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### CURRENT TRADE CONDITIONS. ONTARIO.

Shipping of lumber from Ontario points is quite brisk, giving evidence that the fall trade has commenced to move. For the next two months the demand on local account is expected to be quite heavy, as retail dealers and consumers hold light stocks. While the British trade is a little quiet at present, this has been offset by unexpected orders from the United States. Buyers are quite numerous, and the tone of the market is decidedly firm. Even at this early date some consideration is being given to the requirements of next year, and contracts will no doubt be made for the cut of some of the mills within the next few weeks. The log production during the coming winter will probably be heavy, although it may be restricted on account of the scarcity of labor and high wages. In the Ottawa valley shantymen are being offered as high as \$28 per month, and some operators report great difficulty in securing men.

### QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK.

There have been no important changes in the Quebec trade during the past week. A satisfactory business is doing, and mill owners are by no means discouraged at the outlook. A slight weakening in freight rates from the St. Lawrence and from maritime province ports has taken place. Deal rates from St. John to west coast of England are now quoted at 50s, while a charter is reported from Boston to Buenos Ayres at \$8 50 for lumber. Most of the large New Brunswick lumbermen attended the sale of timber limits held at Fredericton last week, but from what can be learned it would seem that an understanding had been arrived at not to compete against each other. The lumber shipments from St. John are quite heavy. During July and August 54,875,000 superficial feet of deals, etc., cleared for British ports. This is an

average of over 1,000,000 feet for each working day. In the last two weeks the exports to the United States were 2,387,000 feet of long lumber, 10,135,000 shingles, 6,190,000 lath, and 1,100 pieces of piling. To Buenos Ayres went 1,704,000 feet of boards, etc.

### MANITOBA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Farmers are now busy with harvesting operations and are buying very little lumber. Retail dealers have put in quite a heavy stock on the belief of a good fall trade. Quotations for British Columbia shingles have been advanced to \$2.35 per M for No. 1 stock. The mills in British Columbia are still unable to handle all the orders that are being placed. The result is a slight hardening of prices, although not to the extent that might be expected.

### UNITED STATES.

Lumber prices in the United States continue to show an upward tendency. Some of the eastern wholesalers seem to fear that they may be advanced to such a point as to check building operations, in which case a break in the market might take place. For this reason they are watching developments with much interest. This view of the situation is by no means the most general, as the majority of persons in the trade believe that present prices will be maintained at least for some time to come. Their opinions are in part based upon the fact that in the Upper Mississippi valley district, covering about seventy-five mills, the shortage of lumber in pile on August 15th, as compared with that of one year ago, was nearly 400,000,000 feet. The spruce market, while not as firm as that of pine, is in a very satisfactory condition, the recent advance in the New England territory having been maintained.

Substitutes for the high-priced hardwoods are being sought for, but with little success. Throughout the Eastern States one kind of hardwood lumber is about as scarce as another. Maple is being substituted as far as possible for

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ash, which has been in great demand of late.

**FOREIGN.**

Buyers in Great Britain have now become convinced that, owing to increased freight rates, the price of wood goods to arrive this fall will be higher than the shipments which came to hand earlier in the season. There is, consequently, a strong demand for lumber. Some large transactions have lately taken place in pine and spruce deals, and the prices realized indicate quite clearly that the market is a rising one. The prices ruling now are fully 15s per standard higher than those current last spring. Pine deals are very firm. The sale is reported of a quantity of the Hawkesbury cut, first quality 3x11, 12 to 13 feet in length, at £25 15s per standard. Notwithstanding heavy receipts, spruce is also improving. 3x11 in all qualities is scarce and commands good prices, while a line of second quality, 12 to 13 feet, recently sold at £9 per standard for 11 inch and £8 5s for 9 inch. There is said to be a scarcity of sawn spruce suitable for box making. An active demand is reported at Glasgow and other ports for red pine deals, which are by no means plentiful.

**STOCKS AND PRICES.**

Wm. Swan & Son, of Wentworth, N. S., are furnishing 90,000 feet of lumber for a smelter to be built at Pictou.

The barque Harry Stewart sailed last week from Digby, N. S., for Cienfuegos, Cuba, with a cargo of lumber.

Donald Fraser & Sons, who have just started their new mill at Temiscouata, have 8,000,000 feet of logs to be sawn this fall.

The bark Terso Olivari sailed from St. John, N. B., last week for Buenos Ayres with a cargo of lumber, shipped by A. Cushing & Co.

The steamer Nyassa last week finished loading at Hopewell Cape, N. B., for the United Kingdom. She had on board 1,470 standards of deals.

