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A small mill at Orillia, Ont., operated by the Orillia Export Lumber Company, was destroyed by fire last week. The company will rebuild.

CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS.

ONTARIO.

The past week has brought about no material change in the lumber situation in Ontario. Pine lumber is firm, with hardwoods comparatively weaker. More activity in shipping circles is observable, due to a desire to move stock before the close of navigation. In the Ottawa valley red and white pine deals for the British market are in good demand, and in no grades are heavy stocks held. The tendency of prices generally is strong, with a slight weakness noticeable in the lower grades. From the Georgian Bay district considerable shipments have been made to Michigan, where, on account of the inability to obtain Canadian logs, very little lumber has been manufactured this year. The position of the pine market seems to be improving. Stocks are by no means large, and the cut of logs during the coming winter will likely be less than last season, as the high cost of labor and supplies will prevent a certain number of small operators from going into the woods.

That hardwood prices are showing weakness cannot be disputed. Some of the smaller manufacturers have felt the necessity of realizing, and consequently have offered buyers concessions in the matter of price. The large dealers, on the other hand, are giving evidence of their faith in the ultimate strength of the market by refusing to lower their asking prices. Should they adhere to this position, it is possible that the market may be sustained after temporary weakness. The largest holders of stock in the Owen Sound and Warton district are asking \$13 to \$14 for common and better maple, \$13 for inch common and better birch, and \$15 for common and better basswood. A heavy stock of maple in this district is reported. Hemlock lumber is showing more life than any other class. The demand is so brisk that sufficient stock cannot be obtained to supply orders, and the tendency of prices on this lumber is upwards. Shingles are inactive, while there has been an increase in the number of enquiries for lath.

MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The weather in Manitoba and the Territories has been unfavorable for the lumber trade. Buildings commenced in the summer are nearing completion, and few new undertakings are heard of. The grain movement is light, and it seems doubtful that the farmers will this year undertake more than needed improve-

ments to their buildings. In the face of a light demand, lumber prices are generally firm, but in Winnipeg some cutting by one or two retail dealers is reported. The export trade from British Columbia is still hampered by chartering difficulties. Freight rates have reached the highest point attained for years without bringing into the market any number of vessels.

UNITED STATES.

The Presidential campaign is exerting an influence on the lumber business of the United States. Orders are being held back until after the election. There is not, however, the stagnation which usually characterizes Presidential years, as the outcome of the election is regarded as reasonably certain. On this account lumber is being held at firm prices. Some manufacturers in the Lake Superior district have been offering a concession in price equal to about one dollar per thousand rather than carry the stock over the winter. In the Duluth district the supply of unsold lumber of the lower grades is small, but the total stock is perhaps a little above an average. At Buffalo the lower grades of pine are stronger, No. 3 boards selling at \$16.50 and box lumber at \$17. Box stock is said to be in short supply throughout the Eastern States, although box makers are fairly well supplied. A contrary condition seems to exist in the Saginaw valley, where box stock has weakened as a result of the falling off in demand. Mill culls are selling in Ashland, Wis., at \$10.50 to \$11. There is a strong demand there for Norway pine, which has recently advanced about fifty cents per thousand. The outlook for spruce is good, and firmness is noticeable in all grades. In New York city wide timber is quoted at \$19.

Hardwoods are moving satisfactorily. White birch brings \$28 at Buffalo, and red birch \$45 for inch firsts and seconds. Increased enquiries are reported for maple and basswood, while ash and elm are quiet.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The prospects for next season's business are now being discussed in timber trade circles in Great Britain. The present high freight rates have thus far interfered with new business, and no contracts of importance are believed to have been placed. That prices are now comparatively high is also a factor which has caused importers to exercise precaution, as the effects of a declining market next year would be disastrous to purchasers of stock at the present basis. The

opinion seems to prevail that prices next year will be no higher than those ruling throughout the season now drawing to a close, while a slight reduction in some lines is not improbable.

Pine and spruce deals are holding firm, although the latter are not as strong as they were a month ago. The results of recent auction sales, when 3x11 inch, 9 feet and up in length, brought £9 10s per standard, shows that the wider sizes are scarce and much in demand. At a recent sale in Liverpool St. John spruce sold on an average of £7 14s and 2d per standard, which is a fair price for the stock, which was not of the best quality. Birch timber sold at from 16d per cubic foot for 15 inch to 21d for 19 inch.

