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SHIPPING MATTERS.

The Benta is loading at the Brunette Saw Mill - New Westminster, B. C., for San Pedro, Cal.

The Timber Trades Journal, of London, Eng., says of freight and shipping conditions that negotiations are at present progressing for Canadian requirements and that brokers are striving their utmost to bring about an improvement. There is no scarcity of tonnage willing to carry timber from Canada, and there is certainly not an over abundance of wood to go forward.

The following vessels are loading lumber at British Columbia ports for foreign: At Hastings Mill—Br. bark Cadzow Forest, 1,068 tons, for Melbourne. Am. bark Wm. F. Witzemann, 449 tons, for San Francisco. Nic. bark Bundalcer, 921 tons, for Santa Rosalia. At Moodyville Chil ship Hindostan, 1542 tons, for Valparaiso. At Westminster—Am. bktn C. C. Funke, 512 tons, for Los Angeles. Am. schr. Beulah, 339 tons, for San Pedro. Total, 6 vessels, 4,831 tons.

The shipping of the Maritime Provinces—Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island—continues to show a decrease and bids fair if the shrinkages goes on at the present rate to be practically wiped out of existence altogether. During the past eleven years the total tonnage decreased considerably over one third of the whole or by 336,290 tons—from 890,810 tons in 1884 to 554,520 tons in 1894 inclusive. In the first named year, 1894, Nova Scotia had 3,019 vessels with a total tonnage of 543,835, while she now has only 2,686 vessels with a tonnage of 369,303. New Brunswick owned 1,090 vessels with a tonnage of 307,762, now she has 1,008 vessels with a tonnage of but 137,028. Prince Edward Island possessed 234 vessels with a tonnage of 18,189. Nova Scotia has 333 vessels and 174,532 tons less; New Brunswick, 88 vessels and 170,734 tons less; P. E. Island, 43 vessels and 210,024 tons less.

BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES AND CHANGES.

B. F. Young, planing mill, Stratford, Ont., has assigned.

The Bedford Lumber Company, of Bedford, Mass., has failed with liabilities of over \$100,000.

A meeting of the creditors of James A. McHardy, saw mills, Windsor, Que., was called for Jan. 29.

Chas. D. Marteau has been appointed curator of the stock of J. B. Tremblay, saw mill, St. Henri de Montreal, Que.

John G. Owen, one of the best known lumbermen of Saginaw, Mich., is in business difficulties, having filed two bills of sale aggregating \$78,000.

Geo. McKean, of St. John, and I. H. Mathers, of Halifax, are interested in recent English lumber failures, and have gone to England to look after matters.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The lumber trade of the week has been one of expectancy, rather than action. A call at the offices of leading lumbermen finds them enjoying a period of quietude. No stocks, outside of a few car lots, are moving, and yet no one is disappointed. January has been, perhaps, a little quieter than the same month of other years, and yet this does not indicate anything discouraging. The impression is that after about the 15th of February business will commence to move. Prices are held just as firmly to-day as they have been for some weeks past. "We do not anticipate," said a large mill owner, "any remarkable advance in prices this spring, but we are quite sure that there will be no drop." All enquiries lead pretty much to the one conclusion, that there will be no occasion for sacrificing prices. There are good enquiries for common stock, which has been in the most active demand for some time. But there is an increase in enquiries for better grades, which is taken as evidence by those whose correspondence and connections enable them to form an intelligent opinion, that manufacturers in the States are more active, and they will this year engage in the manufacture of a better class of goods. In one way no stronger evidence could be produced of improved commercial conditions. When times are depressed people have to satisfy themselves with cheaper goods; as money becomes more plentiful the demand is for better goods. The season could hardly be more favorable for logging. The snow of the past week, following considerable snow earlier, has put loggers in good humor. The question just now is whether in some sections there may not be a little too much of the Beautiful, making the work of the shantymen unnecessarily heavy. Talks with limit holders bring the information that there is a good deal of looking around by possible purchasers. It is to be expected that later on, as an outcome of this prospecting, some changes in ownership may take place. The opinion grows with Canadian lumbermen that timber limits will not quickly depreciate in value, and there is good reason to suppose that United States lumbermen are finding that profitable investments can be made in Ontario limits.

QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

It is the belief of lumbermen in the Lower Provinces that trade is looking up. Transactions at present are not numerous, but reports from the United Kingdom, are more encouraging than for some time past, and United States lumbermen, since the change in tariff, are interesting

themselves in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia lumber, in a manner that indicates, that in the future they will draw not a little of their supplies from the Maritime provinces. At the port of Quebec just now there is hardly anything moving in lumber, but this is not unusual at this time of the year. Increased confidence is likewise manifest at this point.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A correspondent from British Columbia, whose letter has just reached us, writes that within the week business has been dull. Shipments to United States ports keep on, but in small quantities. Lumbermen are concerning themselves in the matter of placing the trade of 1895 on a better basis than that of the year gone by. More than ever they are realizing the folly of a perpetual system of cutting that has prevailed in certain branches of the lumber business. It is always hard to say what the outcome will be of a movement of this kind, but many feel that the trade has reached a crisis, where in the interests of everybody more reasonable methods of doing business must be adopted in the future.

UNITED STATES.

Lumber is not yet moving in large quantities at any of the buying centers in the United States. This is not expected in January. Operators are interesting themselves in the condition of affairs in the woods, and the developments in logging during the past week or two are of an encouraging character. Abundance of snow has been general at all points; there has been plenty of frost in connection with this, so that altogether loggers just now are in luck. As careful enquiry is made the information is general that excessive stocks of lumber are not held at any mill points, and with few exceptions wholesalers are not holding large stocks. On the other hand the supplies generally in the lumber yards throughout the country are light, and will make necessary a general sorting up all over soon as business shows any evidence of revival. This, it is believed, will come in the early spring. Another month will enable one to speak with a good deal more definiteness and certainty on the future of trade. Continued heavy snows and cold weather is, of course, hurtful to any outdoor work that was undertaken at the close of last year when the weather was open. But dullness in this respect can, at the best, only be short lived. Reports from builders foretell more than the average activity in building lines in cities like Philadelphia, Baltimore and elsewhere. The building season in New York this year will show an advance over that of a year ago. Duluth lumbermen say that

enquiries from the east are numerous, whilst the stocks held over are light.

FOREIGN.

The first auction sale of the new year held at London, Eng., by Messrs. Churchill & Sim, was of a character to indicate a fair measure of activity in the lumber trade. Country buyers were present in force and helped to sustain the bidding for pine lots. It is believed that the first month of the year is opening out with signs of improvement in the lumber trade of the United Kingdom, and this view we find is shared by mill men of this country, whose dealings with Great Britain enable them to form an intelligent opinion of conditions of trade there. There is nothing new to report in regard to trade with South America. Australian business continues slow.

HARDWOODS.

Word has not reached us during the week of any shipments of note in hardwoods, though enquiries are growing. Lumbermen, whose trade is in hardwoods, rather than pine, are feeling in good feather, as the want of confidence in business that existed at the close of last year appears to have passed away. The demand for certain grades of wood within the next month or two is likely to be considerable. Black ash is in growing demand. And as we noted before birch is coming rapidly to the front. It can hardly be said that prices are advancing, but they hold firm. Mill men will likely get out rather more than the average stocks this spring, encouraged by the enquiries that are being made at the present time.

SHINGLES.

The trade of the week in shingles has been slow enough, and prices remain unchanged, showing very little indications of improvement.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

CANADA.

Howry & Sons, who are operating large Canadian mills, are banking 1,000,000 feet a day.

Exports of forest products from Canada during December amounted to \$1,052,691, which is not a large figure.

The Chillian barque India is on her way to Valparaiso, with a cargo of British Columbia lumber, 784,000 feet, valued at \$6,200.

