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Capt. J. J. Christopher is taking out a quantity of logs in the vicinity of Hopewell Cape, N. B., this winter.

W. S. Gore, Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, Victoria, B. C., will receive tenders up to March and for a license to cut timber on a timber limit situated on Vancouver Island, known as lots 403, 611, 613, 614, 615, 616 and 618, Clayoquot district, containing 1,648 acres.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

Shipping conditions have not improved materially during the past week. Manufacturers and dealers have been unable to get shipments through to their customers, and as a consequence business in lumber is quiet. Consumers are withholding orders until there is a prospect of obtaining their requirements within a reasonable time. Many of the white pine yards are carrying considerable lumber which has passed out of the manufacturer's hands, and unless this stock is moved before spring, which now seems improbable, it will interfere with the piling of the new cut. There is a very fair consumption of lumber by factories, whose stocks are running low, and there is bound to be an active demand in the spring. Much will depend upon the building trade, but present indications are that the volume of building throughout the province during the coming season will be fully as great as last year. The heavy demand for box and the common grades of pine will probably continue, with prices very firm.

It is definitely stated that several Georgian Bay manufacturers have placed a considerable proportion of their output for the coming season, prices in most cases being almost as good as those realized one year ago. There is now a disposition in some quarters to ask an advance, as it is claimed that the cost of getting out logs has been from \$1 to \$2 per thousand feet greater than in the winter of 1902-3.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

The outlook for spruce lumber is not as roseate as it might be. Shippers have received word from their representatives in Great Britain that business there is backward and that the disposition of buyers is to oppose the high prices that are being asked for spruce deals. There is little likelihood, however, of shippers making more than very slight concessions, as in most instances they are paying the mill men an advance over last year's figures. The United States shipments are very quiet owing to the difficulty of making delivery by rail. Under the present conditions dealers are not trying to push business. Cedar shingles have shown a little strength. Most sales are being made on the basis of \$3.40 for extras, Boston delivery. Laths have sold recently at \$3.30 for 1 5/8 inch spruce, which is ten cents less than the price last month.

UNITED STATES.

Lumbermen are patiently waiting for milder weather and the improvement in trade which is sure to come with it. The movement at the present time is light, but stocks are in such shape that prices have not been adversely affected. The knowledge that stocks of white pine at the head of the lakes have been well sold out and that this season's cut will be less than last year has a tendency to hold the market firm. Some of the larger dealers have contracted for a considerable supply to be cut during the coming season, the price being slightly less than one year ago. The smaller dealers are holding off and will place orders only when their customers begin to call for stock. From Michigan eastward the supply of the box grades of white pine is nearly exhausted and box manufacturers find it necessary

to adopt substitutes for white pine. Chicago dealers report an increase in the number of inquiries, which is regarded as indicative of a brisk spring trade. There is a plentiful supply of Norway dimension, which is not much called for at the present time.

Hardwood consuming industries are willing to increase their supply of lumber and are placing orders whenever any concessions are offered. A slight falling off in the price of basswood is predicted by some persons, based on the expected large production this year. Soft elm and rock elm are both scarce and prices unusually firm. The supply of dry maple at manufacturing points is exhausted, and it is said that a large proportion of the coming season's cut is already disposed of at fair prices.

GREAT BRITAIN.

So far as we can gather the timber trade of Great Britain is still marking time. If importers are willing to close contracts on the basis of existing prices, there has been no evidence of such willingness in the business of the past fortnight. Agents of Quebec shippers are now canvassing the trade, and it is reported that it has been most difficult to book orders at satisfactory prices. The present indications are that the volume of business this year will show a decrease as compared with last year, as there does not appear to be much probability of an increase in the consumption of lumber. The high prices are lessening the demand for pine and the business in Lancashire is still suffering from the partial paralysis of the cotton industry. At the present time the buyers seem to be in the stronger position and unless something very favorable to the market should develop a slight decline in the price of lumber for spring delivery is not unlikely. A considerable quantity of spruce deals has arrived at London and Liverpool from St. John and Halifax, which has more than supplied the immediate wants of the market. The stocks in the yards at these ports, as well as at Manchester, are larger than might be desired for the good of the trade. Notwithstanding that higher prices have been paid in some instances for pine and spruce, it is said that offerings are being made to supply spruce at five shillings per standard below the figures paid last year. The colliers are buying some timber, and a Tyne ship-building firm is in the market for square pine, rock elm and Quebec oak.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

James Campbell, of Sharbot Lake, Ont., will supply a quantity of lumber required by the city of Kingston, Ont.

