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## CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

 ontarioNore attention is now bemg paid to balancing the books for the year than to selling lumber. scresmen have been withdrawn from the road during the holday season, while the buying by Amercan houses has been of little account, as is customany at this season of the year. The volume of trade has, therefore, been restricted, and such orders as have been placed were for mixed lots. Just what the annual statement will show at the close of the year in comparison with last scason it is hard to say, although thete are some dealers who believe that the year wall prove to have been unprecedented in the matter of small piofits This, however, is not the general opinion, and we would not be surprised to find the balance sheet in favor of 1896 .
In another column will be found a report of the condtuon of the cooperage market, which indicates a great scarcity of stock at the mills, while only exceptionally favorable weather will pernut of a sufficient stock of logs being obtamed to supply the dem.ind next season. There is also only a moderate supply of first-class shingles, but as the requirements for some tume :o come are not likels to be great, it scaicity will hardly be experienced.
quenec and new brunswick.
Many of the mills in Quebec have closed contracts with shippers for their enture cut of deals nevit season, and buying has been fully up to the average; in fact, there would seem to be a disposition to secure goods carly, lest the firm position of the Britush market should cause a rise in lumber on this side of the Atlantic. The figures at which contracts
have been closed have not been made public, but it is understood that in some cases a slightly higher price has been paid than last year, and it is quite probable that spruce deals will realize an advance in the lritish market in the spring. The figures given in another column of the stocks wintering at Quebec are interesting, and show that the supply in most lines of goods are very light in comparison with other years. Of elm there is only 78,374 feet, and $t$ is possible that, with the active demand for shipbuilding, the end of next season may witness an absolute scarci'y. At the mills throughout the province light stocks of spruce are held, and before the new cilt is placed upon the market this supply will be further reduced. This has resulted in extensive operations in the woods, and indications point 10 a large season's cut of logs. The regular lines of steamers from St. John have taken part cargoes of lumber, which will reduce the stock considerably belore the spring. much of which was held over owing to the hyg treight rates ruling late in the autumn season. Local and United States trade has exhibited little activity, and for the next few weeks a quiet market is anticipated.
mbirish columbia ani sidvitoma.
The condition of the lumber trade in British Columbia and Manioba is satisfactory for the season of the year, and the mills are mostly busy. The clesing up of the yea's busmess is engaging the usual attention, and it is believed that the season's trade will prove to be larger and more remunerative than that ci last year. The foreign trade has been good, and mining operations have also assisted local busmess. Uf the prospects for next year, the general opmon is very hopelul The shingle industry shows litte improvement, although some dealers report a stighty increased demand.

## uniten states.

The recovery from business stagnation which it was believed would follow the election across the border has been less pronounced than was indicated in the carly pat of November. For a time there were rumors of many new projects, and industries were sad to be resuming opcrations all over the country. These projected works have materialized only in a very few instances, while the benefit derived from the confidence restored to in dustrial establishments has not been as great as was predicted. The return to prosperity promises to be gradual, there being much caution pursued in business circles. The closing of the year's business
has liad an effect upon the volume of the lumber trade, which has been restricted during the past furtmght. Mild weather has permitted of building operations being carried on in many of the principal cities, a condition which has created some unexpected trade. From white pine centres, however, comes the one general report of light demand, coupled with the fact that dealers are bolding firmly to prices and anticipate a fairly prosperous spring trade. The orders now received are mainly for mixed cars. In Michigan rade is far, and in Chicago stocks are sand to be much lighter than is generally believed, there being many broken lots. A good car trade is looked for at Albany, lake ports are quiet, and the Eastern States exhibit little life. Among the hardwoods ash, oak, poplar, basswood and birch hold the strongest position. There is also a fair demand for rock elm for bicycle rims.