There is a brisk demand for spruce lumber in San Francisco and British Columbia dealers are getting some share of the trade.

The cut of lumber on the south-west branch of the Miramichi river in New Brunswick this winter will be about 30,000,000 feet, of which 12,000,000 will be cut by William Richards.

The Amaranth, from St. John, N. B., for Dublin; the Hornet same port, for Bridport, and the Marietta Brayley from Halifax, N. S., are on their way to the United Kingdom with lumber.

The shipments from St. John, N. B., for the week included 1,000,000 feet of long lumber, 3,500,000 lath and over 1,500,000 shingles for United States ports. 250,000 feet of birch planks are included in the cargo of a steamer for London, Eng.

The timber limit in the Parry Sound district purchased some time ago by Barnett & Mackie from Thos. Murray, has been sold to a Bay City, Mich., firm for \$50,000, re-

presenting an advance on the original cost, besides a raft of timber taken off it last winter.

The schooner Beulah is loading lumber at the Brunette saw mills, New Westminster, B. C., for Southern California. She will take away about 400,000 feet of rough and dressed lumber. The same concern shipped the past week two car loads of lumber for Chicago.

Mr. Geo. Gordon, of Sturgeon Falls, and Mr. J. D. Munro, of Pembroke, have formed a co-partnership and purchased a timber limit at Pogamassing lake for \$30,000 and another in the township of Snider for \$40,000. The latter limit has since been sold by Mr. Munro to Booth & Gordon.

The removal of the duty on rough lumber has given encouragement to British Columbia sellers near the international boundary line, and some of the small mills are now selling at very low prices. Sumas ranchers are able to get rough lumber at \$6. per 1000 feet and dressed from \$8 to \$15. Second stock shingles are also sold for 50c. per 1000.

A Canadian concern will, it is said, send 25,000,000 feet of logs from the Georgian Bay district to Michigan the coming season to be sawed. The advantage of the Michigan market in making sales is said to be the influence that has suggested this movement, whilst the cost of sawing is brought down to a minimum.

The big purchase of timber lands in Nova Scotia by a syndicate of United States lumbermen, and noticed in these columns some weeks ago, is expected to be finally completed early in February. One of the properties that will be included in the sale is owned by Messrs. Miller, of St. John, and is in Guysboro county. It has fine timber reserves and mills, and is valued at \$125,000.

The timber limits of the Blind River Lumber Co., on Black river, Georgian Bay, have been purchased by Messrs. Albert Pack, F. W. Gilchrist and Geo. R. Nicholson, of Alpena, Mich., F. R. Gilchrist, of Cleveland, and Mat. Sluss, of Detroit. The purchase does not include the mills or other property of the company, except the standing timber. The price paid was \$93,000. Gen. Alger offered \$125,000 for these limits a year ago.

UNITED STATES.

More activity is shown in box business at Saginaw, Mich., than in any other line.

So far as there is any difference in lumber business at Buffalo hardwoods have the preference.

B. Robinson, of Grand Rapids, Mich., says that Grand Rapids will be a big buyer of hardwoods shortly.

Deals for spring sawing at Manistee Mich., are said to be offered quite freely, and some have already been placed at figures above the average obtained last season.

A. W. Comstock gives the estimate of timber lands yet in Alpena county, Mich., to be 40,000 acres, mostly covered with maple and beech. The elm and ash are estimated at 75,000,000 feet.

All grades of spruce have advanced in the New York market. Narrow stuff calls for \$15 to \$15.75, and \$16 is needed for wider. Lath at this market continues to rule low, \$2 being the limit on cargo sales.

J. A. Spaulding, Philadelphia, Pa.: "Stocks are moving slowly. Only fair

stocks on hand in this district. Common grades are in largest demand. Prices firm with advance hoped for. Fair trade expected, but it may be March before it shows up."

