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### BUSINESS NOTES.

Samuel Hawes, planing mill and builder, St. Thomas, Ont., is advertising his business for sale.

A. M. Stetson & Co., lumber dealers, Boston, Mass., have made a voluntary assignment. The liabilities are reported to be \$250,000, but it is said that a settlement is likely to be effected. The firm has property in New Brunswick, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

Although in the midst of the winter season, there continues to be a heavy movement of lumber by rail. There would also be more business done were it possible to obtain the stock desired. Reports to hand state that not for many years has the stock of low grade pine lumber been so thoroughly picked up. To such an extent is this the case that some of the manufacturers have for the first time inaugurated winter sawing. The quantity of stock placed on the market as a result, however, will not be large, and will not likely affect prices, particularly as the demand between now and spring will more than take care of the supply. Business for the year is opening up very favorably. A number of the Ottawa valley manufacturers have disposed of their cut, and we understand that several mill owners in the Georgian Bay district expect to close negotiations at an early date for considerable of their next season's production. The Midland cut of the Arthur Hill Company, to be sawed at Playfair's mill and amounting to 20,000,000 feet, has been contracted for by W. B. Mershon, of Saginaw, Mich., at a price which is regarded as very satisfactory to the manufacturers.

There are numerous inquiries in the market for hardwoods, and from present indications prices will not weaken during the next few months at least. Consumers, recognizing the situation, are showing a disposition to contract for their requirements in advance.

### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

Writing to the CANADA LUMBERMAN, a manufacturer in Quebec states that all grades of lumber have been picked up this winter closer than he has ever known before, and that many contracts are in the hands of mill men for new stock to be cut as soon as there is enough snow for logging. These remarks reflect the situation throughout Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Enquiries for lumber are numerous, but the supply of dry stock is almost exhausted. Prices in 1900 promise to be even better than last year, as several manufacturers have sold their output of British spruce deals at an advance of from \$1.50 to \$2 per thousand over the prices realized for the 1899 production. This increased price will not, however, give a greater margin of profit to the manufacturers, as the cost of producing logs this winter will be considerably greater than last season.

### UNITED STATES.

The first ten days in the new year have not witnessed a large demand for lumber, although the business done during the holiday season was above the average. The market still remains firm. There is a general shortage of dry stock in pine, spruce and hardwoods, more pronounced in the lower grades of white pine than in any other class of stock. Of the stock on dock at Ashland and Duluth it is said that there is not to exceed 20,000,000 feet unsold at each place, while a considerable percentage of next season's production

has been contracted for. The eastern wholesale markets are fairly well supplied. The stock of white pine in Buffalo yards is estimated at 120,000,000 feet, of which 20,000,000 feet is Canadian stock. The outlook for building operations in the eastern cities during the coming season is considered good, and this fact is having an influence upon prices. In New York city there is almost a famine in box and low grade lumber, and higher prices are predicted. The quotations on hardwood lumber are being maintained, the difficulty of buying at western points at a reasonable price assisting to this end. The supply of basswood lumber has become almost exhausted, and a famine is expected before the new cut shall be available for shipment. Michigan manufacturers of maple have endeavored to secure a corner on that lumber and have advanced prices by \$2 per thousand. This brings prices up to a basis of \$9, \$13 and \$18. Red birch is selling in Buffalo as high as \$42 for inch.

There has been no change in shingle prices. Best 18 inch red cedars and white pine are selling at Buffalo at \$4. This price has caused consumers to look around for hemlock shingles, which sell at about \$2.50, but there is no large supply in the market.

### FOREIGN.

Prices for spot goods in Great Britain continue to strengthen owing to reports of high prices asked for timber products in producing countries. To such an extent have prices been advanced that some predict that the volume of business during the year 1900 will be restricted on this account. On the other hand, the outlook for the year, judged from the orders now in hand, seems to be particularly bright. At London several transactions have lately taken place in third and fourth quality spruce, third quality selling at £9 5s per standard and fourths at £9; second quality brings about £9 11s. From Liverpool comes the report that contracts have been made at £8 per standard c.i.f. for cargoes or large parcels by liners for specifications containing about 80 per cent. of 7 and 8 inch. From this may be gauged the value of 9 and 11 inch. Pine deals are steadily improving, and while until two months ago £24 15s was the maximum, recently \$28 3s 9d has been reached for first quality. The stock in first hands is about one-half that carried over at same time last year. Red pine deals are selling at £12 7s 9d and there is very little stock that is not in the hands of consumers. In nearly all classes of square timber the stock is light, but there is a decided scarcity of ash.

### SHIPPING MATTERS.

The barque Kolverdale has been chartered to carry lumber from Boston to Buenos Ayres at \$9.25.

The ships Marie MadrefB and Vanloo have been fixed to load deals at Bathurst, N. B., for Marseilles at 62 francs.

A partnership has been registered under the name of Bissel, Ross & Co., lumber dealers, Sherbrooke, Que.

