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Tenders for the purchase of the Company's Saw Mill and contents, situated at Coal Creek, B.C., will be received by the undersigned up to AUGUST 15, 1900. This mill has a capacity of one hundred thousand feet per day, and is equipped with all the latest facilities for the handling of a large output, including:—

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The pulp mills of the National Paper Co., at Indian Lorette, Que., were burned recently, at a loss of \$14,000.

The sash and door factory of John McDonald, at Chatham, N.B., was totally destroyed by fire on August 1st. The loss is \$15,000 and the insurance only \$3,000.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

What improvement has taken place in the lumber trade of the past week has been along the line of more enquiries. Generally speaking, the movement of lumber is slow and below what was anticipated earlier in the season. From the Ottawa valley there has been, during the past two weeks, a slightly larger movement of deals to Europe, but shippers are still meeting with difficulty in securing vessel space for their stock. A large volume of building is in progress in the Ottawa vicinity, which is calling for all the low grade lumber which can be produced locally. Buying for the United States market has been backward, but there are indications of improvement in the near future. Stocks in hands of retailers are exceedingly low, and some good buying must necessarily take place for the fall trade.

The situation in hardwoods is not as strong as it has been. Stocks in several localities are considerably larger than a year ago. While prices are slightly easier, a sharp decline has been prevented by the action of the manufacturers, who are still maintaining prices in the hope that the demand will improve when the holiday season is over. Buyers have confined their purchases chiefly to the production of small mill owners who have been anxious to realize and were willing to concede something in order to effect a sale. The prices of hemlock lumber have been well maintained.

The statement was made last week, based on information from our Ottawa valley correspondent, that lath prices had advanced 50 cents per thousand. This was an error, and was intended to have read that lath prices had declined 50 cents. No. 1 white pine are now quoted in the Ottawa valley district at \$2.50 to \$2.75, and No. 2 at \$1.50 to \$2.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Our Quebec price list this week shows an advance in the price of square and waney white pine timber. Square pine, 40 to 45 in. average, is now quoted at from 40 to 47 cents per cubic foot, and first class Ottawa waney, 19 to 21 in. average, from 45 to 51 cents. The advance in the price of square pine is no doubt due in part to the gradually decreasing quantity of timber which is being taken out each year. The lumber situation in the eastern provinces shows no material change. Although there has been some improvement in the demand,

it cannot be said that trade is what it ought to be. Shipments to the United States are a little more active, and some believe that the stagnation of the past month has been broken. None, however, expect more than a moderate demand from the United States this year, owing to the business disturbances consequent upon the Presidential election. Lath prices have declined. A large supply has resulted, it is said, in bringing down the price of lath at St. John to 75 cents per thousand. Cedar shingles, although dull, are selling at \$2.85 to \$2.90 for extra clear, and \$2.50 to \$2.55 for clear on Boston rate of freight.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Wholesale lumber dealers in Manitoba and British Columbia report a fair trade. In Winnipeg some cutting in prices is reported, but the trade hope to be able to maintain the list figures. A report from Victoria, B.C., states that on account of the increase in the price of logs the dealers there have advanced the price of lumber to \$9 a thousand.

UNITED STATES.

The downward tendency in the lumber trade seems to have been checked, and indications point to a revival of demand in the immediate future and a moderate fall trade. At the upper lakes a more general enquiry is reported, although few actual transactions have taken place. Eastern buyers have visited producing points, but the purchases made amount only to a moderate figure. At Buffalo there is said to be a scarcity in certain low grade stock.

Hardwoods are selling lower, our Buffalo lists this week showing a reduction of one dollar all round as compared with the last one. At Boston stocks are reported low, with dealers buying from hand to mouth. For shingles the nominal price at Buffalo is \$4 for best 18 inch white pine.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The scarcity of tonnage is now the feature around which the interest of the timber trade is centred. Importers who have purchased wood goods fear that they may not be able to secure sufficient space for their stock, and are making an almost desperate effort to effect charters. They believe that freights will go higher during the autumn. These conditions have naturally caused the timber markets to strengthen. The tendency is decidedly upwards, and nearly all the receipts of pine and spruce deals are going direct into consumption. At Manchester there recently arrived seven cargoes of spruce deals, but no effect upon prices was visible. At a recent auction sale at London, 3 x 7 first, second and third quality spruce sold at £8 10s, and 3 x 9 at £9 15s per standard.

The Timber Trades Journal calls attention to a change which has taken place in the past year or two. While a short time ago small sizes were most wanted, there has lately arisen an active demand for deals.

MARKS AND PRICES.

All the log drives on the St. Croix river, in New Brunswick, have reached their destination.

The quantity of logs rafted this season on the St. John river by the Fredericton Boom Company, of Fredericton, N. B., was 74,576,221 feet.

The British ship Errol sailed from Vancouver for Falmouth, England, 138 days ago, with a cargo of British Columbia lumber. As yet no news has been received of her arrival at destination.

A report from Bangor, Maine, states that the log famine there has been relieved by the arrival of the east branch and Mat-tawankeag drives, and that the mills are now fully stocked, and most of them running.