Munroe & Ebert, of Little Current, Ont., are preparing to start a logging camp at McGregor Bay. They purpose taking out a large quantity of logs this winter.

The St. Anthony Lumber Co., of Whitby, Ont., are reported to have sold a tract of timber in the Ottawa district to Canadian parties, the consideration being about \$100,000.

J. & I. Conlon, of Little Current, have sold a cargo of lumber to Fred Wilson, to be used in the construction of the Toronto Rubber Company's factory at Port Dalhousie.

Ritchie Bros., of Aylmer, Que., returned last week from the Arnprior district, where they purchased 10,000 logs in addition to the 40,000 purchased some weeks ago.

The city of Toronto has given a contract to Bryce & Co. to supply the following lumber: 8,000 feet of soft elm at \$35 per M; 9,000 feet rock elm at \$45; 1,700 feet white oak at \$54.

It is said that the Parry Sound Lumber Company purpose operating their mill at Parry Sound next season, and that about 20,000,000 feet of logs will be taken out during the coming winter.

At last account the jam of logs at the Cascades, on the Gatineau river, was still unbroken. Gilmour & Hughson, McLaren & Co., the E. B. Eddy Co., and the Hawkesbury Lumber Co. have logs in this jam.

Dickie & McGrath, of Tucket, N. S., have just loaded the bark Montea for Marseilles. They are now loading the barque Topdal with deals for w. c. England and the barque Mark Twain for Buenos Ayres.

Chas. Reynolds, who has charge of the lumbering operations of Glover & Cashien, of Bay City, Mich., is putting in four camps of 100 men each on limits in the vicinity of Webbwood, Ont. Wages are about \$26 per month.

A. B. Copp, of Sackville, N. B., will offer for sale by public auction on Satur-

day, October 7th, 7,500 acres of timber lands in the parishes of Shediac and Sackville, N. B., the limits being watered by the tne Aboushagan river.

A rumor has been current in Ottawa that the W. C. Edwards Lumber Co. were negotiating for the purchase of the extensive limits of the Hull Lumber Co. The limits are situated on the Kippewa river and are said to be very valuable.

A. F. Bury Austin, wholesale lumber and timber, Montreal, has obtained a contract to supply the lumber and timber required for the construction of the works of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company at Sydney, C. B. A large quantity of material will be required.

The steamer Anatolia sailed from St. John, N. B., last week for Liverpool, with a cargo of deals, shipped by W. M. Mackay. The steamer Rosa cleared for Limerick, Ireland, with a cargo of 580,038 feet of deals. The barque Toeckle cleared for Bristol with a cargo of deals, shipped by Donald Fraser & Sons, of Fredericton.

On August 23rd a sale of wood goods was held by Foy, Morgan & Co., London, Eng., at which pine deals, ex Memnon, from Montreal, sold as follows: First quality—12 ft., 3x 12-21 in., £7 15s; 13 ft., 3x 12-24 in., £16 15s; 14-15 ft., 3x 12-22 in., £16 5s; 16 ft., 3x 12-24 in., £16; 9-11 ft., 3x 12-23 in., £12 15s; 12 ft., 3x 11 in., £15 5s; 13 ft., 3x 11 in., £15 5s; 14-16 ft., 3x 11 in., £14; 9-11 ft., 3x 11 in., £14; 12-13 ft., 3x 10 in., £13; 12-13 ft., 3x 9 in., £13 5s; 14-17 ft., 3x 9-10 in., £13 10s; 12-16 ft., 3x 8 in., £11; 12-16 ft., 3x 7 in., £10 15s; 12-16 ft., 3x 6 in., £9 10s; 12-16 ft., 3x 5 in., £9; 9-11 ft., 3x 8-10 in., £11 15s. Second quality—12-13 ft., 3x 12 in., £11; 14-11 ft., 3x 12-21 in., £10 5s; 9-11 ft., 3x 12-25 in., £10; 12-13 ft., 3x 11 in., £12 5s; 14-17 ft., 3x 11 in., £12; 9-11 ft., 3x 11 in., £12; 12-17 ft., 3x 10 in., £11 10s; 12-17 ft., 3x 9 in., £12; 12-16 ft., 3x 8 in., £8 15s; 12-16 ft., 3x 7 in., £8 15s; 12-16 ft., 3x 4-6 in., £7 15s; 9-11 ft., 3x 6-10 in., £9 5s; 6-8 ft., 3x 11-23 in., £9 5s; 6-8 ft., 3x 5-10 in., £8. Third quality—12-16 ft., 3x 12 23 in., £7 10s; 12-13 ft., 3x 11 in., £8; 9-11 ft., 3x 11-20 in., £7 5s; 12-16 ft., 3x 9 in., £7; 12-17 ft., 3x 7 in., £6 15s; 12-16 ft., 3x 4-6 in., £6 10s; 9-11 ft., 3x 6-10 in., £6 15s; 6-8 ft., 3x 7-21 in., £6 12s 6d.