W. Doherty & Co., of Clinton, Ont., have sold their timber limits in Algoma to the St. Joe Lumber Co., of Sault Ste. Marie.

The British Columbia Government is offering for sale a timber limit situated on Vancouver Island, known as lot 617 and containing 3,080 acres.

The Dymont, Baker Company have secured the contract for the supply of lumber required for waterworks purposes at London, Ont.

A Buffalo report states that the new hemlock circular puts up the price of 2x4, 18 to 20 feet, half a dollar, but leaves the base price at \$16.50. It is agreed that the

hemlock outlook is good, but sales are very light on account of the weather.

The Dominion Government is about to construct a large pier at Douglantown, Gaspé County, Quebec, for which a considerable quantity of timber will be required.

The total log crop of Maine this winter is estimated at 750,000,000 feet. Of this about 500,000,000 feet will be spruce, one half of which will be required by the pulp mills.

The S.ott Lumber Company, of Fredericton, N. B., expect to get out 24,000,000 feet of logs during the present winter. They are operating on the Magaguadavic, Benton and Black rivers.

About 500,000 feet of lumber will be required for the wharf for the New England Fish Co., at Vancouver, B. C., the contract for which has just been awarded to Ironsides, Rannie & Campbell.

Prospects for cedar products are considered good. Posts are generally being held for a little higher price. The cedar shingle market has strengthened and further improvement is expected.

A correspondent at Menominee, Mich., states that good lumber is off at present from \$2 to \$10 per thousand feet as compared with prices last spring. Some which sold last year at \$60 brings no more than \$50 this year. Common lumber, which sold for about \$19 last year, is off \$2 this season. Hemlock sells for about \$11, as last season, but hardwoods are bringing from \$3 to \$5 more than last year.

The American Lumberman says that there is a bad shortage of elm staves, which promises to continue for a considerable time, as all elm lumber is very firm in price. Predictions are made that the price of hoops will advance before long, especially as they are considerably lower than anything else. It is noted that Minneapolis is quoting slack staves as high as Buffalo, viz., \$13.50 for first-class elm. All odd lengths are especially scarce. Heading is not so strong, but prices are well maintained, 10 1/2 cents for first-class basswood. Hoops are still quoted at \$9.75 for 6 foot coiled.

The Barbadoes lumber market is reviewed by Messrs. Munson, Son & Co., under date of February 13th as follows: "There have been no arrivals to report during the fortnight under review and the position of the market remains virtually the same. Until the crop is further advanced, thus reducing the stocks in dealers' hands, we cannot look for any material improvement. Owing to the approach of our dry season the demand for shingles has slackened, but Long Gaspé and Dimension would bring fair prices. We value a small lot of Cedar Laying at \$2.10 to \$2.15, but any large quantity would hardly bring these rates."

A Canadian cooperage firm gives out the following report on barrel material intended for shipment across the line: The cooperage stock market is in a very un-

settled condition. There are no staves on the market, hoops are comparatively plentiful, while heading is a little scarce. The output of flour barrels has been limited very greatly for want of material, and manufacturers find it almost impossible to get out stock. The demand for flour barrel staves will be greatly in excess of the supply until the new stock comes in next April or May. The following are the present prices for cooperage stock f.o.b. cars at Suspension Bridge, N.Y.: No. 1 2 1/2 in. elm staves, \$14 to \$15 per net M.; No. 1 7/8 in. heading, 9c per set; No. 1 1/2 1/2 feet patent coiled elm hoops, \$9.50 net M.; No. 1 6 feet patent coiled elm hoops \$10.50 net M.; No. 1 24 in. elm staves \$10 net M.; No. 1 3 feet hoops, \$8.50 net M.; No. 1 14 in. basswood heading, 7c per set; No. 1 13 in. head liners, 40c net M.

Messrs. A. F. & D. Mackay, of Liverpool, Eng., recently sold a quantity of birch by auction. The prices obtained were as follows: Lot 1—about 10 logs, more or less 19 in. deep and upwards, 2s. Lot 2—about 15 logs, more or less, 18 in.

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THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN)

One question is being asked in Ottawa lumber circles these days and it is "what will the log cut be?" It is a generally accepted fact that there will be a reduction as compared with last year, but the extent of that reduction will depend on the weather with which the closing weeks of winter will be filled. Careful inquiry amongst the firms and their agents go to show that the deep snow was not the general impediment it was thought to be early in the winter. In the Temiscamingue, Kippewa, Coulonge, Deep River and Black River districts there was no very excessive snow fall, but trouble was experienced from the fact that the ground was not frozen and the snow was light, making road building a difficult task. In the Madawaska, Dumoine, Gatineau and Lievere countries the snow was deeper than in the others named, and gave more trouble. Log cutting was suspended earlier than in past seasons, but there is a probability that it may be resumed again.