**STOCKS AND PRICES.**

The Gillies Bros. Co., of Braeside, Ont., have 13 shanties in the woods this winter.

It is reported that a Chicago firm has sold to eastern parties 8,000,000 feet of white pine lumber, the consideration being \$160,000.

In northern Michigan hemlock logs are bringing \$7.25 per thousand, which is about the price that pine logs sold at a few years ago.

Pickard & Rowan, of Owen Sound, Ont., have 1,500,000 feet of logs on the skids at Lion's Head, Ont., a 2 about 400,000 feet at Mus.

First class elm flour batrel staves are being sold by jobbers in Buffalo at \$9. The former price for patent hoops, \$13, is strong, but hickory hoops sell slowly at \$6.50, with basswood heading scarce at 5 1/2 cents. The supply of elm promises to improve, but basswood is not expected to.

Yard quotations in Chicago are \$53 for uppers, \$47 for A selects, \$42 for B selects, and \$39 for C selects, in thicknesses from 1 1/4 to 2 inches. Common stock boards range from \$15.50 for 1 x 8 No. 3 to \$21.50 for 1 x 12 No. 1. For 2 x 4 10 foot piece stuff \$16.50 is asked and for lengths above 18 feet from \$16.50 to \$17.50.

**THE BRITISH MARKET.**

Calder, Henderson & Livingston, in their annual timber market report, review the Glasgow market as follows:

**WHITE PINE.**—Waney.—The demand has been fairly steady, and, the import having been moderate, there is now carried over a stock of rather under the average. The consumption of prime wood for shipbuilding purposes has fallen somewhat below the average of the past few years, but prices have been maintained at from 25 7d to 25 9d. First-class short girthy wood is firm at 25 4d to 25 7d. Second-class wood has met with a better demand than has been the case for the two preceding years. Low prices were accepted to clear out some old parcels, but now prices are firm at from 19d to 23d. Square.—Any first-class wood imported has been readily

taken up from ships' side on arrival. 35 to 45 feet average is now quoted at 25 2d to 25 5d per c. ft. G. F. A. has been in fair demand at 18d to 22d, according to average. Common wood is rarely now inquired for.

**RED PINE.**—There has been a fair import of first-class wood, together with an average consumption. Stock carried over is largely in excess of that of the previous year, and is mostly composed of first-class. Quotations range from 21d to 25 1d.

**ELM.**—The import has been on a moderate scale, the demand exceptionally good, and prices have steadily advanced month by month till now prime wood is held firmly by merchants at 25 9d to 25 11d per c. ft. The stock is light.

**OAK.**—The import has been about the average, and stock in hand is practically on a level with the carry over of 1898. Quotations are 25 8d to 25 10d for prime wood 65 to 75 cubic average. Second class wood is little inquired for, users of this class preferring the U. S. production.

**ASH.**—Import has been unusually light, and being late in coming forward the stock carried over was practically cleared before fresh wood arrived, and prices made a sharp advance, which has been maintained. Recent sales have been made at 23 to 25 3d for 15 to 16 inch average. There is no stock in first hands.

**BIRCH.**—There has been a light import and a good demand. Large sales were made immediately after the cabinetmakers' strike collapsed, and prices went up as the stock decreased. Prices are now steady at 20d to 21d for 16 inch average. Stock in hand is barely one fourth of the average of the past three years.

**DEALS, BATTENS AND BOARDS.**—While the year opened with the stock of 1st, 3rd, and 4th pine somewhat in excess of an average of the three years preceding, prices were held on a firm basis by most of the importers, although others, taking rather a pessimistic view of the prospects, cleared large lines at reduced values. In the early months of the import season arrivals were comparatively light, and buyers became more anxious to operate. Prices held steady until September, when a stronger position was taken up, in keeping with prices ruling on the other side. The import is over 500,000 pieces less, and the consumption fully 1,100,000 more than in 1898, consequently the new year commences with deal stocks in a very favorable position all round.

**PINE—First.**—The import of broad deals has been moderate and the demand good.

Prices have improved steadily, £24 to £24 15s being the maximum till within a couple of months ago, and recently £28 3s 9d has been touched. In 11 inch there has been little doing. Undersized have met with a good demand, 14 to 16 ft. lengths making a good price. Stock in first hands is about half that carried over in comparison to last year. Quotations—Broad, £24 to £28; 11 inch, £22 to £23 7s 6d; undersized, £17 17s 6d to £20 12s 6d; 1 1/4, 1 1/2 and 2 inch sidings, 11 to 12 inch average, £17 3s 9d to £19 10s; strips, 5 to 7 inch, £13 (for shorts) to £16 10s. Seconds.—Import moderate. Demand rather better than the previous year, but prices much on a level. The stock is light, but sufficient for requirements. Quotations—Broad, £17 3s 9d to £20 12s 6d; 11 inch, £15 10s to £18 11s 3d; undersized, £12 17s 6d to £15 15s. Thirds.—The year opened with a considerably larger stock than usual, and sales were being freely made at £9 12s 6d to £10 for regulars, and £6 17s 6d to £7 15s for undersized. The clearance of the yarded stock was speedy, and for new importations a firmer attitude was adopted, and gradually improved upon till £11 ex quay was got for regulars and £9 5s for undersized. The stock is light and firmly held. Fourths.—Were heavily held at the beginning of the year, and consumers also carried large stocks. With a light import early in the season, and a rapidly increasing consumption, a strengthening of values resulted. Regulars opened at about £6 17s 6d and undersized at about £6 10s, while in October sales were freely made at £8 10s and £7 11s (Continued on page 3.)