Certain Canadian lumbermen have purchased at Manistee, Mich., 400,000 deals, which will be carried over there. The price paid was about \$1.00 in advance of last year's figures. The purchasers have a yard in Glasgow, where the product will likely be stored.

FOREIGN.

Red myrtle, from Tasmania, is being shipped to England in the hope that it will make a place for itself there.

A trial shipment of timbers, comprising 20,000 feet of cedar iron bark, tallowed wood, black butt, mahogany, beech and red bean has been sent forward from Sydney, N. S. W. to Great Britain.

A report from Glasgow, Scotland, says that pine timber of first quality commands a firm price. Waney is most sought after, but the limits being fixed pretty high, square pine will also have a look in. Secondary waney and common square pine are now in request. Deals of all kinds are moving pretty freely.

At the sale of Foy, Morgan & Co., London, Eng., business opened with Canadian goods as follows: 4x9 3rd spruce ex Deptford, which were sold at £6 15s. per std. Ex Arlona @ Quebec, the 3x9 2nd spruce made the fair figure of £7 to £7 5s. Ex Rosarian @ Quebec, the 13 ft. 3x9 3rd spruce were knocked down at the uniform price of £6 10s. Ex Bruxelles @ Quebec, 3x11 lath pine at £8 is a good price as things go.

The hardwoods of Queensland are likely to be placed in large quantities on the English market, owing to the demand for railway sleepers, for which these woods are said to be the most suitable on account of their durability; they are reported to last three times as long as the Baltic pine. Their cost, including carriage, would probably be three times as great, but their use would avoid the frequent inconvenience to traffic occasioned by relaying the less durable pine.

Timber, of London, Eng., says of Liverpool trade: "The import of timber has again been practically nil, as only one cargo of flooring boards has come forward during the week. There are not many sales to report, but there are numerous enquiries for fairly large lines in the market, amongst others being that of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Co., who are inviting tenders for 100 logs of hewn pitch pine, 500 of sawn, some Quebec waney pine, birch and whitewood and that of the Mersey Dock and Harbor Board for 160 logs of sawn pitch pine, 1,500 ft. elm, 2,000 ft. hewn pitch pine, 65 stds. spruce deals, and a quantity of spruce poles.

Allison, Cousland & Co., of Glasgow, Scotland, say that throughout 1894 prices were very steady, for Canadian goods especially, and the tendency at present is towards higher values. Canary white wood, birch planks, and spruce deals are weak on heavy imports and stocks. Sawn pitch pine stock is excessive, and should go lower in price; the wonder is how shippers can put the wood on our market at such prices as have been current. Complaints have been rife of the standard of the culling of Quebec 1st pine

deals and boards, and they have not been without good cause. Ship building was brisk, 340,885 tons were launched as against 280,160 tons last year. The work on hand is estimated at 225,000 tons as compared with 170,000 tons a year ago. Our staple industries are in a healthy condition, locomotive builders, house builders, and cabinet makers are busy, and with plenty of work on hand, the ensuing year promises to be no less satisfactory than that just finished.

PRICES IN WINNIPEG.

Following are the prices of lumber, as fixed by the Winnipeg Lumber Association, at the yards in Winnipeg.—