Recent sailings from Quebec included the following: Str. "Ramleh," for United Kingdom, with timber and deals; the "Manchester," with timber and deals; the "Monmouth" took on 500 standards of deals and proceeded to Montreal to complete cargo; the "Forest Holme" is loading timber and deals at Louise Basin.

The following figures show the value of lumber exported from Ottawa during the month of July: Basswood, \$1,109; deals, \$19,049; laths, \$1,187; planks and boards, \$100,906; shingles, \$714; poles, \$168; railway ties, \$2,815; total \$125,969. The above figures show a falling off in comparison with July of 1899, when the lumber exports totalled \$336,410.

The lumber business at Collingwood, Ont., is quite active this season. Up to the present 4,000,000 feet of lumber has been cut, and there still remains in the booms about 11,000,000 feet of logs. About half of these are owned by J. & T. Charlton and the balance by Toner & Gregory and D. G. Cooper. The latter is cutting under contract for Playfair & White, of Midland.

The extensive timber lands, comprising some 25,000 acres, belonging to the Estate Kidston, of Glasgow, and situated in Stoneham and Tewkesbury, on the Jacques Cartier river, province of Quebec, have been purchased by Wm. Power, of Quebec city. These limits are heavily timbered with spruce, and it is said that Mr. Power will build a large pulp mill on the property.

The Fredericton Gleaner says: "Laths are so low in price at present that some of the mills are not sawing them, but are turning their slabwood into firewood instead. Those who are sawing laths are piling them up in expectation of a rise in price. The price per thousand usually ranges from \$1.25 to \$1.35. The latest offer received by a city dealer, who usually does a large business in laths, is 65 cents per thousand landed at St. John."

The property of the estate of Hugh McLean, of Salmon River, N. B., was offered for sale at auction in St. John on August 3rd. The property consists of 330 square miles of timber lands on the Salmon river, Queens county, a new gang saw mill, shingle and lath machines, general store, dwelling house, etc. The bidding started at \$10,000, and the property was finally purchased by Geo. McKean, who was understood to be representing Mrs. McLean, at the price of \$31,750.

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	1,201,193	1,321,753	921,782
White Pine	651,004	520,232	348,302
Red Pine	155,571	141,810	21,011
Oak	6,810	46,770	351,883
Elm	410,785	415,497	445,252
Ash	28,838	55,304	74,941
Basswood			241
Butternut	857	60	92
Tamarac		415	71
Burch and Maple	136,592	231,946	386,374

A report from Bangor, Maine, reflecting the condition of the lumber market, says: "The deal trade continues to look promising, and steamers are being chartered to carry several million feet to various points in the United Kingdom. A cargo of 1,500,000 feet left Bangor July 30 in the steamship Gladys for West Hartlepool, and the steamship Aberfeldy

has just arrived to load for Newcastle-on-Tyne. Several cargoes of white birch spool bars have been shipped, and others are soon to go to English and Scotch ports. It is expected that 15,000,000 feet of deals and 8,000,000 feet of spool bars will be sent from Bangor to Great Britain this season. Deal freights are higher than for years, the steamship Aberfeldy getting 55 shillings per standard from Bangor to Newcastle-on-Tyne. Steam tonnage is very scarce, owing to the great demand for vessels to transport war material to Africa and Asia. Coasting freights are very low this year, \$2.25 per thousand being the rate to New York, \$2 to ports in Long Island Sound and \$1.62 to \$1.75 to Boston. Some special orders for dimensions are being filled in New York, and there is considerable demand for short lumber, but the market for random spruce is almost lifeless."

TIMBER LIMIT SALE.

The extensive lumbering property of the Holland & Emery Company, consisting of large mills at Byng Inlet, Ont., and valuable timber limits adjacent thereto, was offered for sale at public auction in Toronto on Monday, August 6th. There was a small attendance of lumbermen, and the auctioneer, Mr. S. H. Townsend, failed to secure a bid for the property, which was consequently withdrawn.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

Lumbermen report that the first signs of improvement in the spruce lumber market have been visible during the past week. Yard owners show more tendency to buy. While prices are not much improved, it is certain that there is less cutting going on, some of the lots that must be sold having been disposed of. Agreement rates are unchanged:

10 and 12 in. dimensions	\$17.00
9 in. and under	15.00
10 and 12 in. and under	16.50
2 x 3, 2 x 4, 2 x 5, 2 x 6, 2 x 7 and 3 x 4	13.50
All other random, 9 in. and under	14.50
5 inches and up boards	24.00
Out spruce boards	11.00
Bundle furring	12.50

On hemlock lumber the market shows little change:

Canadian and eastern	\$13.00 to \$15.00
Pennsylvania	16.00 17.00

Western pine is steadily held by shippers, with the demand here limited:

Uppers, 1 in.	\$56.00 to \$58.00
1 1/2 to 2 in.	58.00 " 60.00
3 and 4 in.	68.00 " 72.00
Selects, 1 to 4 in.	52.00 " 64.00
Fine common, 1 to 3 in.	45.00 " 60.00
Sheathings	38.00 " 54.00
Barn boards	28.00 " 30.00
Coffin boards	24.00 " 26.00