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THE OTTAWA VALLEY.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

Ottawa furnishes an indication of the increased extent of the lumbering operations this season, as compared with those of last year. The figures apply to the work carried on in north-western Quebec, western Ontario and parts of the newer Ontario. The comparison applies directly to the number of men sent out to the various limits from Ottawa, a recognized labor bureau in the business. Mr. C. D. Chitty, of the firm of Chitty & Co., states that his firm since August last has hired 2,600 men, who have been sent over the above mentioned districts to work for the leading Canadian and American firms. For the lumbering operations a year back only 1,600 men were sent, the increase thus being 62 1/2 per cent. Mr. Chitty also states that the area of limits being worked this year is much more extensive than it was last. This year men were sent to points as far west as Lake Superior not touched before, and six more American and Canadian firms were supplied with men. The firm started hiring men last August, but the great majority were sent out in the last three months. Wages, which at the start ranged from \$16 to \$32 per month, have been forced down as the great demand for men was satisfied, and the present rate is \$16 to \$22. Chitty & Co. also expect to send one thousand men up for the spring drives, which last about 40 days, and bring the men \$2 to \$2.50 per day. Gangs of men and teams are still being forwarded to North Bay, Webbwood, and a bulk of western points. This firm does the bulk of the business, but smaller concerns have had their hands full, and altogether from Ottawa close on 4,000 men were sent. The authorities in Hull state that about 900 men and boys have left that city for the shanties since August last. Although the firm only shipped about 200 teams, Mr. Chitty states that close on 1,000 teams were forwarded to the limits by the Ottawa firms, J. R. Booth, Hull Lumber Co., Gilmour & Hughson, E. B. Eddy, W. C. Edwards, McLaren & Co., and Ross Bros., of Buckingham. Speaking of the situation in general, Mr. Chitty states that unfavorable weather conditions will prove a serious drawback, the lack of frost and snow hindering work on the limits. He expects a record breaking cut of pine, but states that the quantity of square timber taken out will be below the average, as only the more remote limits yield this class of timber now. Mr. Chitty also draws attention to the marked activity of the American firms, which, on account of the recent legislation, are cutting more extensively on their limits.

Mr. David McAuliffe, of the firm of W. H. McAuliffe & Co., lumber dealers, Ottawa, has returned from Burlington, Vt., where he passed the holidays and transacted business with the American trade.

One of the most popular members of the Ottawa company of the first Canadian contingent, now in South Africa, is Allan Gilmour, son of Mr. John Gilmour, of the firm of Gilmour & Hughson, the well known mill owners of Ottawa.

Mr. E. Harper Wade, Quebec representa-

tive of McArthur Bros., was in Ottawa this week on private business. Mr. Wade states that his firm will not cut so extensively on their limits this season as heretofore, owing to the fact that the timber if left standing promises to bring in better financial returns than if cut and sold at present high prices.

Ottawa contractors and retail and wholesale lumber dealers continue to find great difficulty in securing the necessary supplies of lumber from the mill owners, as the latter, if they have not already sold their standing cut, prefer to hold it for the outside markets.

Box lumber and culls for the American market are still quoted at high figures, while lath are in great demand. The introduction of metallic shingles and roofing, however, has curtailed the demand for the product of the shingle mill, and the price has not advanced as rapidly as in the case of lath, indispensable in building operations. The higher grades of lumber for both the English and American markets show little advance.

OTTAWA, Jan. 5th, 1900.

THE BOSTON MARKET.

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

The market on spruce lumber is little changed. It is possible that where a mill can start up sawing and is in want of orders prices might be shaded. But there are very few of such mills, the low water and lack of logs keeping them idle. There is now more snow in the woods and hauling has commenced in good earnest. Agreement prices are still the rule, and yet something is sold occasionally for less: Frames, 9 inch and under.....\$17.00 10 and 12 in. dimensions..... 19.00 10 and 12 in. random, 10 ft. and up long..... 18.50 1 x 3, 2 x 4, 2 x 5, 2 x 6, 2 x 7 and 3 x 4, 10 feet and up..... 15.00 All other random, 9 in. and under..... 15.50 Merchantable boards planed one side..... 15.00 Out boards planed one side..... 12.00 Furring, 1 x 2, 1 x 2 1/2 and 1 x 3 planed one side..... 13.00 to \$13.50 Western pine yet holds very strong, with the movement only moderate, however:

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