DIMENSION AND TIMBER.														
SIZES.	12ft.	14ft.	16ft.	18ft.	20ft.	22ft.	24ft.							
2x4 to 2x12	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$20	\$21	\$27	\$23							
3x6 to 3x12								20	20	20	21	22	23	24
4x4 to 4x12								20	20	20	21	22	23	24
6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8								20	20	20	21	22	23	24
8x10 to 12x12	21	21	21	22	23	24	15							
2x4-10 a	\$21.00													
2x6 to 2x12-10	at \$18.00													
Dimension,	26ft.	28ft.	30ft.											
Timber, 26ft., 28ft., 30ft.,	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$21.00										
advance on each inch over 12in. depth and width.														
Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M. less than pine. Call plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. dimension up to 32 feet at \$28.00 per M.														
BOARDS.—1st common dressed, \$25.50; 2nd common dressed, \$20.00; 2nd common rough, \$19.00; 3rd common dressed, \$18.00; 3rd common rough, \$17.00; culls rough, \$14.00. Spruce dressed, \$18.00; spruce rough, \$17.00; \$2.00 per M. less for 8 to 10 ft. and under; culls No. 2, \$8.														
SIDING, FLOORING AND CEILING.—1st. 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$41.00; 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$30.00; 1st, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red pine, \$36.00; 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red pine, \$32.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red pine, \$28.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white pine, \$23.00; B. C. No. 1 fir, \$35.00; B. C. No. 2 fir, \$32.00; 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce, \$23.00; 8 and 10 inch pine, \$25.00; Cedar siding, \$36.00; \$1.00 per M. advance for dressing both sides.														
BEVEL SIDING.—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00. No. 2 red and white pine, \$23.00.														
SHIPLAP.—6 inch, \$19.00; 8 and 10 inch, \$12.00; spruce, 8 inch x 10 inch, \$20.00; spruce, 6 inch, \$18.00.														
SHINGLES.—B. C. cedar per M. \$3.25; No. 1 pine, per M. \$2.75; No. 2 pine, per M. \$2.25; No. 3 pine, per M. \$2.00.														
LATH.—Pine lath per M. \$3.00.														
COMMON STOCK BOARDS.—1st, 8 to 10 and 12 inch, \$26.50; 2nd, 12 inch, \$21.00; 2nd, 8 to 10 inch, \$20.00.														
FINISHINGS.—1 1/2 inch, 1 1/2 inch and 2 inch. White pine, 1st. and 2nd, clear, \$65.00; white pine, 3rd, clear, \$55.00; white pine, selects, \$45.00; white pine shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00; red pine selects, \$30.00; B. C. cedar clear, \$55.00; B. C. fir clear, \$50.00. \$5.00 per M. advance on 2 1/2 and thicker.														
One inch. White pine, 1st. and 2nd, clear, \$60.00; white pine, 3rd, clear, \$48.00; white pine, selects, \$38.00; red pine clear, \$40.00; red pine, selects, \$30.00; B. C. cedar clear, \$55.00.														
OAK, RED AND WHITE.—1st. and 2nd, \$35 to \$60.; common \$35.														
MOULDING AND BASE.—Parting strips, per 100 feet lineal, 6oc.; lattice, 1/2 by 1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 76c.; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25; window and door stop, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 7/8 cove, 75c.; 1 1/2 round mould, \$1.50; 2 round mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 round mould, \$2.00; 3 round mould, \$2.25; 4 1/2 round mould, \$2.50; 4 round mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 round mould, \$3.00; 5 round mould, \$3.25; 6 round mould, \$3.50; 5 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$4.50; 6 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 round casings, \$2.50; 5 round casings, \$2.75; 6 round casings, \$3.25; 1 round base, \$4.50; 10 round base, \$5.50; hand rail 2 1/2, \$5.00; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.50; wainscot cap, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 7 1/2. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings & moulding to detail at special prices. All stock work at special net prices.														

LUMBER FREIGHT RATES.

LUMBER freight rates for pine on the Grand Trunk Railway have been made a fixture, until, at least, April 30th, 1895. Of any intended change after that date due notice will be given the lumbermen at a conference to be held in February.

General instructions in shipping by Grand Trunk are embodied in these words in the tariff schedule: On lumber in carloads, minimum weight, 30,000 lbs. per car, unless the marked capacity of the car be less, in which case the marked capacity (but not less than 24,000 lbs.) will be charged, and must not be exceeded. Should it be impracticable to load certain descriptions of light lumber up to 30,000 lbs. to the car, then the actual weight only will be charged for, but not less than 24,000 lbs. The rates on lumber in the tariff will not be higher from an intermediate point on the straight run than from the first named point beyond, to the same destination. For instance, the rates from Tara or Hepworth to Guelph, Brantford, Weston or Toronto, would not be higher than the specific rates named from Winton to the same points. The rates from Carleton Place and Southampton to points east of Listowel and south and west of Stratford will be the same as from Kincardine, but in no case are higher rates to be charged than as per mileage table published on page 9 of tariff.

