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CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The determination of lumber manufacturers to prevent prices from going any lower seems to have become more general. Reports from all sections of the province tell of a disposition to keep prices up to their present basis. Only in a few exceptional cases, where peculiar circumstances exist, is stock being offered at what might be called cut prices. Some manufacturers appear to have advanced their prices, and are asking for stock at the mill almost as much as can be obtained wholesale in Toronto. This reflects a tendency towards higher prices. The demand for lumber, on the other hand, is not improving in any perceptible degree, and it is probable that a quiet trade will be experienced until after the elections in Canada and the United States. In Toronto quotations for shingles are \$2.65 for XXX and \$1.75 for XX, with a light demand at these prices.

By a typographical error in our pricelist last week, the quotation for siding mill culls was given as \$12, whereas it should have read \$14.

A backward trade is still reported in hardwoods. The manufacturing industries for some reason are keeping out of the market, and retailers are buying only for immediate requirements.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Manufacturers and dealers admit that the demand for lumber is slow, largely due to the partial failure of crops in Manitoba and the Territories. Some

dealers are reported to be cutting prices, and it has been found difficult to maintain the list. Manufacturers are taking advantage of the present quiet period to stock their yards, which had become depleted by the active trade of last fall and winter. The shingle trade of the Pacific Coast has been somewhat depressed, due to cutting of prices, but it is said that manufacturers are now making quotations which show a slight advance. The export trade is prosperous. The Russian Government is reported to have a representative in the west coast investigating the probabilities for the quick delivery of 30,000,000 feet of lumber at Vladivostock, but the report is not confirmed.

UNITED STATES.

The lumber consumer in the United States is still showing little disposition to buy for the future. While it is not believed that prices will go much, if any, lower, there is a feeling that an advance is not likely to take place. The fact that present orders are almost universally accompanied by a request for quick delivery, shows that retail dealers are carrying light stocks, and that a brisk demand will be witnessed after the Presidential election, if not before that time. In the Buffalo market there is some complaint of price-cutting on cutting-up grades. Mill culls, 1 to 2 inch, are selling in Buffalo at \$16.50, while at Albany the quotation is \$16. Box lumber is quiet, and it is understood that most of the factories in the Eastern States are well supplied; 1 inch, up to 9 inches in width, is selling at from \$17 to \$19, with one dollar added for 12 inch stock. The spruce market is improving. Good cargoes of wide lumber are held in New York at \$16 to \$18. Stocks are said to be exceedingly light in the New England States. Hardwoods have not witnessed an increased demand during the past week. Most of the large consuming concerns have considerable stocks on hand. A meeting of the Wisconsin Hardwood Lumbermen's Association was held last week, at which prices were reduced on nearly all items from one to two dollars per thousand. An improved demand for maple is reported. In Buffalo it is selling at about \$20. Brown ash is bringing \$38 to \$40 in Boston, maple \$29 to \$30, and basswood \$31.

The producers of red cedar shingles have made a slight advance in prices, and the shingle market is a little stronger. Pine shingles are quoted at Saginaw at

\$2.50 and \$2.75 for clear butts, and \$3.50 and \$3.75 for XXXX stocks.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Board of Trade returns, recently issued, show the general trade of Great Britain to be in a prosperous condition. The lumber trade, while satisfactory, is suffering from an accumulation of stock on the docks at some of the principal ports, particularly London. This is about the only unfavorable feature of the market. Prices are being kept up by high freight rates, which have practically put a check on chartering. Some offers have been made by shippers for next year's supply, but it is understood that very few transactions have taken place. Spruce deals in wide sizes are wanted. Concerning a cargo of spruce which recently arrived in the Tyne, the Timber Trades Journal says: "The wood is of very excellent quality, and if all consignments were equal to it, objections to the use of spruce would vanish on every hand. This lot is sound, clean, and full of nature, hard and close-grained, and well cut. The spruce trade, since its introduction four years ago, has grown remarkably, and the question would be one very difficult to answer, 'What would have happened if Baltic alone had been relied on?' The price would certainly have been several pounds a standard more, and it would have been difficult to get sufficient of, say, 11x2 1/2, and other sizes."

STOCKS AND PRICES.

George Shaw & Son, of Thessalon, Ont., are supplying 400,000 feet of lumber for the construction of smelting works at Bruce Mines.

T. H. DeCew & Son, of Fenelon Falls, Ont., have purchased a timber limit near Coboconk from B. Burchall and will put in a camp there this winter.

