate lower prices. On the other hand, it is said that at the first sign of renewed trade importers will show a strong desire to contract for the balance of their season's requirements. It is reported that Sweden has 60,000 standards less for first-open-water shipment than last year, and that a limited quantity is expected from Finland. On the east coast of England spruce deals have been sold quite freely, and more enquiries have been made for this class of stock than has been experienced before. Referring to spruce deals, the Timber Trades Journal says that if Canadian producers would try to meet the requirements of the east coast trade by accurate cutting to specifications, there is little doubt but that a footing in those markets could be established, notwithstanding the fact that Atlantic freights and insurances are much greater than from the Baltic. Plasterers' laths are reported to be scarce in the British market, with correspondingly high prices. Birch planks also sell freely. Late advices from Madrid and Santiago, Chili, state that the demand there for Canadian lumber this season will be quite extensive.

#### HICKORY SQUARES WANTED.

A British firm write us that they are desirous of purchasing large quantities of hickory squares, 44 in. x 7½ in., of perfect quality and cut to exact size. Persons in a position to supply such stock are asked to communicate with this office.

#### ENQUIRY FOR BLACK WALNUT.

A German firm of timber importers write the CANADA LUMBERMAN that they are in the market for black walnut, and that they can use any quantity in lumber as well as logs. We understand that there is a quantity of black walnut in Western Ontario, and would be pleased to open up correspondence with any person in a position to supply this class of timber.

## STOCKS AND PRICES

Chappel Bros., of Tidnish, N.S., have taken out 8,000,000 feet of logs in Hants County the past season.

C. T. White has about 13,000,000 feet of logs ready to cut at his mills at Point Wolfe, Albert county, N. B.

The town of Toronto Junction, Ont., has let to A. H. Clemes the contract to supply 70,000 feet of lumber.

A. & P. White, of Pembroke, Ont., have sold all their season's production of red pine deals and sidings for export to Great Britain.

The Winnipeg city council has accepted the tender of D. E. Sprague for the supply of from 500,000 to 1,500,000 feet of lumber.

The first shore logs have arrived at the Springhill booms, above Fredericton, N. B. Spruce logs are said to be worth from \$8 to \$8.50 per thousand feet.

Fraser & Co. and Walter & Humberstone have purchased the timber limits of Moore & McDowall, fifty miles up the Saskatchewan river from Edmonton, N. W. T.

S. Gillies & Son, of Ailsa Craig, Ont., took out one and three-quarter million feet of logs last winter. Of this one million feet was soft elm, and the balance rock elm, maple and basswood. They have just finished shipping fifty cars of lumber.

This season the cut of Mohr & Ryan, of Killaloe Station, Ont., will be about 2,000,000 feet, a portion of which has been sold at a considerable advance on last season's prices. The above firm also took out last winter 6,000 telegraph and telephone poles.

It is learned from A. F. Bury Austin, of Montreal, that his stock of lumber which was consumed by the Hull fire last week was fully covered by insurance. He wishes to advise the trade that the fire will not interfere with this season's cut, as arrangements have been made with other mills to manufacture the logs, so that all contracts placed for the new cut will be filled promptly.

## THE OTTAWA FIRE AND THE LUMBER MARKET.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

Ottawa's lumber industry, in which was invested millions of dollars, and in which were employed thousands of men, suffered a severe blow by the fire which swept Hull and the western part of Ottawa on Thursday, April 26th. It is estimated that the loss will total \$3,000,000 on the lumber destroyed. A leading lumberman states that in the twelve hours in which the flames played havoc in the immense reaches of lumber piles, at least 125,000,000 feet, representing all grades of lumber, were laid low in ashes. Over 2,000 men are temporarily thrown out of employment.

At present it is possible to give but an approximate idea of the individual losses. The heaviest loser is Mr. J. R. Booth, whose lumbering operations have made his name a familiar one on two continents. Mr. Booth's large mill was saved after a prolonged fight, but the greater part of his extensive yards are now nothing but an area of ashes. In his five yards Mr. Booth had at least 80,000,000 feet of lumber, he states, and of this fully 55,000,000 feet were destroyed. This was all valuable lumber, worth at least \$18 per M, making the loss almost \$1,000,000. All the outbuildings, stables, workshops, etc., at Booth's mill were destroyed, entailing a loss of at least \$40,000. Over \$60,000 was invested in the fitting up of the five yards. Mr. Booth's handsome private residence was also destroyed, entailing a loss of \$60,000. A row of twenty houses belonging to him were also burned. Mr. Booth's total loss will probably be \$1,200,000, on which no official insurance estimate can be secured. It is said, however, by responsible parties, to be \$550,000.