## rorbiges.

The yard trade in Great Britain has quieted down owing to the holiday season, and very little will be done before the mudde of January, by which time business will have agam resumed its normal course. In the past fortnight there have been no auction sales, and this has resulted in more private buying. The building trade is, nevertheless, in a healthy condition, and the prospects for next year are considered favorable, although the high price of materials may tesult in some projects beang deferred for a time. Shipbuilding is also active, and so far as can be forescen at the present time the spring trade will open up with higher values. The low stocks will keep the market firm, even if sales are not abundant. At West Hartlepool sawn deals, batyens, etc., are eagerly inquired for, and there is every appearance of in advance. Liverpool stocks are light, and in some lines it is difficult to fill orders. A quieter trade at London is reported, although some sales of 3 rd Quebec $12.13 \times 3 \times 9$ sprure have been made at $\& 7$ 10 .

## SHIPPING MATTERS.

Steamer Mantinea has been fived at st. John, N. B., to toad deals for England at $45:-$
and umber at 22a, 6 d .

The ship Kingoport, at Barbados, has been chatered to lond pitch pine at Pensicola for Buenos Ayres at $\$ 11.75$ (clean charter.)
Spring business from Montreal to London has been closed at 42, Gl., and a steamer has been chatered fom Queliec in United king. dom, May- June sailing, at 41 s .3 d .

The London Timber Trades Journal says: Forward charterng has begun, and is is reported that already 10,000 standarde Quelece to sange of perts is arminged at $42 \times$ Gis, which means about 40 to London.

## STOCKS AND PRICES.

H. W. Marsh, of Stanhope, Que., intends taking out 5,000 Cords of pulp wood this winter.

John Carew, of Lindsay, Ont., has closed contracts with jobbers for taking out slocks of logs in the districts scuth of Rosedale and Minden.

The cut of the St. Anthony Lumber Co.'s mill at Whitney, Ont., during the past season was about $40,00,000$ feet. Since September operations at night have been suspeniled.
Messrs. J. \& W. Flat!, of Hamilton, have sold their entire production of Michigan waney board pine and Oho and Virgima oak to Messrs. Dobell, leckett $\&$ Co., of Quebec.