The Sarnia Street Railway Company, of Sarnia, Ont., are taking tenders for supply of poles to be used in the construction of a street railway in that city.

The Department of Public Works at Ottawa is calling for tenders, up to October 6th, for supply of poles for a telegraph line from Golden to Windermere, B. C.

The barque Thomas Cary recently cleared from Parrsboro, N. S., for London, with over 1,000,000 feet of deals, shipped by R. W. Kinsman & Company, of Canning.

J. Lawrence & Sons, of Watford, Ont., have finished sawing operations at that place for the season. They cut 7,000,000 staves, 500,000 feet of hardwood lumber, and 2,000 cords of heading.

In the Chicago market cedar shingles are selling at \$1.95 to \$2, and white pine

shingles at \$2.25 to \$2.30. The latter are said to be scarce at northern mills. No. 1 white pine lath are held at \$2.25 f. o. b. cars Manistee, Mich.

It is understood that Sims Bros., of Little Current, Ont., have purchased the Lippincott timber limit for a sum in the neighborhood of \$100,000. According to report, they intend taking out a large quantity of logs this winter.

The German ship Admiral Tegghoff sailed from Chemainus, B. C., last week, for Antofogasta, with 720,000 feet of lumber. The barque Louisiana sailed from the Hastings mill, Vancouver, for Melbourne, Australia, with 1,100,000 feet of lumber.

At a recent sale held by Churchill & Sim, London, Eng., third quality 3 by 9 spruce sold at £10 ex Vera, which is undoubtedly a good price, as the majority of the contracts were closed in the early part of the season at £8 5s c.i.f. Unsorted spruce 3 by 11, ex Tynedale and Portland, sold at £10 15s.

The Beck Manufacturing Company, of Penetanguishene, Ont., had a raft of about 80,000 logs tied up on the opposite side of the bay from Penetang. A boom chain broke and the logs went adrift. Most of them have been recovered, but at considerable expense. The Georgian Bay Lumber Company, of Wauhaushene, encountered a similar loss by the recent severe storm of two weeks ago, which caused the logs to jump over the boom. It is said that 72,000 pieces went adrift.

Following is a comparative statement of timber measured and culled at Quebec up to 25th September, as reported by the Supervisor of Cullers:

	1898.	1899.	1900.
Waney White Pine.....	7,815,975	1,774,268	1,369,428
White Pine.....	1,060,634	587,070	507,525
Red Pine.....	277,708	159,937	61,162
Oak.....	948,044	522,178	455,351
Elm.....	474,194	456,841	676,763
Ash.....	347,735	56,646	71,522
Basswood.....	955	60	241
Butternut.....		60	142
Tamarac.....		415	71
Birch and Maple.....	112,500	244,530	459,333

HARDWOOD LUMBER PRICES.

Following are the prices of hardwood lumber at Wausau, Wis., as agreed upon by the Wisconsin Hardwood Lumbermen's Association on September 18th, 1900:

ASH.		
	1st & 2nd.	Common.
1-inch.....	\$28.00	\$18.00
1 1/4 and 1 1/2-inch.....	30.00	20.00
2-inch.....	31.00	21.00
2 1/2-inch and thicker ..	34.00	24.00
1-inch Common and Better, \$23.00.		
1-inch Ship Cull and Better, \$18.00.		
BIRCH.		
	1st & 2nd.	Common.
1-inch.....	\$20.00	\$11.00
1 1/2-inch and 1 1/4-inch ..	22.00	13.00
2-inch.....	24.00	15.00
Red, 1-inch.....	32.00	19.00
1 1/2-inch and 1 1/4-inch.....	33.00	23.00
2-inch.....	35.00	25.00
2 1/2-inch and thicker ..	37.00	27.00
1-inch Ship Cull and Better, \$14.00		
BASSWOOD.		
	1st & 2nd.	Common.
1-inch—5 to 11-inch, 10 to 16-inch.....	\$21.00	\$15.50
12-inch.....	26.00	
13-inch and wider.....	28.00	
1 1/2-inch and 1 1/4-inch.....	24.00	16.50
2-inch.....	26.00	16.50
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1 1/4-inch, 1 1/2-inch, 2-inch	23.00	15.00
2 1/2-inch and thicker ..	25.00	17.00
1-inch Common and Better, \$18.00.		
1-inch Ship Cull and Better, \$15.00.		
ROCK ELM.		
	1st & 2nd.	Common.
1-in., 1 1/4-inch, 1 1/2-inch,		
2-inch.....	\$27.00	\$15.00
2 1/2-inch and thicker ..	31.00	19.00
1-inch to 2-inch log run mill culls out,		
\$16.00.		
1-in. to 2-in. Common and Better, \$21.00.		
2-inch, 2 1/2-inch and 3 inch Bridge and Barn		
Floor Plank, \$10.00.		
HARD MAPLE.		
	1st & 2nd.	Common.
1-inch.....	\$18.00	\$11.00
1 1/4-inch and 1 1/2-inch ..	20.00	12.00
2-inch.....	21.00	13.00
2 1/2-inch and thicker ..	22.00	14.00
1-in. to 2-in. Ship Cull and Better, \$12.00.		
SOFT MAPLE.		
	1st & 2nd.	Common.
1-inch to 2 inch Ship Cull and Better, \$12.00.		
For lumbe sold all one length, add \$1.00		
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THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN)
The lumber business in Ottawa is brisk at present, and shipments are being made to both the English and American markets. J. R. Booth is shipping to the firm of Robt. Cox & Co., Liverpool, and Cox & Long, London, and to different points in New York state. The Hull Lumber Co. is also shipping extensively to Watson & Todd, Liverpool, and Dobell, Beckett & Co. Prices remain firm with no advance. Gilmour & Hughson are shipping more extensively to American points than heretofore, and are also shipping considerable quantities of deals to English firms. The Hull Lumber Co. has arranged to operate the Ritchie mill at Aylmer again next season. As this company has sold its site and water power, it is hardly likely it will rebuild the mill destroyed in April at present. Last season this company cut over 30,000,000 feet in its one large mill. This season's cut will probably amount to 22,000,000 feet. Both Mason's and Bronson & Weston's mills are being operated night and day by the firm, which will soon institute the double shift in Ritchie's mill at Aylmer also.

The prospects for next season are bright in Ottawa lumber circles, and the business promises to be fully recovered from the blow dealt by the fire at the beginning of the season. All the mills will cut late this fall to recover ground lost on account of the fire, and to stock up fully for next season. Large rafts of logs are being handled on the Ottawa and Gatineau daily for the Ottawa mills.

Messrs. Laing and Rochester, foremen for the Hull Lumber Co., were in the city this week. Mr. Laing has charge of the firm's work on the limits bordering the Kippewa river, while Mr. Rochester has charge on the limits about the Ostoboning river, and both gentlemen state that considerable difficulty is being experienced this season with the class of labor engaged for work on the limits. Good men are scarce and wages high, and hence men new to the work are being accepted and sent on to fill the places of men who have had considerable experience and are better suited to the work. Men are being engaged in Hull and Ottawa daily for points as far west as Sault Ste Marie. Many are going to Warren, Sudbury, and other C. P. R. points, while others are going to the Georgian Bay district to work for American firms.

The present is one of the busiest seasons known in the MacLaren mills at Buckingham, on the Ottawa river. The cut for the season will amount to 22,000,000 feet. Shipments are being made to the English and

American markets regularly. The English lumber is being supplied Robt. Cox & Co., Liverpool, and the American shipments are being sent to D. L. White & Co., of Albany, N. Y.

Mr. J. R. Booth has about completed the refitting of his lumber yards on the Hull side of the Ottawa river. As the fire made a clean sweep, it was found necessary to rebuild all the platforms and tramways, which extend the entire length of the yard.

The E. B. Eddy Co. expects to be turning out matches from the new factory inside of three weeks. The saw mill will also be running in about the same time. The construction work on the mills has been almost completed, and the paper making machinery is about ready for installation.

All the flumes at the Chaudiere destroyed in the recent fire have been repaired. Mr. J. R. Booth is having different water courses enlarged to enable him to secure better water power for his mills. He has not yet decided whether he will build a pulp mill on the site of the McKay flour mills or not.

Ottawa, Sept. 22nd, 1900.

OAK DIMENSION.

Mill men who are in a position to cut oak into dimension for export are asked to correspond with the publishers of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.

FIRES.

About 400,000 feet of cedar logs, the property of Mr. Morrison, were destroyed by fire at Fredericton, N. B., recently. The loss is about \$5,000.

Fire destroyed the saw mill and 4,000,000 feet of spruce lumber at St. Cecile, Que., the property of Chas. McCaffrey. The lumber consisted principally of three inch deals, intended for the British market. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, about half of which is covered by insurance.

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