The loss on the buildings, machinery, finished products and lumber of the E. B. Eddy Company will total nearly \$1,500,000. This company lost over 4,000,000 feet of lumber. The loss on finished woodenware, paper, etc., amounted to over \$300,000, the stock of matches alone, consisting of 20,000 cases, being valued at \$60,000. The insurance on the Eddy property is placed at \$400,000. Over 1,200 men are thrown out of employment. The Eddy Company will probably rebuild on a smaller scale, and it will be at least four years

before the works assume the proportions attained before the fire.

In the extensive yards of the Export Lumber Company there were piled 45,000,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$900,000, all of which was destroyed. This lumber was fully insured.

The Hull Lumber Company was also a heavy loser. Its well equipped mill and yards of lumber, containing at least 10,000,000 feet, rolled skyward in smoke, entailing a loss of \$260,000. About 300 men are thrown out of employment as a result of the visit paid by the fire fiend to this industry. With characteristic energy the members of the company promptly decided to commence cutting operations at once, in Bronson & Weston's old mill and in Mason's mill at Hintonburg. As the Hull Lumber Company owns extensive limits, its mill will likely be rebuilt, probably on the old site. The insurance on this firm's property is estimated at about \$100,000. As yet, however, the amount of the insurance has not been ascertained, as the insurance papers have not been arranged.

Gilmour & Hughson's well equipped mill and extensive yards at the east end of Hull had a close call, although situated over a mile from the scene of the first fire. As it was over 2,000,000 feet of lumber were consumed. A stern fight, successful in the end, was put up by the mill employees, assisted by 300 lumbermen employed at Bingham's boom farther up the river. Most of the lumber destroyed was the property of English and American firms, and is well insured. The insurance was carried by the Ottawa firms as mentioned above. The English, Canadian and American firms who had bought the lumber were Watson & Todd, Robert Cox & Co., Sharples & Company, Dobell, Beckett & Company and the Standard Oil Company.

It is estimated that nearly two-thirds of the extensive stock of lumber piled in and about Ottawa was swept away. J. Parr's planing mill was also destroyed, entailing a loss of \$10,000. Fraser Hamilton's mill was reduced to ashes, loss \$7,000; J. Oliver & Son's furniture factory was swept away, loss \$10,000; and the Ottawa Specialty Company will have to build anew. The loss in this case was \$45,000.

The fire may work a revolution in the lumber industry of Ottawa. It is doubtful whether it will again attain the proportions it had assumed before the fire. The sister cities of Ottawa and Hull depended largely on the lumber industry to support their poorer population which is now thrown on the charity of the public. Many of the knowing ones saw in the recent decline of the Ottawa lumber business the beginning of the end. Others, however, J. R. Booth amongst the number, were equally as positive that the lumber industry would for many years to come continue to support a large proportion of the population, and encouraged by their predictions, all are hoping that the lumber industry, re-organized with better protection, will employ even more men than before. It is understood that the Hull Lumber Company, which also suffered from fire a few years ago, intended to enlarge their mill, and it is possible the present mill will be restored on more extensive plans.

Already large gangs of men, under the personal supervision of Mr. J. R. Booth, are engaged repairing platforms, tramways, etc., and the large mill will be in operation in less than a week after the fire. This mill lay in the path of the fire fiend, but it was saved, the success being in a great measure due to the admirable private protective system of sprinklers and waterworks introduced about four years ago by Mr. Booth. During the progress of the fire, the mill was saturated with water inside and out, and the floors were covered with it three inches deep. As a result, though the wind carried the flames in and through the mill and piles in the vicinity, they could not secure a foothold, though stone buildings less than 100 feet away suffered the fate of the other establishments on all sides. Mr. Booth has many sympathizers in his loss, and the entire population of Ottawa and Hull shares his feeling of pride in the escape of his splendidly equipped mills.