Rates from leading lumber points on pine and other softwood lumber, shingles, etc., are as follows: From Glenora, Creemore, Aurora, Barrie and other points in group B to Toronto, 6½¢; Collingwood, Pennington, Coldwater, Waubushene, Sturgeon Bay, Victoria Harbor, Midland, Fenelon Falls, Longford, Gravenhurst and other points in group C, to Toronto, 6½¢; Bracebridge to Toronto, 7¢; Utterson, Huntsville, Navor, Emblale, Katrine to Toronto, 7½¢; Burk's Falls, Berniciale and Sundridge, to Toronto, 8¢; South River, Powassan and Callender to Toronto, 9¢; Nipissing Junction and North Bay, 10¢. Rate from Goderich, Kincardine and Winton to Toronto, 6½¢. These rates are per 100 lbs. Rates from Toronto east to Belleville are 7½¢ per 100 lbs.; to Deseronto, 9¢; to Brockville

and Prescott, 10¢; to Montreal and Ottawa, 11¢. The rates on hardwoods average about from 10¢ to 20¢ per 100 lbs. higher than on softwoods. For rates on railway ties, mahogany, rosewood, walnut, cherry, and other valuable woods, application must be made to the district freight agent.

On the Canadian Pacific the rates on pine and softwoods may be illustrated as follows: Cache Bay, North Bay, Sturgeon Falls and Warren, to Toronto, 10¢; Algoma, Cook's Mill, Massey, Spanish River and Whitefish to Toronto, 13¢; Ottawa to Toronto, 10¢ from Ottawa, Hull, Aylmer and Duchesne Mills to station on the Lake Erie and Detroit River, Erie and Huron, Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo, and Michigan Central Railways, the rate is 14½¢ per 100 lbs. Regulations apply as to minimum size of carload of 30,000 lbs., and an advanced rate is charged for hardwoods.

Lumber freight rates on the Canadian Atlantic Railway are as follows: Ottawa to Toronto, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Oswego, \$1.90 per M ft., (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Ottawa to Montreal, \$1.25 per M ft., (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Arnprior to Montreal, \$1.75 per M ft., (3,000 lbs. and under per M ft.); Ottawa to Quebec, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Buffalo, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Port Huron and Detroit, 14 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to New York, track delivered 15 cents; lighted 17 cents; Arnprior to New York, track delivery 17 cents; lighted 19 cents; Ottawa to Boston, Portland and common points, local 15 cents; exports 13¢ per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Boston, Portland and common points, local 17 cents; export 15 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Burlington, 5 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Albany, 10 cents per 100 lbs.; Arnprior to Albany, 12 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to St. John, N. B. and common points, 20 cents per 100 lbs.; Ottawa to Halifax, N. S. and common points, 22½ cents per 100 lbs. Minimum carload weight for shipment of lumber, lath, shingles, etc., is 30,000 lbs., and rates quoted above are in cents per 100 lbs., except when quoted per M ft. the minimum carload charged is 10 M ft.

MODIFICATION OF HARDWOOD RATES.

THE Grand Trunk Railway and Canadian Pacific have receded in part from their arrangement of a few weeks since when they combined and made the rates on hardwood from certain points to Toronto and Hamilton 8½¢ per 100 lbs. John Earls, W.D.F.A., of the Grand Trunk, has written the hardwood men as follows: "After careful consideration we have come to the conclusion that, on and after Jan. 1st, 1895, a modification will be made in the present arrangements for hardwood lumber, to the effect that the rate will be 7½¢ per 100 lbs. from our Northern and Northwestern branches to Toronto and Hamilton. This rate, however, will not apply from main line points and the straight run between Toronto, Sarnia and Windsor; also that so far as rates on common lumber to points like Guelph, Galt, London, Woodstock, Ingersoll, etc., from all lumber shipping stations the rate will be the same on hardwood as on pine." On the old principle, we suppose, that half the loaf is better than none, hardwood men have something, possibly, to be thankful for, though there is no good reason why the rates generally on hardwood should not be as low as on pine. It is understood that the C. P. R. rate will be made uniform at 7½¢ from same points.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF RAT PORTAGE LUMBER CUT.