From all accounts the scarcity of labor early in the season and the tendency of the men to "jump" their jobs later on will have more to do with the shortage in the log cut than the adverse natural conditions.

In Hull last week interesting sessions of the Quebec Colonization Committee were held. This committee was appointed by order of the Quebec Government to enquire into the relations between the lumber operators and the settlers. Evidence was given by J. R. Booth, E. B. Eddy, George H. Perley, H. K. Egan and others; the gist of the evidence was that settlers in timbered districts are a source of danger and that land is frequently taken up simply for the illegal cutting of the timber that

rightfully belongs to the lumber firms. It is probable that the commission will recommend to the Quebec government that the lands fit for colonization and cultivation be set apart and the remainder held as a forest reserve. Upon the latter it will be possible to so regulate the annual cut of timber that the forest wealth of the country may be preserved perpetually. This would be done by cutting only the large matured trees.

On account of the continued severity of the weather and the steady accumulation of ice at the Chaudiere, it has been found impossible to run J. R. Booth's mill during the past month by reason of lack of power. A scheme is now under way to merge all interests at the Chaudiere and take concerted action towards the improvement of conditions.

"Nothing doing" is the word in manufactured lumber circles these days. Dealers are busy with office work and are looking forward to a busy spring.

OTTAWA, February 19, 1904.

THE LONDON MARKET.

The London timber market is thus reported by Messrs. Churchill & Sim:

Selling in the London market has been on a large scale during January, but in spite of this the deliveries from the docks are some 2,600 standards less than they were in January, 1903, and this is in no way compensated for by an overside delivery of 400 standards more than in the corresponding month last year. Prices have fallen steadily but very gradually, for in the absence of buying ahead there is nothing to undermine the position of the market or to prevent the gradual liquidation of the heavy stocks held here at approximately the present range of values. The free buying of certain classes of stock for shipment from abroad at next open water, which was a feature of the closing months of 1903, was not resumed after the Christmas holidays, and January has been the quietest month for free on board buying that has been known for many years past. Neither for this country nor for the Continent, nor for the Cape market has much selling been possible, although shippers are willing to take much more moderate prices than they have recently been holding for. The stocks held in the chief importing centres are sufficient for a reducing demand, so that buyers can wait, and apparently will wait, to get a clear view of future prospects, especially perhaps with regard to the effect on the money market of the war between Russia

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and Japan. The business usually effected in January and February will this year be more easily effected in April and May, and the more shippers realize and acquiesce in this the better.

There is again no change to report in the pine deal market in London. It is held steady by the small supplies, and by the prospect of still another augmentation of the cost of the new season's shipments. The demand continues small, and special, and deals have to be of very full quantity to command the current quotations. Spruce deals have fallen again in London during January in common with all white wood. If left to themselves they should rally quickly, as the prices for further shipments seem likely to be higher rather than lower, supported by the American demand. In this country, however, spruce comes into competition with so much other white wood and interior redwood that it is not entirely ruled by shipping prices. For birch, elm, ash and white pine timber there has been but a poor demand in January. Oak has perhaps held its own in a small way.

LUMBER PRICES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The following prices were realized for Canadian pine and spruce lumber at an auction sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, England, on February 10th:

PINE.—Ex. Orcadian, from Montreal—10-13 ft. 3x7-10 in. first quality, £20 5s per standard; 12-13 ft. 3x9-10 in. second quality, £17; 11-13 ft. 3x7-8, £11 15s. Ex. Monmouth, from Quebec—8-11 ft. 3x 11-19 in. first quality, £31; 3-9 ft. 3x11, £22 10s; 4-8 ft. 3x4-10, £23 10s. Ex. Milwaukee, from Quebec—6-9 ft. 3x11 in. second quality, £22 10s; 12-15 ft. 3x10-21 in. third quality, £10 5s; 13-17 ft. 3x8, £9 10s; 13-16 ft. 3x7, £9 5s; 6-9 ft. 3x11,

£10 10s. Ex. Montezuma, from Montreal—14-16 ft. 3x11 in. fourth quality, £9 10s. Ex. Mount Royal, from Montreal—14 ft. 3x11 in. fourth quality, £10 and £11; 12-16 ft. 3x11, £10; 9-11 ft. 3x11, £9 15s. Ex. Rossetti, from Miramichi, N. B.—3-21 ft. 3x6 in. first, second and third quality, £6; 4-21 ft. 3x5, £5 15s; 4-19 ft. 2 1/2 x 5-6, £6; 10-21 ft. 3x11-18 in. fourth quality, £6 5s; 10-20 ft. 3x9-10, £6 5s; 11-20 ft. 3x7-8, £5 10s.