**MILL PROPERTY AND LIMITS FOR SALE.**

The British Columbia Land & Investment Co., of Vancouver and Victoria, are offering for sale a large sawmill situated in the city of Vancouver. The mill is thoroughly equipped and has a capacity of 75,000 feet per day of 10 hours. Some 10,000 acres of timber limits, of Douglas fir, spruce and red cedar, are also in the market and may be secured by the purchaser of the mill, which makes the property particularly desirable. Parties contemplating an investment in this direction should obtain particulars from the above firm.

**SALE OF NEW BRUNSWICK TIMBER LIMITS.**

According to announcement, a sale of the unlicensed timber lands in the province of New Brunswick took place at Fredericton on Wednesday, August 30th. The sale was advertised to take place at 11 o'clock, but owing to some dissatisfaction among the lumbermen as to the manner in which the limits were offered, an adjournment was made until 2.30 p.m. In the meantime the lumbermen held a meeting, the result of which was that the government was asked to cancel the sale, but to this they would not agree. The lumbermen pointed out that much of the land put up was of little value at the present time, and would only be purchased under pressure for the purpose of protecting other lands under lease. The government, on the other hand, argued that the lumbermen should have presented their views at an earlier date.

Mr. E. H. Allen officiated as auctioneer. There was very little competition for the limits, and few of them reached more than the upset price of \$8 per mile. Of the total 3,877 1/2 square miles, less than one-third, or 1,268 3/4 miles, were sold, the aggregate proceeds being \$24,290, an average of \$20 per mile. The highest price paid was \$123 per mile for a 7 1/2-mile limit on the west branch of Portage river. This was purchased by J. J. F. Winslow. The heaviest purchaser were: Wm. Richards &

Co., \$8,000; Adams, Burns & Co., \$2,900; A. Cushing & Co., \$2,700; George Moffatt, \$2,000; A. F. Randolph, \$1,600.

A list of the berths which brought over \$50 per square mile is as follows: Tracy brook, 9 miles, to George Moffatt, at \$53; Pabineau river, 10 miles, to Adams, Burns & Co., at \$52; Pabineau river, 10 miles, to Adams, Burns & Co., at \$52; Pabineau river, 9 square miles, to Andre Cushing & Co., at \$75; head of Little river, 6 1/2 miles, to Adams, Burns & Co., at \$71; head of Pabineau river, 3 miles, to Adams, Burns & Co., at \$76; Nine Mile brook, branch of Nepisiquit river, 9 miles, to Adams, Burns & Co., at \$56; Nine Mile brook, branch of Nepisiquit river, 7 1/2 miles, to Andre Cushing & Co., at \$55; Nine Mile brook, nine miles, to Andre Cushing & Co., at \$65; Forty Mile brook, nine miles, to A. Cushing & Co., at \$66; head of Forty-four Mile brook, six miles, to Adams, Burns & Co., at \$56; west branch of Portage river, 7 1/2 miles, to J. J. F. Winslow, for P. Hennessey, at \$123; east of Lower North Branch Little Southwest Miramichi river, nine miles, to T. B. Winslow at \$51; North Pole and Indian Brook, 9 miles, to Wm. Richards Co., at \$54; head of Gordons' brook, branch of Cain's river, 6 miles, to W. T. Whitehead, at \$101; south of Cain's river, 6 miles, to Wm. Richards Co. at \$85; head of Little Forks, Green river, 5 1/2 miles, to Hon. A. F. Randolph, at \$54.