It is doubtful whether the shores of the Ottawa river within the limits of the suffering sister cities will ever again loom high and majestic in the long lines of lumber piles. The lumber, while always a source of pride, has by some been looked upon as a source of danger to the closely populated districts, and now that the long expected destruction has been done, the citizens express a firm determination that the lumberman must find his piling ground outside the city gates. The problems confronting the lumberman will be the difficulty of transporting the lumber from the mills, and the still greater difficulty of securing new quarters. The problem will probably be solved in part at least by direct shipment on car and boat from the mill, as is done in many large mills in the United States.

The fire loss cannot be represented by the figures denoting the value of the lumber destroyed. It must be remembered in this connection that a marked shortage in the lumber supply has been caused by the fire, and prices are bound to advance accordingly. For building purposes in Ottawa and Hull little lumber is available, and it is not likely there will be any large shipments to outside points. On the other hand, considerable lumber will have to be secured from other mills. The local market, for the present at least, is bound to be unsettled, and the disposal of the coming cut and the price thereof is a matter of conjecture.

OTTAWA, April 30th, 1900.

## MEETING OF SPRUCE MANUFACTURERS.

At a meeting of eastern spruce manufacturers held at Bangor, Maine, last week, an association was formed called the Eastern Lumber Manufacturers' Association, and the following scale of prices adopted: 10 and 12 inch dimensions per M, \$20; 3 by 9 inch dimensions, \$19; 8 inch and under dimension, \$18; 10 and 12 inch random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$18; special bills, 24 and 25 feet, 10 and 12 inch, \$21; random, 3 by 9, \$18; special bills, 24 and 25 feet, 3 by 9, \$20; 2 by 3, 2 by 4, 2 by 5, 2 by 6, 2 by 7, and 3 by 4 inches, 10 feet and up, random, \$16; 2 by 9, 10 feet and up, random, \$17.50. All other random lengths, 10 feet and up long, 8 inches and under wide, \$16.50.

The existing scale of prices adopted March 14 by the manufacturers' association for rail shipments to Boston points, was adopted by this association for shipments to Boston points by water; terms on Boston shipments, the usual terms, viz., settlement in thirty days from date of delivery.

It was further agreed not to ship any lumber on the market. All lumber is to be shipped on orders only and sold before loaded.

It was reported that a committee for each river made a canvas of the situation in their respective districts to ascertain the amount of old logs and lumber now on hand and the amount of new logs that will be available for the supply of saw mills this season, with the following result:

Old logs and lumber—Kennebec river, 5,000,000 old logs; 1,000,000 old lumber. St. John river, 6,500,000 old logs; 4,000,000 old lumber. Penobscot river, 19,500,000 old logs; 4,000,000 old lumber. Total, 31,000,000 feet old logs; 9,000,000 feet old lumber.

New logs, available some time in June and later, providing the drives are clean, for manufacture into lumber for water shipment—Kennebec river, 40,000,000; Penobscot river, 55,000,000; St. John river (American logs), 86,000,000. Total, 181,000,000.

Add to this 15,000,000 of Ashland Mfg. Co.'s output of 28,000,000 feet of lumber, to be shipped by water from Bangor, balance going by rail, and the grand total available, under favorable driving conditions, for shipment by water, is 196,000,000 feet of spruce, the estimates not including pine or hemlock, or pulp logs.

This shows a shortage of spruce, as compared with the average of the past five years, approximating 25 per cent.

The steamer Ardova has been chartered to carry a cargo of deals in June from St. John, N.B., to a British port. The bark Dilbur has been fixed to load deals at same port for Barcelona, Spain, at 63s 9d.

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29. The same enquirer wishes to correspond with Canadian lumber merchants who can sell large quantities of spruce-wood boxed, planed and unplaned, cut to size and packed in bales.

Canadian manufacturers may open up correspondence with any of the firms making the above enquiries by addressing a letter to the publishers of the CANADA LUMBERMAN. When writing refer to the number of the enquiry.

The schooner Joseph Hay has been chartered to load lumber at Bellevue's Cove or Weymouth Bridge, N.S., for Cuba, at \$7.

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