Mr. Wm. Mackey, of Ottawa, is taking out his usual quantity of square and waney Ottawa pine timber, operations for which are now going on. This raft is taken out of the Amable du Fond limit.
Gilmour \& Hughson, of Ironsides, have sold their 1897 cut of 3 .inch pine deals to the McArthur Bros. Co., Lid. Gilinour $\&$ Co., of Trenton, also sold to the same firm their next year's cut of deals.
James McGivery, of Stewartown, N. B., has purchased the Mcilonagle tmiber lands and will qet out one million feet of lumber. David McAllister has contrac
for 500,000 feet for James Doherty.
The Hale \& Booth production of square and waney pine manufactured in Canada, estimated at about 200,000 cubic feet, for 1897 Quebec delvery, has been purchased by Messrs. W. \& J. Sharples, ol Quebec.
The log input on the Upper St. Joln and Moramichi rivers, in New Brunswick, will probably be from ten to fifteen per cent. greater than last year. Messis. Kil--bum \& McIntosh will cut about eight million feet.
Operations on the St. Croix rwer, in New Brunswick, this season will be about the same as last winter. H. F. Eaton \& Sons will bank ten million feet, F. H. Todd's Sons two million feet, while James Murchie \& Sons will probably take out a smaller quantty than last season, which was seven and a half million feet.
The steamers from St. John have taken quantities of lumber for Great Britain. The "Alcides," for Glasgow, carred 250 tons of birch timber and 350 standards of deals; the Bengore Head, 500 standards of deals, while the Halifax City and Lake Winnipeg also took part cargoes of lumber
A report from Ottawa states that a large lumber deal was closed at Pembroke on Saturday last, by which Mr. Thomas
Mackey, M. P., and Mr. Maclaughlin exchanged limits. The steamer Ottawa was on the same day sold to William Murray, of the firm of $T . \& \stackrel{\text { w }}{ }$ W. Murray, of Pembroke.
Robert Carson, of Garme's Creek, N. B., will get out one million feet of logs this winter ; the $\mathrm{O}^{\prime}$ Neill firm and J. \& J. McLeod, of Black River, two million and one million feet respectively; Robert Moic, of Loch Lomond, one million feet, while another million will be cut for the Ball's Lake mill. All of this lumber will
be shipped from St. John. be shipped from St. John.
roreigs.
The Saginaw river mills manufactured the past season $37,000,000$ pieces of hath, as compared with $83,000,000$ last year.
The imports of hewn wood from Cana.
ending November ist last were valued at 6727,530, and sawn wood at $\$ 3,258,260$.
The Truverse City Lumber Co., of Traverse City, Mich., have sold their entire output of hemlock for last seasnn to Colburn \& Co., of Michigan City, Inl. The quantity is $7,0 \infty, 0 \infty$ feet.
A report is current that the Weyerhaeuser syndicate, of Ashland, Wis., have purchased large tracts of pine lands in Northern Wisconsin, the consideration being in the neighborhood of $\$ 700,000$. The report, however, lacks confirmation.
Messrs. Sinpleton, Dunn \& Co. held an auction sale of Quebec timber and deals and pitch pine at Greenock, Scotland, on the 17th. inst. 20 loys Quebec oak ( $1,490 \mathrm{ff}$.) sold at $15.11 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$., and 216 logs sawn pitch pine were hammered at is. and $15.01 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. These were put up without reserve, and ranged from 600 to 1,100 ft. per page. Several lots of 4th pure deals and page. Several lots of 4 th pme deals and
ends were sold at $9 \%$. and $11 d$, and $11 x$ ends were sold at $9 \%$ d. and $11 d$, and $11 x$
$9 \times 3$ 3rd pine at $11 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$., also several lots St. John spruce deals $11 \times 3$ a: 1034 d . and 11 d ., and $17 \times 9 \times 3$ at $10 \% \mathrm{~d}$.
A comparative statement of lumber operations in Michigan, on both sides of the Saginaw river for a distance of 17 miles, and known as the Saginaw nver lumber manufacturing district, shows that the product of the mills during the past season was $316,797,879$ feet, the smallest tecord for the past thirty years. In 1894 the output was $481,244,039$ feet, and in 1895 it reached $433,683,053$ feet. The quantity of lumber on hand by manufacturers, eaclusive of retal vards, is 217,498 ,058 feet, agamst $271,531,851$ feet at the close of last season. The cut of shingles was $38,180,750$, and the wintering stock is was $38,180,7$
$11.925,250$.

## qUEBEC CORRESPONDENCE.

J. Burstall\& Co. handle Joly's cut of spuce deals for 1897 , as usual.
Sewell's Lake St. Joseph, Jacques Cartier, and Kivierre Noire 3 inch spruce deals for 1897 are reported to have been sold to Marold Kennedy, as also Ross' Riviere a Pierre spruce. Breakey's iSg7, cut Chaudire 3 inch spruce deals and Turner's Lake Edward cut have heen sold to Messss. II. R. Goodday A Co., who are also reported to have purchased the are also reported to have purchased the
Rousseau 1897 cut at St . Ane de la Parade. Rousseau 1897 cut at St . Anne de la Parade.
Messrs. H. M. l'nce $\alpha$ Co.'s cut of spruce Mor 1897 has been sold io Dobell, Beckettic Co. The annual circular of J . Bell Forsyth has been issued, and contains the usual amount of interestung statistics. It states that the past season has shown a marked improvement in business with the Lnted kingdom, both in
volume and resuht. The stucks wintering at volume and results. The stucks wintering at There is a notable incresse in birch last season. spruce, whle pine deals show a slightly larger slock. The following is a comparative state. ment:


The figures given above are said to be quite
reliable, except, perhaps, in the case of spruce deals, which does not include the stock at a
number of the mills along the lake St. John toad, such as Koberval, Lake Edvard and lac Bouchetie
The figures with regard to export are also interesting, and show a considerable increase in several classes of stock. A comparative statement to December ist is ns follows:

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| Red pine umber | 33,00 | 139.160 ", |
| Him | 369,560 | 1,382,880 |
| Ash | $1,6,360$ | 113.680 |
| Birch | 20,160 | 319,200 |
| Pine deals. | 501,200 | 400,343 Stds. |
| Spruce deals............. $\times$... | 3,471,700 | 3,888,258 |
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## THE COOPERAGE MARKET.