PINE LATH.

An improved demand has arisen during the past fortnight for pine lath. At the head of Lake Superior No. 1 lath is selling at from \$2 to \$2.25 per thousand, and No. 2 from \$1.50 to \$1.75, in cargo lots. On the lower lakes No. 1 is selling at from \$3 to \$3.25. There has recently developed a scarcity in No. 1 lath. Not only is there a lighter stock than was expected, but it is actually so limited as to threaten a scarcity before next spring. The scarcity prevails on Lake Huron, Lake Michigan and to some extent on Lake Superior. The increased output of the past season was largely in No. 2 lath, which is now about fifty cents lower than No. 1. In the Chicago market No. 1 is selling in the neighborhood of \$2.75, in Tonawanda \$2.90, while in Toronto the quotation is \$2.75 for No. 1 and \$2.25 for No. 2 lath, with Norway selling midway between these figures.

STOCKS AND PRICES.

Cedar shingles are selling at from \$2 to \$2.10 for extras in the Chicago markets.

The ship Monrovia sailed last week from Halifax, N.S., for River Mersey, with a cargo of 1,300,000 feet of deals, shipped by W. M. Mackay.

The Red Cliff Lumber Company, of Ashland, Wis., recently sold to Vanderbeek & Sons, of Jersey City, 1,500,000 feet of No. 3 boards at \$13 per thousand.

The C.P.R. have given a contract to G. H. Strevell, of Winnipeg, to supply 250,000 ties. A similar contract for 150,000 ties has been given to J. J. Egan, of Winnipeg.

At Duluth lumber prices rule as follows: No. 4 boards, \$9.50 to \$10.50; No. 3, \$11.50 to \$12.50; log run, No. 3 and better, \$13.50 to \$15; log run, No. 2 and better, \$14 to \$17.

At Buffalo first-class dry elm flour barrel staves are selling at \$8 to \$8.50, six foot coiled hoops at \$9 to \$9.50; hickory hoops at \$5 to \$6; and basswood heading at 6¼ to 6½ cents.

The receipts at Buffalo this season up to October 1st have been 112,003,000 feet of lumber, 98,326,000 shingles, and 3,017,000 lath. The amount for same period last year was 154,294,000 feet of lumber and 99,126,000 shingles.

During September there was shipped from the Saginaw river only 2,065,000 feet of lumber. The shipments from the opening of navigation to October 1 were 7,242,000, while the receipts during the same period were 52,350,507 feet.

The Fredericton Boom Co. has rafted thus far this season 51,073 joints of timber, containing 123,477,179 feet. This included 107,833,259 feet of spruce, 3,418,880 feet of pine, 12,163,810 feet of cedar, 51,230 feet of hemlock, and 35 tons of timber.

The demand for Norway pine is said never to have been better in the Ashland market than at present. Only three or four operators have any quantity in stock. Prices sagged off about fifty cents two months ago, but they are now back at their old figures.

G T McNutt, of Lower Stewiacke, N.S., has purchased the timber on the Aspotogan Mountain. Much of this timber was damaged by fire last spring, and it is Mr. McNutt's intention to cut it immediately. He expects to get about 3,000,000 feet.

Following are current quotations for shingles in the Tonawanda market: 16 in. pine clear, \$2.50; 16 in. pine clear butts, \$2.15; 16 in. pine No. 2, \$1.15; 18 in. pine XXXX, \$4.50; 18 in. pine C.B., \$3.30; 16 in. cedar clear, \$2.55; 16 in. cedar *A, \$2.20; 16 in. cedar clear butt, \$1.65; 16 in. cedar No. 2, \$1.