Other purchases included the following: Head of Pimouet branch and Green river, 8 1/2 sq. miles, to A. F. Randolph, at \$34.50 per mile; west of north branch Gounamitz river, 2 miles, to Wm. Richards Co., at upset price; Gounamitz river, 9 sq. miles, to W. Richards Co., at upset price; north-east of Gounamitz, 3 miles, to Wm. Richards Co., at upset price; south of Falls brook, 2 miles, to E. B. Winslow, at upset price; Restigouche river, 8 miles, to M. Mowatt, at upset price; Kedgewick river, near mouth, 2 1/2 miles, to Wm. Richards Co., at \$50 per mile; Kedgewick river, east of Macdougall brook, to Geo. Moffatt, at upset price; Patapedia river, at mouth of Pallard's brook, 10 miles, to Geo. Moffatt, at \$47 per mile; Patapedia river, 10 miles, not sold; Patapedia river, 8 miles, to Geo. Moffatt, at

upset price; Tracey's Mills, 9 miles, to Geo. Moffatt, at upset price; Tracey's brook and main Restigouche river, 9 miles, to George Moffatt, at upset price; White's brook, 9 miles, to Wm. Curry, at upset price; White's brook, Restigouche river, 2 miles, withdrawn; head White's brook, 2 miles, to Geo. Moffatt, at \$25; main Five Finger brook, 3 miles, to William Richards Co., at upset price.

**BUFFALO AND TONAWANDA.**

(Correspondence of the CANADA LUMBERMAN.)

It will not be necessary for me to announce a boom in the lumber trade at this date, for our dealers who cross the border bring back the report that the prices are just as stiff there as they are with us, which is quite enough to say. The market is more or less crazy and some of the members of the trade are more than a little uneasy over the situation. The fact is that they consider prices to high. The actual value of the material will not warrant \$75 for quartered white oak or \$60 for thick white ash. Yet these prices are not only obtained, but it is expected by everyone that still more will be paid before the top is reached. It is there that the trouble comes in. What is to be done when the price cannot be urged any further? This market is not to blame for the condition of things, and the eastern consumer is, of course, not to blame. It is the saw mill man. He saw the beginning of the boom last year in the west and at once began to put up his prices.

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The demand from that direction, stimulated by big crops, was so great that the producer was so independent of the slower eastern demand that he turned up his nose at us and asked prices that were away out of proportion of anything that could be obtained in the east. The east tried to hang back, but the result was that it got no lumber, and when the boom in general business set in there, it was necessary to have lumber at some price, and so the demand of the mills was met. Buffalo and Tonawanda did not know what to do at the outset. To join the western and southern mills was to see a good deal of the eastern trade go by us to the producer direct, and to cater to the low price demanded east was to lose money when there was so much money in the business; so a sort of middle course has been taken.

Still lumber is high here all the same. A dealer mentions selling a lot within a few days at prices \$6 more than it would bring last fall, and yet he is not so sure that he made as much over the western asking prices as he would have done then. It is common to get that much advance.

The worst of it is that Canada is not going to help us out to any extent in anything. Pine dealers made a rush in that direction when the prices went up awhile ago, but they have not obtained much comfort. The Canada price is as high as ours. A dealer lately figured on a large lot, but found that the price was about \$2 more than the home price, counting duty, and he threw it up. He has since learned that it was sold at the asking price.

The hardware dealers are still looking for elm and black ash in Canada, but we are shipping oak in that direction right along, though probably not in large quantities.

There has never been such a feeling of exhilaration in trade generally as there is to-day. It does not go through all branches, for a long period of over-production is holding a few industries, like flour milling, back as yet, but lumber is as wildly panicky as iron or steel.

There are those who are beginning to be scared already. They do not look for a standstill for a considerable time yet, never, in fact, till a halt is called in sending steel and its manufacture abroad, but this pace is enough to make the level-headed dizzy. It is predicted that three years of this, with the enormous production of silver and gold, will enable the United States to finance the world. Nobody thinks of boasting. This is the prospect, pure and simple.

The local lumbermen are spending a good deal of their time getting together and putting up prices. Now it is white pine, now Norway, and now shingles and lath. The price of lath is up the steepest, for it is fairly out of market in spite of all effort to obtain it. The price is now \$3.25 for No. 1 white pine and \$3 for No. 1 Norway. The prices of shingles has also been put up and is at present \$4 for 18-in xxxx and \$3.55 for 16-inch same.

There is no such thing as getting ahead with hardwood supply. A dealer said this week that there was not a yard in Buffalo that was increasing its stock, and this is the time when the supply is supposed to run up if ever. Pine

is not very much more in evidence, and dealers are wondering where their winter stock is coming from. It is a strange condition of things.

Buffalo received 40,575,000 feet of lumber and 34,829,000 shingles, and Tonawanda, both ports, 57,030,000 feet of lumber and 100,000 shingles during August. This is an increase for Buffalo, but a falling off for Tonawanda.

So much is crowding into the line of direct business that there is hardly space for general or personal mention. Dealers are watching the situation with the keenest interest. They know there is no danger, but it will not always be so.

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BUFFALO, September 4th, 1899.

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Table listing prices for spruce clayboards, extra 4 ft.

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