Messrs. butherland, Innes \& Co., of Chatham, Ont., write of cooperage conditions as ollous:
With regard to the present conditions of the cooperage irade, all we ourselves have to do is to simply st in our office here and sell everything we have in sight. The fact 15 , we canus, on account of everything being pretty well us, on account of everything
cieaned up around the mills.
We had cur purchasing agent out all over the cooperage districts in Ohio, Nichigan and Indiana, but he faled to mahe any purchases worth speaking of for prompt shipment, or shipment before the new stock would come in, thech will be in March or April. Owing to he immense apple crop and the unusually heavy iun on Rour barrels this season, every hing has been pretty well cleaned up around the mills, and no stocks will be carried over ino next season.
As regards the prospects for next year's business, lie have made very heavy sales ourselves at $\$ 1$ per 1,000 advance on staves, and a cor responding advance on hoops and heading the advance, of course, is over the prices at which ue booked ende for this year about the same time as this last year, From all appearances trade is going to le very brisk neat season, and prices will be firm. Up to the present there has not been any winter to put in logs for the mills, and unless things change very materially, none of the mills will be able to stock up fully.
A good many buyers are holding off, expecting lower prices later on, but it looks to us as if it was going to be a case of first come first served, and those people who purchase now will he sure of a regular supply, while those who leave things over expecting a drop in ping able to buy cheaper, bupinted in not being able to buy cheaper, but they will run the nisk of not being able to get the slock at all.

## AUSTRALIAN TIMBER REPORT.

Fraser \& Co., of Melbourne, Australia, in their last monthly report, say :
The demand has nof shown nuch improvement sunce the issue of wut last ieport, though a better enquiry has existed from the country districts than was experienced in the previous four weeks, but the actual business concluded has not been equal to anticipations formed a few months ago regarding the prospective demand during the spring season. Increased consumption is probable, however, in the coming summer months, and as stocks on hand are nol excessive for this period of the year, or shipments "to arrive" of any great magnitude, we look forward to purchases being effected on a somewhat larger scale ere the end of Decem. ber and January next, while the fact of increasing f.o.b. and freight rates ruling at many ports from whence supplies to here are shipped, and laid doun costs of the principal lines inported barely covering as against cxisting prices locally, should lead ceentually to a higher range of values being quoted at this end; and more especially as there are indicalions of values generally abroad advancing still further, both in respect to first costs and freight rates. Where the improvement is most pronounced is in the home markets for Baltic supplies. With ine exeeption of Oregon lumber, which re-
mains steady at late shipping rates, nea every other cescription of timber, as just rie and we has advanced at the matkets of elion taking the vier we are therelore just is carly prospects of values at this side.
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BUFFALO AND TONAWANDA, N.Y.
Gindmanda, N. V., December no, isos.

## Wilith pins



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SAGINAW AND BAY CITY, MICH.