SPRUCE.—Ex. Orcadian, from Montreal—12-14 ft. 3x9 in. first quality, £11 5s per standard; 12-14 ft. 3x6-8, £10 10s; 9-10 3x9-12 in. second quality, £9 15s; 9-10 ft. 3x7-8, £8 10s; 9 ft. 3x6-7, £8 5s. Ex. Milwaukee, from Quebec—7-9 ft. 3x7-11 in. third quality, £7 10s; 8-14 ft. 3x11 in. fourth quality, £8 5s; 8-14 ft. 3x9, £8 5s. Ex. Lake Michigan, from Quebec—12-13 ft. 3x9-14 in. first quality, £12; 11-16 ft. 3x12-17 in. fourth quality, £7 10s; 9-14 ft. 3x11, £8 10s; 10-16 ft. 3x10, £7 15s; 13-16 ft. 3x7-8, £7 10s. Ex. Mount Temple, from Montreal—10-16 ft. 3x8 in. fourth quality, £7 10s; 10-16 ft. 3x8 in. fourth quality, £7 10s; 10-16 ft. 3x7, £7 5s; 12-13 ft. 3x11, £8 5s; 10-11 ft. 3x9, £11 15s; 12-13 ft. 3x12, £7 10s; 7-14 ft. 3x7-17 in. fifth quality, £7. Ex. Montezuma, from Quebec—12-14 ft. 3x8 in. second quality, £8; 13 ft. 3x9 in. fourth quality, £8. Ex. Milwaukee, from Quebec—9-16 ft. 3x10-11 in. first quality, £11; 9-16 ft. 3x8, £10 15s. Ex. Mount Royal, from Quebec—10-14 ft. 3x12-13 in. fourth quality, £7 5s; 9-13 ft. 3x9, £7 15s; 10-13 ft. 3x7-8, £7 10s; 13-14 ft. 3x8, £7 10s.

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PINE SIDING AND BOARDS.

With Canadian pine deals up to their present value, it is surprising, says a write in the Timber News, that London importers and those using the port of London as the most convenient and central for receiving and handling bills of lading of Canadian goods, have not taken the cue from West Coast and Midland buyers, and turned their attention to white pine sidings and boards. Cut from the sides of the pine logs from which the regular 3 in. deal is produced, and further therefore away from the heart, they should commend themselves for several reasons to pine buyers.

It is true that away from the heart the nearer the sap, but as pine is distinctly a cabinet or "interior" wood, this disadvantage is not so serious, providing the goods are shipped under good conditions and come to hand bright and light.

On the first point of cost, many pounds per standard divide the best pine deal from the best pine siding and best stock board in favor of the last named. In lengths they all run the same, so that the question of thickness alone seems to explain the very small sales to this market.

Habit is a bad master to overcome, but it is not conceivable that any or very few pine deals are ever worked up in an un-reduced form. A great deal can be got out of a good plank with judgment, and there is opportunity for making the best of the best side, and the best of the worst side; still, when we consider the very important percentage of deals reduced to siding and board thicknesses, it is surprising that those thicknesses are not acceptable when imported.

In looking through a catalogue of stock lying in Liverpool we find among Quebec pine sidings lines of "clears" 2 by 16 up

to very wide, and 1½ by 19 and up. In best sidings, which are more in evidence, we find 2 in., 1½ in., 1¼ in., and 1 in. by 8 and up to wide, called O quality. Under this come in order A quality, B quality, and C quality, A quality holding 65 per cent. firsts against 35 per cent. seconds, and B quality 60 to 65 per cent. seconds to 35-40 per cent. thirds, C quality averaging good thirds.

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Table with columns for WHITE PINE--IN THE RAFT and RED PINE--IN THE RAFT. Lists prices for various sizes of white and red pine.

BAY CITY AND SAGINAW, MICH.

Table with columns for UPPER AND SELECTS. Lists prices for various sizes of lumber in Bay City and Saginaw.

ALBANY, N.Y.

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Table with columns for WHITE PINE. Lists prices for various sizes of white pine in Buffalo and Tonawanda.

BLACK AND BROWN ASH

Table with columns for BLACK AND BROWN ASH, SHINK, and SHINK. Lists prices for various types of ash and shink lumber.