W. M. Gunton, of Gunton & Co., Chicago, and G. J. Pope, representing D. S. Pate, are in the Rat Portage district considering the matter of securing control of the lumber output of that district. Interviewed at Winnipeg, Mr. Gunton said he hoped to develop a trade between the Rat Portage and Fort William country and the eastern markets. "Most of our stuff," said Mr. Gunton, "is shipped east. It is divided up and a certain grade goes east, while the balance finds its market in Chicago. Of course we don't know the working of your lumber dealers in Canada. We have got to find that out. We don't know why no effort has been

made to properly develop the timber industry here. From the situation of this point," he added, with his finger on the map at Port Arthur, "there is no reason why it should not become as great a lumber shipping point as Duluth, or Ashland. For the same conditions exist here as at those towns. You have a hundred and fifty miles of country on each side of this spot, which is rich, so we are given to understand, in timber belts. That point I have my finger on ought to drain that country and find its market to the south. Now down here," and he pointed to the town of Ely, in Minnesota, "is the nearest railroad connection from the south. We have a rail rate from Ely to Chicago of 17¢. The man who owns mills at Ely is a multi-millionaire, and he is able, if he wishes it to build all the connecting branches of railway required to gather the Canadian trade. We hear there are nine mills at Rat Portage cutting annually 100,000,000 feet. There is no reason why with a proper market that cut should not be increased to 400,000,000 feet yearly. No reason at all. It is a question of markets. A line to the south would render the mills independent of the desultory farmers' trade from the west. If we can make satisfactory arrangements as to price we will take their cut for this year, all there is of it, and market it in the east. Ten years ago I shipped lumber from Duluth to Rat Portage, now, we're going to reverse things."

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The Price Lists that here follow will be revised each week up to the hour of going to press, and in connection with these we would draw attention to the week's trade review under the heading of "Current Trade Conditions" on the first page, immediately followed with matter marked "Stocks and Prices," which presents the lumber situation of the week, together with a record of the week's sales and transactions.

PRICES CURRENT.

TORONTO, ONT.

TORONTO, Jan. 30, 1895.

CAR OR CARGO LOTS.

Table listing lumber prices for various types like 1 1/4 in. cut up and better, 1x10 and 12 mill run, etc.

HARDWOODS—PER M. FEET CAR LOTS.

Table listing hardwood prices for species like Ash, Birch, Basswood, Butternut, Chestnut, Cherry, Elm, Hickory, Maple, Oak, Walnut, Whitewood.

QUEBEC, QUE.

QUEBEC, January 30, 1895.

WHITE PINE—IN THE RAFT.

Table listing white pine prices for inferior and ordinary average quality, measured off, etc.

RED PINE—IN THE RAFT.

Table listing red pine prices for measured off, according to average and quality.

OAK—MICHIGAN AND OHIO.

Table listing oak prices for by the dram, according to average and quality.

ELM.

Table listing elm prices for 14 inches and up, according to average and quality.

ASH.

Table listing ash prices for 16 inch average, according to average and quality.

BIRCH.

Table listing birch prices for square, according to size and quality.

TAMARAC.

Table listing tamarac prices for flattened.

STAVES.

Table listing staves prices for merchantable pipe, according to qual. and sp'ct'n—nominal.

DRALS.

Table listing drals prices for bright, according to mill specification.

SAGINAW, MICH.

SAGINAW, Mich., Jan. 30, 1895.