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| 13/4in., 4, 5. | 6 in . wide... ... 24 coli in , 4 5 5 |






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| 850.10 |  |
| n.; 6 in. wide.... ....... 9 so | $81 / 2,13 / 2 \mathrm{an}$ |
| n., 7 in. wide and up...... 9 gal | up wid |
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| coffin moards. |  |
| No. 1,1 in., zzin. and up ... $20 \times 1$ | No. 1, mill cu |
| 0. 2,................ ... 1700 | No. 2, or red horse........ . 65 |
| vfled siding-dressrd. |  |
|  | No. 2 |
| timiner, joset and scantling. |  |
| Norway, $2 \times 4$ to 10, 22 to $266 t .58501$ | Hemlack, $2 \times 4$ |
| 1050 |  |
| 20ft............ ....... 8150 |  |
| 50 | Add Sito each |







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NEW YORK CITY.
New York, N. Y., Decemiler 30, 1206. white pink bumber
Prices for white pine lumber are governed enturely by source of supply Prices for white pine lumber are governed enturel
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ALBANY, N.Y.
Albany, N. Y., Decembel 30, 1805 . rise.

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| Uppers, 3 in. up ..... ..... \$5 ${ }^{\text {S }}$ \$5 |  |
| 2\%/2 in.............. . * 55 | West India shipping bcards. 1517 |
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| 4 inch uppers ............ 55 | roin. dressing and betier... 2634 |
|  | xoin. common............ 14 is |
|  | 32-1n. dressing and better... $26{ }^{32}$ |
| Fine conmon, $33 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. and up $10{ }^{12}$ | Conamon, 1:12........... 14 16 |
|  | Nu. 1 barn, $1 \times 12 \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots{ }^{23}$ |
| Ne. ${ }^{\text {cut, }}$ itor inch....... 2585 | 2x10................... $88^{85}$ |
| No.2................... 18 17 25 |  |
| N0.3................... 17 : ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ | No. $2 \mathrm{k} 2 \mathrm{~m}, 1 \times 12 \ldots \ldots . . . . .186$ |
| No. 1 molding, 7 toain..... $333^{6}$ | 8xıa.................... 15 15 |
| No. 2 molding, y $102 \mathrm{in} . \ldots . .2528$ |  |
| Stained saps.............. ${ }^{20}$ | Shaky or star clear, x to 2 in . 8931 |
| Bracket plank ............ 3035 | Dressing ............... $16{ }^{13}$ |
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BOSTON, MASS.
Hoston, December 30, 1806 .

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|  | 77-16 inch........ 880 | 875 |
| Coarse No. 5....... 15 m 1550 | Yininch........... 800 | 825 |
| Refuse .. . ....... 130051325 | Claphourds, sap ext.. 45 mo | 480 |
|  | Sap ciear......... 4100 | 4300 |
| Hoxbourds, x inch... 5000 so 50 | Say, znd clear.... $32 \times$ | 3500 |
| $3 \%$ inch........... 900950 | No. 2............ 2300 | 250 |
| westhrn tink-by car h.oad. |  |  |
|  | Fine com, 3 and 4 in 460 | 5200 |
|  | No. 2, : in. Fine com. 2900 | $3{ }^{3 \pi} \times$ |
| 3 and 4 in......... $58 \times \infty 520 \infty$ | N ${ }^{1 / 4,81 / 2}$ and 2 in... $30 \infty$ | $3^{2} \infty$ |
|  | No. 2 strips, 4 to $6 \mathrm{in} .43 \infty$ | 440 |
|  | No. $2 \times \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots .{ }^{66}$ | 3700 |
| 3 and 4 in ........ $5^{2}$ no $550 \infty$ | $28 \infty$ | 30 co |
| Moulding boands, 8 is | Cut ups, 1 in $\ldots . . . . .{ }^{30}$ 00 | $32 \times$ |
|  | Cur ups, $11 / 10202 \mathrm{in}$.. $34 \infty$ | $3^{8} \infty$ |
| on per cent. clear... $32 \times 003400$ |  |  |
| Fine common 3 in.... to $\infty$ 4i $\infty$ $\mathbf{x}^{2 / 5}, 1^{1 / 2}$ and 2 in... 40 co $42 \infty$ | Common all widths... $22 \infty$ Shipping culls, 1 in... 14 so |  |
|  | do $3 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. $\mathrm{Is}^{50}$ |  |