Messrs. Robinsons, Limited, held an auction sale of deals at Dublin, Ireland, on Sept. 25th, at which spruce sold as follows: Cape Tormentine spruce—4 and 5x3, \$13 5s.; 6x3, \$14; 7x2 1/2, \$12 10s. and \$12 17s. 6d.; 7x3, 12 ft. \$12 15s., 13 ft. \$13 5s., 18 ft. \$13 10s., 19 ft. to 23 ft. \$15; 8x3, 14 ft., \$14; 9x3, 10 ft. to 15 ft., \$14 10s., 16 ft. \$14 12s. 6d. to \$15 2s. 6d., 17 ft. \$14 12s. 6d., 18 ft. \$15 10s., 19 ft. to 21 ft. \$16; 11x3, 14 ft. \$14 15s., 15 ft. and 16 ft. \$15; 12x3, \$13; 13x3, \$14 5s.; 14x3, \$14; 15x3, \$14 5s.; 16x3, \$14 10s.; 3 to 5x1, \$11 to \$11 5s.; 6x1, \$13. Quebec spruce—7x3, \$13 17s. 6d.; 12 ft. 9x3, \$14 5s.

Spruce continues firm at Boston, with the tendency upward. Spruce boards are scarce and higher, matched 12 foot boards No. 2 being quoted at \$17. Full agreement prices are being maintained throughout the list, which has now been in existence three months. Ten and 12 in. dimensions are worth \$17; 9 in. and under, \$15; 10 and 12 in. random lengths, 10 feet and up, \$16.50, and merchantable boards, \$15 and \$16. Hemlock continues scarce and firm at \$13 to \$15 for Canadian. Shingles are quiet and easy at \$2.60 to \$2.70 for extra cedar and \$2.25 to \$2.35 for clear. Laths are firm and in very good demand at \$2.60 to \$2.75 for 1 5/8 in. and \$2.25 to \$2.30 for 1 1/2 in.

SALE OF CANADIAN DEALS.

Messrs. Churchill & Sim, London wood brokers, England, held an important auction sale of wood goods on September 27th, at which Canadian deals comprised the chief offerings. Following is the result in detail:

PINE.—Ex. Bardsey, from Quebec—9 ft. 3x5 in. first quality, \$15 10s. per standard; 9 ft. 2x5-12 in., \$12; 6-8 ft., 3x5-6 in., \$14; 6-8 ft., 2x5-11 in., \$10 10s. Ex. Turret Age, from Saguenay—9-13 ft., 3x12-17 in. third quality, \$11 15s.; 12-14 ft. 3x11 in., \$13; 9-11 ft. 3x11 in., \$12; 12-16 ft., 3x9 in., \$10 5s.; 12-16 ft. 3x8 in., \$10; 12-17 ft., 3x7 in., \$9 13s.; 9-11 ft. 3x9 in., \$9 15s.; 9-12 ft., 3x11-17 in. fourth quality, \$10; 9-15 ft., 3x7-10, \$9 10s.; 9-15 ft. 3x8-12 in. unassorted, \$10; 6-16 ft. 3x7, \$9 5s. Ex. Simonside, from Quebec—12-16 ft. 1x8 1/4 in. second quality, \$13 5s.; 12-13 ft. 1 1/2x9 in. unassorted, \$10. Ex. Oceano, from Montreal—12-14 ft. 3x8-23 in. first quality, \$27; 9-13 ft. 3x4-13 in., \$15; 5-8 ft. 3x5-11, \$13 10s. Ex. Arnage, from Montreal—15-16 ft. 2x8 in., second quality, \$10; 12-16 ft. 2x7, \$9 10s.; 12-16 ft. 1 1/2x11 in., \$14; 12-16 ft. 1 1/2x9, \$10 15s. Ex. Oceano, from Quebec—10-13 ft. 3x5 in. second quality, \$12 10s.; 6-8 ft. 3x5-11 in., \$11 10s.; 6-9 ft. 3x11 in. third quality, \$11 5s.; 12 ft. 3x6, \$10 10s.; 12-14 ft. 3x5, \$9 15s.; 8-11 ft. 3x6, \$9 15s.; 8-11 ft. 3x5, \$9 15s.; 6-9 ft. 3x5-11 in. second quality, \$8 10s.; 9-13 ft. 3x10, third quality, \$9 10s.; 9-13 ft. 3x4-6, \$7 15s.; 6-8 ft. 3x4-11, \$7 15s.; 10-13 ft. 3x11 in. fourth quality, \$9; 10-13 ft., 3x10 in., \$9.