UPPERS AND SELECTS.

Table listing upper and select prices for 1 in., 10 in. and up wide.

FINE COMMON.

Table listing fine common prices for 1 in., 8 in. and up wide.

B FINE COMMON OR NO. 1 CUTTING.

Table listing B fine common prices for 1 in., 7 in. and up wide.

STRIPS, A AND B (CLEAR AND SELECTS).

Table listing strip prices for 1 1/4 in., 4, 5 and 7 in. wide.

FINE COMMON OR C.

Table listing fine common or C prices for 1 1/4 in., 4, 5, 6 in. wide.

SELECTED NO. 1 SHRELVING OR FENCING STRIPS.

Table listing selected strip prices for 1 1/2 in., 4, 5, 6 in. wide.

NO. 1 FENCING OR NO. 3 FLOORING.

Table listing no. 1 fencing prices for 1 in., 4, 5 and 7 in.

NO. 2 FENCING OR NO. 4 FLOORING.

Table listing no. 2 fencing prices for 1 in., 4, 5 and 7 in.

SHRELVING.

Table listing shrelving prices for No. 1, 1 in., 10 in. stocks.

BARN BOARDS OR STOCKS.

Table listing barn board prices for No. 1, 12 in.

SHIPPING CULLS OR BOX.

Table listing shipping cull prices for 1 in., 4 and 5 in. wide.

SHAKY CLEAR.

Table listing shaky clear prices for 1 in., 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and jin. wide.

COFFIN BOARDS.

Table listing coffin board prices for No. 1, 1 in., 13 in. and up.

SHINGLES, 18-IN.

Table listing shingle prices for fancy brands, XXXX.

WHITE PINE LATH.

Table listing white pine lath prices for No. 1.

BOSTON, MASS.

BOSTON, Jan. 30, 1895.

EASTERN PINE—CARGO OR CAR LOAD.

Table listing eastern pine prices for ordinary planed boards.

WESTERN PINE—BY CAR LOAD.

Table listing western pine prices for uppers, 1 in.

SHINGLES.

Table listing shingle prices for spruce.

HEMLOCK.

Table listing hemlock prices for boards, rough.

LATH.

Table listing lath prices for spruce.

NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 30, 1895.

WHITE PINE LUMBER

Prices for white pine lumber are governed entirely by source of supply, rendering it useless to give prices for local market.

WHITE PINE TIMBER.

Table listing white pine timber prices for bridge timber and decking.

SPRUCE.

Table listing spruce prices for 6 to 9 in. and 9 to 12 in.

ALBANY, N. Y.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 30, 1895.

PINE.

Table listing pine prices for uppers, 3 in. up.

SPRUCE.

Table listing spruce prices for No. 1 cut, 1 to 2 in.

LATH.

Table listing lath prices for pine and spruce.

SHINGLES.

Table listing shingle prices for sawed pine.

BUFFALO AND TONAWANDA, N. Y.

TONAWANDA, N. Y., Jan. 30, 1895.

WHITE PINE.

Table listing white pine prices for uppers, 1, 1 1/2, 1 3/4 and 2 in.

LUMBERMEN'S SUPPLIES

SUGAR.

Table listing sugar prices for granulated and extra bright refined.

SYRUPS AND MOLLASSES.

Table listing syrup and molasses prices for dark and medium.

NOLASSES.

Table listing nollasse prices for Trinidad and New Orleans.

RICE, ETC.

Table listing rice prices for Patna and Japan.

FRUITS.

Table listing fruit prices for currants and Filadelfia.

DOMESTIC.

Table listing domestic fruit prices for apples, dried.

CANNED GOODS.

Table listing canned goods prices for apples and beans.

CANNED MEATS.

Table listing canned meat prices for corn beef and salmon.

COFFEE.

Table listing coffee prices for Mocha and Old Government Java.

TOBACCO AND CIGARS.

Table listing tobacco and cigar prices for British Consols and Laurel.