Whitewood is in quiet demand at steady prices:

Whitewood, 1 in.	\$37.00 to \$39.00
Whitewood, thicker	38.00 " 43.00
3/4 inch	31.00 " 34.00
Saps, inch	28.00 " 30.00
Common	25.00 " 28.00
Quartered oak	65.00 " 75.00
Fancy Oak	85.00 " 95.00
Plain Oak	35.00 " 48.00
Ash	38.00 " 50.00
Cherry	90.00 " 130.00
Maple	30.00 " 40.00
Sycamore, quartered inch	40.00 " 50.00
Walnut	100.00 " 130.00

Shingles continue dull and are very easy:

Extra	\$2.85 to \$2.90
Clear	2.50 2.65
and clear	2.00 2.10
Clear white	1.75 2.00
Extra No. 1	1.00 1.50

Oregon, \$2.50 to \$3.10, as to grade and quality. These prices are for Boston, freight paid. California redwood are quoted at \$3 to 3.50.

Clapboards are also dull:

Spruce, extra	\$28.00 to \$29.00
Spruce, clear	26.00 " 27.00
Spruce, and clear	23.00 " 24.00
Pine, extra	38.00 " 42.00
Pine, clear	35.00 " 40.00
Pine, 2nd clear	30.00 " 32.00
California redwood, clear	42.50 " 45.00
Second grade	40.00 " 42.00

Laths are plenty and have to be sold at low prices:

1 1/2 laths	\$2.85 to \$3.00
1 1/4 laths	2.60 2.85

Boston, Aug. 6th, 1900.

THE BARBADOS MARKET.

Messrs. S. P. Musson, Son & Co., in their market report of July 21st, say:

The arrivals of lumber since our last have been the Mercedes, from Bellevue Cove, to our address, with 45 m. ft. spruce boards, which we sold at \$20 to for shipping, 15 m. ft. 2nd quality, \$16; 45 m. ft. plank, \$18. A small steamer lot of hemlock, \$14. Schr. Etta E. Tanner has also brought 30 m. ft. spruce—not yet disposed of. The New Dominion, from Dalhousie, N. B., has also arrived

with 50 m. ft. spruce boards, to our address, which we have placed at \$20.29 shipping, \$16.29 2nd quality. The demand for spruce is virtually over for the season, crop being closed. In white pine the Moss Rose has arrived from Liverpool, N.S., with 170 m. ft., sold to arrive. Another cargo is also expected. We sold a little lot ex. Mercedes at \$24 shipping, \$19 2nd quality; but late prices will hardly be maintained. Shingles—The Success, from Paspébiac, Que., brought 1,125,000, of which sales were made of ordinary long Gaspe at \$3.03, while extra quality were placed at \$4.56 to \$5.07. A small lot of dimension, ex Canadian strmr., were sold at \$7.13 7 inch, \$6.35 to \$6.60 6 inch, \$5.30 to \$5.50 5 inch, \$3.60 to \$4.24 4 inch. The New Dominion also brought 485 m. cedar laying—now on offer. We placed 44 m. spruce laying ex Mercedes at \$2.

LATH PRICES AT OTTAWA.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

In my last letter I gave some figures regarding the price of lath which were based on a misapprehension, and which I desire to correct. Instead of advancing in price, as was stated, lath have declined in the Ottawa valley 50 cents, No. 1 pine selling at \$2.50 to \$2.75, and No. 2 at \$1.50 to \$2. It was predicted this product could not be retained at the prevailing high figure, and the prediction proved true. Although, on account of the extensive building operations, the local market for lath is good, this does not tend to keep up prices, as the lower grades alone are used. The dullness in the American market has brought about a falling off in lath shipments, and the very fact that prices were high proved a tendency in the same direction. Now that a normal level has been reached, the shipments may increase.

Mr. J. R. Booth has put a large gang of men at work fitting up his yards on the Quebec side of the Ottawa river, known as the Hull yards. The fire made such a clean sweep that bridges, platforms, and tramways, as well as piling floors, will all have to be rebuilt, at a large cost.

The E. B. Eddy Co. has nearly completed a large saw mill and two smaller pulp mills, being built to replace those destroyed in the fire.

Already many men are being hired in Hull and Ottawa for work on the limits. The number hired for the Ottawa firms promises to exceed that engaged last year.

The high wages offered to men engaging for the shanties next winter are: Log cutters, \$26 to \$28; teamsters, \$24; general hands and road makers, \$18 to \$22; cooks, \$40 to \$45; loaders, \$1 a day; foremen, \$50 to \$55 per month.

Mr. Alex. Lumsden unsuccessfully offered \$28 a month and board last week to a crew of men to work in his saw mill at Gordon Creek. The mill had to close down for a time owing to want of hands.

Roy & Seigny, lumber agents, will this week send a gang of men to Dymont & Co's limits at Thessalon, Ont.

Messrs. Chevrier & Limoges despatched 35 men last week to J. R. Booth's limits at

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