SPRUCE.—Ex. Simonside, from Quebec—13 ft. 3x9 in. second quality, \$10 5s. Ex. Huelde, from Quebec—9 1/2 ft. 3x7 in. second quality, \$8 10s.; 9-14 ft. 3x6-8 in. third quality, \$8 5s.; 12-13 ft. 3x8 in., \$8 10s.; 12-13 ft. 3x7 in., \$8 5s.; 9-11 ft. 3x7 in., \$8; 12 ft. 3x7 in. unassorted, \$8 5s. Ex. Bardsey, from Quebec—8-13 ft. 3x7-12 in. third quality, \$10 15s.; 6-13 ft. 3x9-12 in., \$9 15s.; 6-13 ft. 3x8 in., \$8 10s.; 6-16 ft. 3x6, \$8; 6-13 ft. 3x9-11 in. fourth quality, \$9 5s.; 9-14 ft. 3x8, \$8 5s.; 10-16 ft. 3x6-7 in., \$8; 6-13 ft. 3x7-11 in. fifth quality, \$7 10s.; 10-14 ft. 3x9-12 in. unassorted, \$9 15s.; 10-17 ft. 3x8, \$8 10s.; 10-12 ft. 3x7, \$8 5s.; 10-17 ft. 3x5-6, \$7 15s. Ex. Turret Age, from Saguenay—5-11 ft. 5/8x7 in. unassorted, \$7 15s.; 5-17 ft. 5/8x6 in., \$8 10s.; 6-16 ft. 5/8x5 in., \$8; 5-16 ft. 5/8x4 in., \$7 5s. and \$7 10s.; 5-17 ft. 5/8x3 in., \$7 10s.; 3-8 ft. 3x7-9, unassorted, \$8; 4-8 ft. 3x9, \$8 15s. Ex. Montevideo, from Montreal—12-13 ft. 3x11 in. third quality, \$10 15s.; 8-13 ft. 3x10, \$10; 6-13 ft. 3x9, \$9 10s.; 11-12 ft. 2x7, unassorted, \$8; 11-16 ft. 2x8, \$9; 11-16 ft. 2x9-12, \$9 10s. Ex. Vera, from Quebec—6-14 ft. 2x7-11 in., first quality, \$11 15s.; 6-15 ft. 2x7-9 in. second quality, \$9 10s.; 10-14 ft. 3x9-11 in. unassorted, \$9 10s.; 10-14 ft. 3x8, \$9 10s.; 12-14 ft. 3x7, \$8 10s. and \$8; 10-14 ft. 2x7, \$9 5s.; 11-14 ft. 2x6, \$8; 10-14 ft. 2x5, \$7 10s.; 6-18 ft. 3x9-11 in. third quality, \$8 10s.; 6-8 ft. 3x7-8 in., \$8. Ex. Iona, from Montreal—9-17 ft. 1x10 in. second quality, \$11; 13-16 ft. 3x9, \$10 5s.; 6-16 ft. 3x8, \$9 5s. Ex. Allendale, from Montreal—12-13 ft. 3x11 in. first quality, \$15 5s.; 12-13 ft. 3x9, \$13 5s.; 12-13 ft. 3x6-8, \$11 15s. Ex. Marian, from St. John, N. B.—10-28 ft. 3x7 in., unassorted, \$8 and \$8 5s. Ex. Ruth from Dalhousie, N. B.—14-23 ft.

3x11 in. unassorted, \$10 5s.; 13-22 ft. 3x10, \$9 10s. Ex. Nedinia, from St. John—10-22 ft. 2 1/2x6 in., unassorted, \$7; 3-8 ft. 3x6-11, \$5 15s.; 7-21 ft. 1x3-11, \$5 15s.

ELM TIMBER.—Ex. Simonside, from Quebec—12 pieces 29x36 ft. x 14-18 in., 95s. per load of 50 cubic feet; 10 pieces 12-25 ft. x 14-22 in., 97s 6d per load; 11 pieces 12-22 ft. x 13-17 in., 95s.; 9 pieces 11x21 ft. x 14-20 in., 95s.

BIRCH TIMBER.—Ex. Rydal Holme, from Quebec—10 pieces 22 ft. and up, 97s. 6d per load; 80 pieces from 20 to 22 in., 80s to 87s. 6d; 4 pieces 18 to 20 in., 82s. 6d. Forty-five oak logs from Quebec sold at 97s. 6d per load and some American doors at \$3 8s. and \$4 each.

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